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We are appealing to dog owners to be responsible when out enjoying the countryside and to keep all dogs on a lead when around any livestock.
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Sgt Greg Fergusson, Rural Crime Lead at Wiltshire Police, said: “We are asking all dog owners to help us to protect livestock in Wiltshire by putting your dog on a lead.
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Market Lavington & Easterton
Church & Community News

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Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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Address: The Rectory, 25 White Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LW
lavingtonrector@gmail.com

Benefice Office as above churchlavington@gmail.com

Fridays and the last Thursday of the month are the Rector's days off.

The office is now open twice a week,
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Church Wardens

Market Lavington

Easterton

Mrs Pat Morrison 812357

More information can be found on our website www.lavingtonchurch.org

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April Reflections

Spring is here. The delicate white tinged with green snowdrops has given way to brash and vibrant yellow daffodil and the delicate wild primrose. On our heathlands (and along motorways) we see the yellow gorse in all its golden glory. And soon we will be treated to woodland floors full of bluebells. Yes, Spring is here.

One of the few delights of the past year is that more of us have ventured out for walks on the wild side and taken delight in the natural world around us. We have seen the changing of the seasons marked not by calendar dates but by the natural rhythms of the earth. We have had to slow down and smell the roses. And many have learnt the value of the natural world and the wonder it has to offer. But more than that we are learning of the healing properties to our wellbeing of a good walk in the fresh air. My prayer is that we continue to walk through the seasons as companions to and very much part of the natural world of this dynamic and ever-changing planet.

To mark one year of lockdown and restrictions placed on us by the pandemic and in remembrance of so many who have lost their lives I call upon all of us to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future and pray.....

Loving God,
You hold all our times in your hands, our past, our present, our future. Be close to us now as we remember all the difficulties and disappointments of the past year. Be especially close to all of us who are thinking of someone we loved and knew, but see no longer, whether family, friend, colleague or neighbour. Help us to trust that they are at peace with you, and comfort us with your presence.
You place us in families and communities, and we give you thanks for all those around us who serve us and help us in so many ways. Give wisdom to community leaders, to our schools, hospitals, care homes and other agencies who make a difference to our lives. Help each of us to have the courage to reach out with thanks and kindness to those around us in gratitude and love.
As we journey on, help us to live as people of hope, knowing that beyond the pain of the cross lies the joy of resurrection. Inspire us in our worship, through our churches and in our homes, that we may bring glory to you and joy to others. Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit, and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead. Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you, that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet.
Be with us as we think about all that has changed this year and help us to trust that you are always with us. Be close to us as we remember those who have died and help us to trust they are at peace with you. Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care, so that hope shines out in every heart and home,
Amen.

Prayers from the C of E

Date	Time	Place	Service
Sunday 4 th April	10.30 am	St Mary's Church, Market Lavington	Easter Communion
Sunday 11 th April	10.00am	Zoom	Easter 1
	11.00am	All Saints' West Lavington	Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th April	10.00am	Zoom	Easter 2
	11.00am	St. Barnabas Easterton	Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th April	10.00am	Zoom	Easter 3
	11.00am	St. Peters Great Cheverell	Simple Celebration Holy Communion

The Easter Service at St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington

- To secure a place at the Easter service you have to book a place in advance
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You can book a time online to get your forms checked and recorded.

Parking Enforcement in Market Lavington during 2020

Every two or three years I make a Freedom of Information request for a list showing how many visits have been made by Parking Enforcement Officers and how many parking tickets have been handed out.

Looking at the listed totals we had 214 visits and 39 enforcement notices were given out. At first glance of the data it is noticeable that there were many short visits, with 104 of the visits lasting less than a minute. This is because of the way the visits are recorded. If the visits are grouped by date we get a clearer picture, for example on December 23rd we had 5 visits listed, 3 of 1 second, 1 of 16 seconds and one of 48 minutes and 4 seconds. On New Years Eve we had 4 visits totalling 10 seconds.

I now have a breakdown according to street visited, and some of these short visits can be explained by looking at roads visited. If when driving up Church St. there are no problems this registers as 1 or 2 seconds, if there are there is a second longer visit a few minutes later, and the same for Rochelle Court. Counting up the dates on which we were visited, we had 44 roughly half hour visits by the Parking Enforcement team.

During the early months of COVID we had 3 visits in 4 months, but more at other times of year. If you see an enforcement officer one day it doesn't mean that you are safe for a week or so, because in August we were visited on 3 consecutive days.

Each year we get more visits and more tickets are handed out. I hope that whoever is elected to represent us at Wiltshire Council will ensure that we continue to be visited to ensure a safe free flow of traffic and access for emergency vehicles.

Colin Osborn, Chair, Market Lavington Parish Council

From the Parish Registers

November 2020 to March 2021

(Apologies for the lack of information during the last few months. Normal service is now being resumed)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of all those who have recently died.

Funerals

Archibald DIXON of West Lavington died on 20th October 2020, aged 81 years. His funeral was held at West Wilts Crematorium on 10th November 2020.

Robin Barrington PREECE of Market Lavington died on 22nd October, aged 83 years. His funeral at St Barnabas Church, Easterton was taken by Rev Ann Cocking and was followed by cremation on 12th November 2020.

Richard John CAWLEY of Littleton Panell died on 12th November 2020. A graveside service and burial was conducted by Rev Jim Short at All Saints Church, West Lavington on 16th December 2020.

Derek William ASKEY of Market Lavington died on 20th November 2020 aged 72 years, His funeral at St Barnabas Church, Easterton was followed by burial at Drove Lane Cemetery on 10th December 2020.

Rory Timothy RIORDAN of Easterton died on 24th November 2020. His funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was taken by Rev David Johnson, chaplain at Dauntsey School, and followed by cremation on 15th December 2020.

Sheila Diana EDWARDS of Little Cheverell died on 30th November 2020 aged 89 years. Her funeral and burial with her husband took place at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on 16th December 2020.

Robert Glyn EVANS of West Lavington died on 25th January 2021, aged 93 years. A service was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 3rd March 2021. He was buried with his wife at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell.

Audrey Elisabeth GOLDSBROUGH of West Lavington died on 4th February 2021 aged 93 years. Her funeral on 24th February 2021 was at All Saints' Church, West Lavington. She was buried with her husband "Bill" in the churchyard.

Wedding

Belated Congratulations to Michael and Clare WILLIAMS of The Bell, Great Cheverell who were married by Rev Marion Harrison at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 5th December 2020.

TRINITY CHURCH

Usually meets in the Community Hall, Market Lavington, in the United Reformed/ Methodist Church tradition.

Currently though, due to national lockdown, we are joining with St Andrews church (Devizes), Marston chapel and Monks chapel for United services and fellowship on Zoom.

Our minister has been posting various reflections and services on line which have been a great encouragement and kept us connected. They can be found on.. <https://www.youtube.com/GaryGotham>

We have also been pinning notices of encouragement and positivity around the village for people to reflect on as they wait outside in queues. And continuing with giving out awards to local businesses who have gone 'Above and Beyond' in the help they have given us throughout lockdown.
Details are on the community Facebook page.

If you have any enquiries about our church or services, please feel free to contact the minister or secretary.
Contact details are..

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Easter Masses

Please make bookings for Immaculate Conception through the office email, Devizes.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com
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Maundy Thursday

5pm, Devizes

Good Friday

3pm Devizes & 5.30pm Littleton Panell

Holy Saturday 3pm Littleton Panell & 6pm Devizes

Easter Sunday

9am Littleton Panell- FULLY BOOKED,

10.30am Devizes & 12.15pm Devizes

Places will be limited as restrictions are still in place for Covid therefore it is ESSENTIAL that these Masses are prebooked.

DATES FOR EDINGTON MINI MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED



The
Edington Music Festival
A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

There will be a live Festival of Music within the Liturgy in Edington Priory Church this year, to run from Compline on the evening of Thursday 26 August until Eucharist on Sunday morning 29 August.

Due to the strong possibility of ongoing government restrictions, Director Richard Pinel, in consultation with the church and community, has taken the decision to limit both the number of participants and the duration of the festival in order to create the safest possible environment for all involved.

"It is a truly joyous thing that we can come together for a celebration of music and worship in August. However, for this year only, we feel it would be responsible to invite fewer singers than usual, and therefore to shorten it. We will therefore regretfully be without our Nave Choir trebles, and so our liturgy will be adorned by two choirs this year – the Schola and the Consort.

The mini festival will follow our traditional framework of three or four services a day, but we will be limiting the congregation inside the church for each service. Because this will inevitably mean that a large number of people will not be able to enjoy the services from inside the church, we will be live streaming every service through our website, and will also be able to accommodate a controlled number of people outside in the churchyard. How we achieve this is currently under discussion, and we aim to make the process of allocation as open, transparent and fair as possible."

Regular updates will be posted on the festival's website, www.edingtonfestival.org, and information about attending will be communicated using every possible means.
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Before



After

Currently the churches at West Lavington, and Easterton are open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons, 1 pm to 4 pm, and Sunday mornings 9 am to 12 noon. This leaves 72 hours between open sessions.

Market Lavington is currently closed to allow maintenance and repair work to be done.

Great Cheverell Church is open every day from 10 am to 4 pm unless closed for cleaning and maintenance.

Please follow the instructions in the church for keeping socially distanced and leave your contact details for "Track and Trace" .

The office is now open twice a week,
Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Rev Marion Harrison can be contacted on 01380 816963
lavingtonrector@gmail.com

Sunday services in April will be Zoom service at 10.00 am and one Holy Communion at 11.00 am.

Services in the churches will be under COVID-19 restrictions, masks worn please, hand sanitiser and social distancing and attendance subject to booking in advance by phone 01380 816963, please. The congregation will not be able to sing but the choir will.

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Happy Easter to all. April is when the club has its (boring) AGM, and the excitement of BINGO; but not this year unless I reschedule.....? Your thoughts.

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It's been a busy few weeks welcoming the children back into school - having all of them back in the building, back in classrooms, learning, interacting, playing and working together has been fantastic.

We are still following all the guidelines as keeping everyone safe is still our priority, but the children are managing to experience a little normality within their class bubbles. The staff have tried hard to plan time into their weekly timetables for children to 're-connect' with each other and re-establish friendships within the class. The children enjoyed learning about the Mothering Sunday festival and enjoyed making cards and gifts for their loved ones. All children were kindly invited to participate within the Mothering Sunday Service and we were very proud that Bella from Rowan class felt confident enough to read a poem to the virtual congregation. Children are looking forward to Spring making a full appearance and the children in Elm class have been looking for signs of Spring around school. In other classes they have been learning about exciting topics including World War 2 (Oak), Vikings (Rowan), Romans (Hazel), Egyptians (Alder), John Rennie & the Kennet & Avon Canal (Willow) and Isambard Kingdom Brunel (Birch).

We wish you all well and stay safe.

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St Mary's Market Lavington Preparation for Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

We are all counting the days to the gradual easing of the current restrictions associated with the Corona virus pandemic. The hoped for, gradual return to some semblance of normality will be a great relief for us all.

We have some more good news in that we plan to open St Mary's for an Easter Sunday service, commencing 10:30am on Sunday 4th April.



Work continues to get the church ready in time, with more remedial work, cleaning and general preparation in advance of holding our first conventional church service for more than 12 months, while still observing the restrictions which will continue to be in place during early April. We will still be required to observe the precautions that you have all become used to during the last 12 months. This will include:

- Advance booking, to secure a place at the Easter service (Please call Anji on 812720 to book your place).
- Maintaining social distancing
- Ensuring you wear a face covering at all times
- Use of the hand sanitiser, which is provided near the entrance to the church door

If you are interested to learn more about St Mary's, volunteer to help on any of the many work items still needed to be done, or reserve your place at the Easter service, please do get in touch and visit the benefice website for information: <https://lavingtonchurch.org/st-marys-church-market-lavington/>

Speed Indicator Device on Spin Hill

This device was installed on March 20th and will show and record speeds of vehicles either coming to or leaving the village.

The site for the Device was chosen by experts from Wiltshire Council, but was installed in the wrong place. Although it records speeds correctly as cars come up Spin Hill, drivers can not see their speeds. A new socket will be placed in the correct place at Wiltshire Councils expense.

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So anticipating FA guidance, training returns as below:

Under 6 – Badger Cubs – Return on Friday 2nd April 0900 then every Saturday 0900 @ Elisha Field.

Under 7's – Return Friday 2nd 1000 @ Elisha Field and then Wednesday evenings 1800-1900 @ Elisha Field.

Under 8's – Return on Friday 2nd April 1000 and then Tuesday evenings 1800 @ Elisha Field.

Under 9-10s – Returns Friday 2nd April 1700-1800 @ St Barnabas. New players welcome

Under 11's – Return Saturday 3rd April 1000-1200 and then Friday evenings 1800-1915 @ Elisha Field.

Under 13's - Return Friday 2nd April 1815-1915 @ Northbrook. New players welcome.

Under 14's – Return Friday 2nd April 1400 and then Friday evenings 1900-2000. This team have also entered Wiltshire Futsal league starting in May.

Under 15's – Return Tuesday 30th March 1915-2030 @ Northbrook.

Hopefully matches across the county will restart and teams can start to plan for playing tournaments when conditions allow.

Feedback from all teams shows that all are ready and keen to get back to action!

Club Secretary fundraising update - Still going strong and completed 5 runs at the time of writing (15th). Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity during the year and will run (virtually or physical) two 10k runs every month in memory of a friend who passed away in November. A link is on our Facebook page for people to read and support her if they wish.

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Throwing beer, red bull and soft drink cans, plastic bottles, fast food takeaway packs, etc has long been a problem, particularly along the C20 from Devizes into the village, but in the last 12 months an antisocial element of our village, or their friends or associates are targeting our verges with litter. Every day more mounts up, particularly Carling Black Label, Red Bull and Stella cans are thrown out of cars. It looks disgusting and visitors and the majority of our residents must think we live in a deprived area.

It is the responsibility of the Council to keep our streets and roadsides clean, but everyone should have a social care how their community looks. The Council always have limited funds and there isn't the manpower to clean up after 'litter louts', so for those people who feel minded to throw cans, bottles, sweet papers, cardboard cups, etc out of cars before getting home – stop it. You are breaking the law.

If you care about how your village looks and see anyone dropping litter perhaps a word in their ear might help. If you see it being thrown from a passing vehicle record the index number and type of vehicle and report it to the police. We have a village Facebook so you may think it appropriate to 'name and shame' You may feel inclined to pick it up and take it home or place it in a litter bin. Whatever, let's try to have pride in where we live.

Contributed by local resident

C20, Broadway, Ledge Hill, Spin Hill, Parsonage Lane

<https://marketlavingtonmuseum.wordpress.com/>

This searchable web site includes pictures of items at the museum and the stories behind them

The Elisha Field Closing Times

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The first concert will be at 7.30pm on **Saturday 12th June**. This is a change from the date we had to give you in the March issues of all the Parish magazines (early deadlines meant we had to submit copy before the Roadmap announcement.)

So, we are absolutely delighted to be able to announce that our first performers of 2021 will be the internationally renowned brass quintet **Fine Arts Brass**. Consisting of two trumpets, trombone, french horn and tuba, they were founded in 1980, and have toured over 60 countries, commissioned over 50 new works, broadcast on BBC Radios 2, 3, and 4 and much else besides. They have a repertoire which ranges from baroque to swing and everything in between. This year is the 100th anniversaries of both Malcolm Arnold and Astor Piazzolla, so works by both composers will form part of an exciting programme.

There will be few better ways of celebrating a return to live music in person, but we will still be under some form of seat limitation. Therefore tickets, which will go on sale in late April, will be tied to specific seats in the church. We are anticipating strong demand, and will be operating a waiting list. Do check our website www.edingtonarts.org for updated information, and we look forward to seeing you .

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**A Message from Richard Gamble
Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division**

Hello April!

There are many quotes about this season that I love. One of my favourites is by Harriet Ann Jacobs:

“The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.”

I cannot remember a time when a revival of the soul is more needed than this spring. Dare we dream of our release from lockdown? Meeting friends and family? Going places? Eating out? Shopping? Even holidays?

There are many historical analogies that have been quoted for what we have suffered. The worst pandemic since the Spanish Flu of 1918-21. The greatest leap in public debt since the Second World War. The biggest drop in economic productivity since the Great Depression. We survived all of those and historically even worse - even the Great Plague of 1665 and the Black Death of 1346 to 1353, which was the worst pandemic in human history.

In that context, I am impressed that Geoffrey Chaucer wrote The Canterbury Tales quite soon after the Black Death, yet his stories are immensely positive, characterful and racy! The Prologue starts delightfully:

*Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertú engendred is the flour ...*

I must apologise for the spelling, but Chaucer was writing in “Middle English”. The verses refer, eventually, to pilgrimage to Canterbury, which was the main tourist attraction of the day, particularly the shrine of St Thomas a’Becket.

We have links to Thomas a’Becket in this area. The church at Tilshead is dedicated to him. There is an A’Becket chapel in All Saints, West Lavington. And, of course, our local vineyard is at A’Beckett’s Littleton Panell. I am not sure how we connect but, apparently, Thomas did stay at Ivychurch Priory near Salisbury, which had a link with Tilshead.

Most interestingly, for me, is the fact that Chaucer’s characters are so like people we can all recognise now. One difference is that, in those times, the world was getting cooler following the Medieval Warm Period of the previous century. And, of course, we are not fighting a Hundred Years War with France.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

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The forms need to be printed off and completed by hand then delivered to Wiltshire Council between Monday 30th March and 4pm on Thursday 4th April..

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- Have within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- Work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

If there are more than 12 candidates in Market Lavington or 7 in Easterton there will be an election.

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The Climate Change Act 2008 established a target for the UK to reduce its emissions by at least 80% from the 1990 level by 2050. In 2019, following the Paris Agreement, the target was changed to net-zero by 2050 ie 100% reduction in emissions. According to the Committee on Climate Change, in 2016 household emissions of CO2 accounted for 40% of all UK emissions. In 2016 the average UK household's emissions were 12.19 tonnes – this includes the impact of housing, heating, diet, transport and lifestyle.

If you would like to estimate your household's carbon footprint the WWF has a quick and fun way to calculate this which will show you how your emissions compare to the average person in the UK:

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Once you know how big your carbon footprint is, you can think about areas where you can reduce or eliminate aspects of your household's emissions. Those things which cannot be eliminated can be offset by compensating financially for your emissions. Carbon offsetting schemes invest in environmental projects around the world. The money you give to offset your CO2 emissions is used to support climate friendly initiatives in the developing world such as tree planting in Kenya and smokeless stoves in Nepal. Climate Stewards provide some really helpful suggestions about how you can reduce your carbon emissions and a simple route to offset the rest.

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Planning Applications

Market Lavington

21/0169/FUL, Spring Villa 39 Church Street, Erection of a single storey extension and internal alterations.

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Easterton

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If you missed the Wiltshire Climate Summit on Friday, February 19th links below will allow you the chance to catch up!

The cross-party Summit was hosted by Danny Kruger MP. Speakers in the morning session were Minette Batters (Wiltshire farmer and President of the NFU), Emma Dawney (economist and Green Party candidate for Devizes in 2019), Joe Brindle (a student leading a national campaign to have climate science fully taught in schools), Lt. General Richard Nugee (Ministry of Defence lead on climate change), Richard Clewer (Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council), Tim Wade (local farmer), Louisa Davidson (Climate Change Lobby), Juliet Davenport (founder of Good Energy), Graham Martin (Sustainable Devizes), Jemma Batten (an agri-environmental consultant) and Evangeline Rowe (Wiltshire Climate Alliance Youth Group).

Some 400 local farmers, businesspeople, students, activists and other concerned residents attended the Summit to learn about the issues and to voice their views regarding what can be done, locally and nationally, to combat climate change. Polls were conducted for each speaker to gauge the views of the audience. Andrew Griffiths MP, the UK's Net Zero Business Champion for COP 26, closed the morning session with a brief talk and Q&A.

A recording of the morning session can be viewed here:
<https://youtu.be/q1WHAQTSUDQ>

Following lunch, Breakout sessions provided the opportunity for attendees to take part in one or more sessions on the following topics before feedback from the discussions by the sessions' Chairs:

- 1. Local policy, chaired by Ariane Crampton of Wiltshire Council
- 2. Global policy, chaired by Nick Gibbins of New Resource Energy
- 3. Business, chaired by Juliet Davenport of Good Energy
- 4. Food and farming, chaired by Paul Cottingham, NFU Environmental Lead for the South West.

The day concluded with a presentation by Claire Perry O'Neill, former President of COP-26.

A recording of the afternoon session can be viewed here:
<https://youtu.be/6egr0kpFR7o>

"As we approach COP26," declared Danny, "I want Wiltshire voices to be heard in the national debate, and to celebrate the brilliant work that is already going on in the county."

The cross-party focussed campaign The Time is Now, run by The Climate Coalition, may also be of interest to you:

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It is so wonderful to have our whole school community back on-site. The children have once again impressed us with their resilience and excitement at returning to school. We deliberately planned a more relaxed, first few days for the children with a focus on well-being, socialising and getting back into the swing of it—for pupils and staff! I'd like to thank all parents and families for their support over the last nine weeks of remote learning; we know it's been a tough time for everyone but, whether your child has been at home or in school, they have all responded brilliantly to the situation and they are a credit to their families and the whole community. I'm sure you'll agree that the whole team has worked incredibly hard to ensure the children get the best experience possible during this time; through live lessons, home visits and phone calls and I'm incredibly proud of them all. I know that it hasn't been easy for anyone, yet the whole of our school community have continued to work together to provide the best we can for the children and once again shown what a fabulous team we all are.

Sarum Class

We have been talking about Spring in Sarum Class, investigating our surroundings with magnifying glasses and discovering a lot about the wildlife and nature around us. We have loved watching the birds use our feeding station and have learnt to identify some of the birds we see locally. It's been a real voyage of discovery prompted by the children's own curiosity and interest. This term has also seen the start of our class gardening club and the children have been busy clearing and weeding ready for the growing season. We are very excited that in the Easter Holidays our outdoor space is being renovated; as a class we love being outside so this will be a great opportunity to enhance our learning experiences, especially as we go into the summer.

Silbury Class

This term in Silbury Class we have been busy settling back into school and spending time with our friends. We have celebrated world book day with wooden spoon characters, made Mother's Day cards and enjoyed a great day in our pyjamas for Comic Relief! We have been working hard too but having fun at the same time. In Forest School we have been looking for signs of Spring and planting sunflowers and sweet peas, we are looking forward to watching them grow and using our measuring skills to see whose is the tallest. This term we have been using the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' to help us create our own innovated stories and we have also been thinking about different ways we might transport our lunch to a lighthouse! The children came up with some brilliant ideas including spaceships, mermaids and boats... we had lots of fun testing many of the ideas but unfortunately not all of the ideas were possible to test!

St Barnabas Nursery Class

We are now taking applications for new starters ready for September 2021, we also have limited availability for April 2021. Spaces are available for 2-4 year olds. For further details or to request an application form, please email admin@st-barnabas.wilts.sch.uk or call us on **01380 813436**.

Having no growth at all is not an option, so the Plan identifies three potential development sites that have had the most community support in **public consultations** and meet the needs of local residents as identified in the village **Housing Needs Survey**.



Unused school field
potential 15 dwellings

The Spring – potential for 20 dwellings

Southcliffe
potential 23 dwellings

The Referendum

On 6th May electors will be asked to vote either 'YES' or 'NO' to the question:

'Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Market Lavington to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

You can vote in person on 6th May, or by post or proxy. Full details of voting locations and how to apply for a postal or proxy vote will be supplied direct to each household by Wiltshire Council.-

Don't miss your opportunity to influence how planning applications for Market Lavington will be determined in the future

Your vote really does matter.

Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan

Will be the subject of a local referendum and every elector of the parish is entitled to vote on Thursday 6th May 2021.



The Plan covers the whole of Market Lavington Parish. Its policies aim to protect the existing character of the Parish and its surrounding landscape setting, and also to plan for necessary sustainable growth up to 2026.

The Plan's policies seek to:

- Define areas for new **housing development** of the appropriate size and type to benefit the local community, preserve the village and its facilities and meet local needs.
- Maintain and improve the **local infrastructure** including foot & cycle paths, car parking and community facilities
- Maintain local **retail services** in line with our designation as a local service centre
- Protect our important local areas of **green spaces**

Adoption of the plan will facilitate a positive vision of how the community area is developed. The parish will also receive 25% of the planning levy charged on new developments in the Neighbourhood Plan area for spending on infrastructure and local facilities.

The referendum version of the Plan is also available on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

Savernake Class

This term in Savernake Class we have been focusing on Roald Dahl and we have enjoyed many of his stories; we used our 'magic Matilda powers' to make objects move around the classroom, we created our own potions inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine and became creative whilst making dream jars. In class we have been focusing on our well-being, making discussion around feelings achievable for all, and enabling an understanding of one another, in order to complete some excellent learning together. We have enjoyed exploring the book 'How to Train a Dragon' and we have spent time covering areas such as fractions, money and measure in Maths. The children have enjoyed exploring how to use money in the real-life setting of a shop within the classroom, where children were able to write shopping lists, work out the total cost of their items, and provide each other with change, as well as explore discounts using fractions.

Stonehenge Class

It has been a wonderfully busy and fun few weeks for the children in Stonehenge Class and we have all really enjoyed getting back together as a class. Our literacy learning this term has been focused on planning and writing explanation texts. The children have been able to learn a text about the demise of dragons, and understand and apply key Talk for Writing features to prepare them to write their own explanatory texts. In our Maths work this term, we have enjoyed consolidating our knowledge and understanding of rounding, multiplying, dividing and using our problem-solving skills within our White Rose Maths learning.

Our topic for this term has been the "Maya Civilisation", which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. So far, they have had the opportunity to learn about the Mayan way of life, the Mayan alphabet and the number system. They have designed and made Mayan artefacts like jade coloured jewellery and ceramics, based on research carried out, and have enjoyed exploring the geographical locations of the Mayan civilisation.

PH Sports Holiday Camp 6th – 15th April:

Our Holiday Camp at St Barnabas Primary School is a great venue for us with a big playing field and playground. Situated not far outside Devizes, St Barnabas Primary School provides a bright new opportunity for PH Camps and children to try a wide range of sports, arts & crafts, extreme and adventure activities throughout the school holidays.

On the day, children will have choices on which activities they would like to do at certain points throughout the day. Children will have the choice whether to take part in a sport or an art activity.

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The Broadwell Stream

The barrier beside the path between Broadwell and The Muddle is falling apart, and needs repairing or replacing with a barrier that meets current safety requirements, to stop people, buggies etc from falling in the stream.

The Parish Council has taken advice from a professional engineer and will be contacting specialist companies. Any work will need to be approved by Wiltshire Council, because it is in the Conservation Area and the Environment Agency because it is close to the stream.

Can anyone in the village remember when the tarmac path was laid and if there are cables or pipes laid along under the path? Please let Carol, the Parish Clerk, know if you know anything about this.



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