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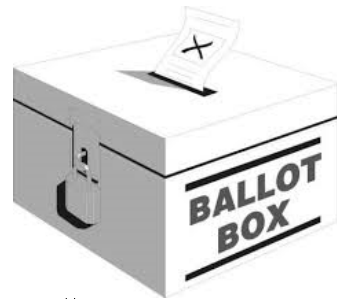
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So here we are again. Christmas is but another memory. The winter storms have come and thankfully gone and now we turn to thoughts of spring and the promise of warmer days, colourful bulbs and longer daylight hours. The cycle of the seasons never fails to excite or lead us further on our journey through the years. And so it is with the Church. Candlemass sees the end of the Christmas story and for “traditionalists” this is the time to pack away the Crib for another year. Having celebrated the birth of Christ, the Church turns to Lent and preparations for celebrating the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

The season of Lent, as with Advent is a time of waiting and making ready. In Lent the making ready is time for self examination. A look at our faith and how well we integrate our belief into everyday living. Do we live out our Christian faith each day or do we fall short of what we can do and be? If we fall short, how do we improve our standing in the eyes of God and our friends and neighbours? How is our relationship with the God we profess to believe in? This all sounds a bit dreary and add to that the business of giving up CHOCOLATE and even I wonder why. But take heart, this season ends with the celebration of EASTER and hopefully we will be able to hold our Easter service in Church.  
Revd. Marion Harrison

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**UK Census an early history**

The first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of the Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time, taking many years to complete. The Domesday survey covered all England as it was in 1086, and included a small part of what is now Wales and some of Cumbria.  
In March 1279, King Edward I commissioned a great inquiry into landholding in England. The surviving returns were arranged by hundred, hence their name, the Hundred Rolls. In Tudor and Stuart times, bishops were made responsible for counting the number of families in their dioceses, but Britain was very reluctant to adopt the idea of a regular official census. While Quebec held its first official census in 1666, Iceland in 1703 and Sweden in 1749, Britain was slow to follow suit.

We have also been developing our number sense with numbers to 5 and moving towards 10. Children have used instructions to make hot chocolate, invented their own stories and are now using their writing skills to make words and sentences. We have all achieved so much but look forward to when we can safely be together again!

**Silbury Class – Years 1 & 2**

In Silbury Class, we have adapted well to home learning. It has been wonderful seeing all the amazing work being completed at home. Our literacy learning this term has been focusing on Character description therefore we have been using similes and lots of adjectives in our descriptive writing. In Maths this term we have been learning about numbers to fifty, division and measurement; we have had great fun measuring objects (and people) in the classroom with both rulers and metre sticks. All the children (and parents!) have thoroughly enjoyed Feel Good Fridays. It has given them a day to focus on their wellbeing and given everyone all a well-deserved break. We are looking forward to another fun-filled term in Silbury Class.

**Savernake Class – Years 3 & 4**

In Savernake Class this term we have all had a very busy term. Our literacy learning has been focused on the story ‘The Egyptian Cinderella’. The children were able to learn the story and apply key features of direct speech to their own stories. The children relished the opportunity to create their own adaptations of a rags to riches story. In Maths we have enjoyed learning about money and statistics in Year 3, and multiplication and division in Year 4. Our topic for this term has been ‘Ancient Egypt’; the children had the opportunity to research famous geographical features of Egypt and they have designed and made Egyptian masks, based on their own research.

**Stonehenge Class – Years 5 & 6**

It has been an incredibly busy and fun term for the children in Stonehenge Class, for both the children in school and those learning from home. Our literacy learning this term has been inspired by our model text ‘The Canal’. All our class have created imaginative and beautifully descriptive stories of which they should feel immensely proud. In our Maths work this term, we have enjoyed learning about algebra, perimeter, area, volume, statistics and co-ordinates within our White Rose Maths learning. Our topic for this term has been ‘Ancient Greece’ so the children have researched famous historical features of Ancient Greece, including creating timelines describing key events, finding information about Ancient Greek society, and comparing Ancient Greece to modern day Greece. They have designed and made Ancient Greece artefacts like temples and vases, based on research carried out, and have enjoyed exploring some of the ways in which the Ancient Greek civilisation has left a legacy on our lives today through their development of democracy and the Olympic Games. The children at home and at school have also had the opportunity to develop their forest school skills by designing their own nature art and animal habitats.

During the first half of our Spring Term at St. Barnabas Primary School and Nursery Class we have been really busy providing home learning via live lessons and online content whilst also supporting our children with key worker parents within school.

It has been a challenging time for everyone but we have been so impressed with the strength, unity and resilience of our school community and we would like to express our thanks for everyone's support, for the cakes delivered to the staff room, for the supportive messages we have received and for all the hard work that the parents have put in to help their children learn in lockdown. We are looking forward to having everyone back in school at the earliest and safest opportunity.



### **Nursery Class**

Here at St Barnabas Nursery we are in awe of our childrens' resilience through these strange times and their joy and positivity is contagious. We're so proud of how they've adapted to the changes. This term we have gone down the rabbit hole to explore the wonderful world of fairy tales! The children have had a wonderful time hearing classic stories such as Rapunzel, Jack and The Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man. We've done lots of crafts based on these stories, including creating giant sweet treats to decorate our gingerbread house role play area! They have loved dressing up in princess dresses, knight costumes and we even had a wolf and three little pigs! Down in the Forest School, the children have had a wonderful time exploring the frozen world around them. We were lucky enough to have a couple of snow days and lots of ice to crunch and melt! The children also celebrated the people they love, by making beautiful Valentines Day cards, chocolate truffles and tissue paper roses to take home. As always, the children have been learning their early phonic sounds. They've played some fun phonic games to help the sounds stick in their minds. Whilst exploring numbers, the children have amazed us with their Super Subitising. Their ability to quickly recognise small groups of objects as two or three is giving them a great foundation for mathematics when they move on to school. It's been a fun filled start to the year here and as we look to next term, the children will have opportunities to be vets, farmers, zoo keepers and much more as we explore the animal kingdom. We will also be stepping into spring and seeing the world around us change again, with new life to be discovered in the garden and forest school.

### **Sarum Class – Reception**

In Reception this term we have learned a lot about change and adapting to new situations as we have some children in school and some learning from home. Our children have showed great strength in handling these big changes and worked hard to continue their learning wherever they are. This term we have explored the book 'Lost and Found' which linked to learning around Winter and Antarctica.

### **. Mothering Sunday in the Benefice of The Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton will be a Zoom Family Service at 10am on Sunday 14th March**

We hope many of you will come along  
even if it is your first experience of 'Zoom Church'!  
This is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7192406094>

Did you know? That back in the 16th century, on Mothering Sunday, people used to return to the church where they were baptised, or the local parish church. This was known as their 'mother church'. The essence of this practice was that people remained in touch with the community they had grown up in. The actual service took place on the fourth Sunday of Lent and symbolised the coming together of families.

As time moved on, the make-up of communities entered a stage of transition. Many families became dispersed due to upheavals within society. Mothering Sunday was adapted to fit the evolving nature of local people and places - it became a day when servants of large households and country estates were allowed to return home to visit their families. The day itself became less focused on the religious roots and more about specific relations within families.

This year, social togetherness is more important now than ever, and because traditional festival days bring people together and strengthen communities, we hope this Mothering Sunday is a means of fostering closeness between you and your family, wherever they may be.

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### **TRINITY CHURCH**

Usually meets in the market Lavington community hall , where we worship in the Methodist/United reformed church tradition.

Currently though we are uniting with St Andrew's church in Devizes, Marston chapel and Monks chapel, and having fellowship on Zoom.

Our minister has posted various services and reflections on YOU TUBE, which can be found on <https://www.youtube.com/GaryGotham>

As a church we have been busy coming up with encouraging and uplifting slogans which you may have noticed fixed to various lampposts around the village, to give you something to reflect on as you wait outside in a queue.

We have also been busy nominating local businesses for an ' ABOVE AND BEYOND ' award ( see separate advert ), in appreciation for their continued service to us in various ways during these challenging times . We are truly thankful that we live in this wonderful community where we are so well served and cared for. Look out on the Facebook ' community noticeboard ' for details of winners. And how to put in your nomination.

If you have any enquiries about our church or services, do feel free to contact either the minister or secretary. Details as follows.....

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From Rev. Marion

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**Easterton Parish Council is considering entering the annual Best Kept Village competition:**

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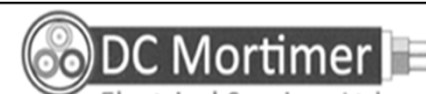
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Our Neighbourhood Plan is an important tool for our community to shape the development and growth of the parish, in this case over the next 5 years or so until 2026. Once adopted any planning application in the parish will be judged against the Neighbourhood Plan.

More information, including details of how to access a copy of the referendum version of the Neighbourhood Plan, will be provided over the next few months leading up to the referendum.

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I can compile a poll, naming the top 3.

Moving on, the trip to Devizes Museum does not look possible this month; hopefully it will reopen and thus a trip in time can be made in the future,

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Our church was built in stages, across more than 650 years, commencing shortly after the Black Death of 1350, which killed over one third of the population in England and an estimated 25 million people throughout Europe. Since this time St Mary's Church has been a focal point for our village.



Alterations and additions to the church about two to three hundred years ago, have left the ground level outside the north wall about 4 feet higher than the internal floor, which means that a considerable amount of earth abuts directly to the north wall, with attendant damp issues. In the past year, we have had to remove the damp damaged plaster from the walls, up to a height of about six feet and bring in dehumidifiers. We needed to repair the roofing above the vestry and the northwest wall and attend to some work inside the bell tower to stop birds nesting.

We need to embark on a major programme of work, to include a new heating system and significant changes to the rear of the church including seeking permission from the Salisbury Diocese for the installation of a servery area and toilet, enabling us to offer a safe and comfortable environment, where we can both use the building for worship as well as providing a place for local activities and events. After a hesitant start in recent years, we appointed a new architect in 2019 and are now well advanced with architectural and engineering matters, liaising with the Salisbury Diocese, to obtain approval for our plans. Being a grade 1 listed building, this aspect is very important

In past years, we have been pleased to welcome many people to our services for Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Sunday as well as at other times, including a very well attended pet service in the past. We look forward to being able to resume our services and to offer a welcoming environment for wider use within the community. The matter of funding is currently being planned and when we have approval from Salisbury Diocese, we will be able to push ahead with confidence.

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**All Easterton** except the houses on Eastcott Common and Easterton Sands  
Household waste and paid garden waste collection      Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
Blue top bins and black boxes      Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

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U6 and U8 have been set weekly skills challenges

U11 since season start are tasked with 10 mins exercise a day to maintain flexibility

U14 have a keep fit schedule and ball skill challenges.

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

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

### Contacts

Badger Cubs- Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

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U8- Dave Kiddle- 07843678781      U9/10- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U11 - Neil Black- 07769 261750      U13 -Mark Goddard- 01380 813160

U14- Dave Kiddle- 07843678781      U15- Aiden Allmark- 07341 819154

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### Allotments and Community Orchard

The Parish Council is still looking for land for allotments and a Community Orchard. Carol, the Parish Clerk has been in contact with a landowner in Market Lavington. If the land being discussed becomes available it will probably be too big for our needs, so space may be made available to people in our neighbouring parishes. There is no guarantee that a purchase can be agreed, so the Council will continue to look for land, both within Market Lavington and nearby.



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Statement of Relevant Licensable Activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises:	
<p>To reduce the time for regulated entertainment (Indoors) to cease to the following hours;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance of Plays / Exhibit Films / Indoor Sporting Events – Friday and Saturday from 08:00hrs to 23:00hrs</li> <li>- Live Music / Recorded Music – Friday and Saturday from 08:00hrs to 00:30hrs</li> <li>- Performance of Dance – Friday to Saturday from 08:00hrs to 23:00hrs</li> <li>- Anything Similar to Music and Dance – Friday and Saturday from 08:00hrs to 00:30hrs</li> </ul> <p>To reduce the hours for Late Night Refreshment on Fridays and Saturdays to 00:00hrs.</p> <p>Sale of Alcohol – ON the Premises;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunday to Thursday – 10:00hrs to 22:30hrs</li> <li>- Friday and Saturday – 10:00hrs to 00:00hrs</li> <li>- Non-Standard Timings – Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve – 10:00hrs to 01:00hrs</li> </ul> <p>To increase the opening hours of the Premises to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunday to Thursday – 07:00hrs to 23:30hrs</li> <li>- Friday and Saturday – 07:00hrs to 01:30hrs</li> </ul>	

The copy of the application may be inspected at The Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council, Public Health & Protection, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER between 9.00am and 4.30pm (Monday – Friday, excluding Bank Holidays) please arrange an appointment on 01249 706 555 to ensure an Officer is available. It can also be viewed online <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-new-premises-applications>.

Any representations by a Responsible Authority/Interested Party or Other persons must be made in writing within 28 days of this notice to the above address or by email, [publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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21/01227/TCA, 5 Townsend Fiddington Clay, Yew trees behind the property - remove 2 dead trees & reduce height of remaining trees by 2.5m

### Easterton

21/01167/TCA, Stonewold 1 White Street, (T1) Removal of 20 Leylandii trees at one side of our driveway leaving the stumps to retain the integrity of the bank. New trees/shrubs will be planted in the area.

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Nicky Wragg: Telephone 01380 813235 / 07974 723285

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

If not all those standing will be considered as elected councillors.

If there a shortage of candidates after the election, those elected will consider applications from people who would like to be co-opted onto the council.

## Barrel Rolling, a village party

I have read that when the Barrel Rolling (strictly firkin rolling) first started in Market Lavington the route started at The Green Dragon, the first change was outside The King's Arms, the second at The Volunteer, and it finished outside The New Inn, which later changed it's name to The Drummer Boy. In 1971 the race moved to White Street and the distance between the changes remained the same, but was uphill now. When I came to the village the races was managed by Akela, the Cub Scout Leader and held on a Monday evening, with a Tug-o-War and raffle held at Broadwell. A slightly different tug-o-war, with a pulley attached to a tractor and each team trying to drag the other into The Broadwell stream. I well remember the pull when both teams stayed dry and the tractor was pulled into the stream. Later the competitions moved to Friday, with the Sea Scouts managing them, then later the Parish Council kept it going, until it stopped through lack of support. It has been suggested that the race be revived. Can anyone interested in helping to organise the competitions please contact the Parish Council.

There are photos of races on the Museum blog  
<https://marketlavingtonmuseum.wordpress.com/>

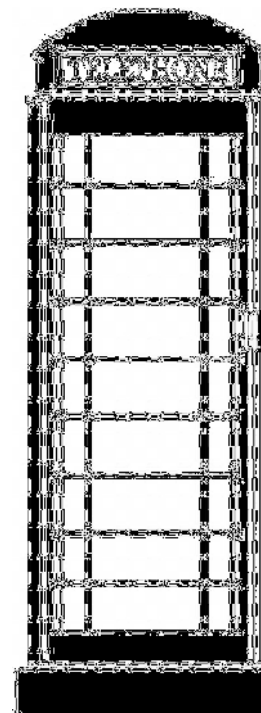


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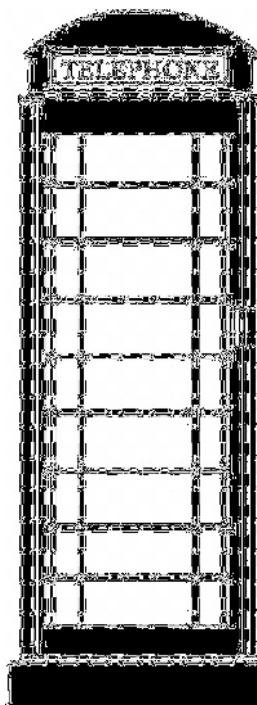


## Telephone Kiosk corner of Church Street and Parsonage Lane

Please be advised that the Parish Council has now adopted the above telephone kiosk from BT, and will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance.

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Colin Osborn  
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## Parking enforcement in Market Lavington

Every few years a Freedom of Information Request is made to Wiltshire Council to find out how many visits have been made by Parking Enforcement Officers, how long the visits last, and how many enforcement notices have been issued.

This allows the Parish Council to push for improved enforcement. The first time a request was made we discovered that some of the visits were recorded as lasting for less than a minute and during a whole year fewer than 10 enforcement notices were issued.

The second time we found that visits were taking longer, and over 20 enforcement notices were issued, however in 12 months no officers had visited White Street.

A Freedom of Information request has been made again, but the information has been refused, saying that it would take 20 minutes to get the information for each of the 124 visits.

I am appealing against this decision because I do not believe that it takes this long to do a simple spreadsheet calculation, and we all have a right to know if we are getting poor service from Wiltshire Council and its contractors.



Colin Osborn  
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**How does Wiltshire measure up against 2030 climate targets?**

**Friends of the Earth** considers that “all local authorities, even the best performing, need to do much more if climate catastrophe is to be averted.” FoE reports that:

22% of commuter journeys in Wiltshire are made by public **transport**, cycling and walking. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Wiltshire should aim for many more of journeys to be made by public transport, cycling or walking by 2030.

44% of Wiltshire’s household waste is reused, recycled, or composted. Wiltshire should aim for a target score of 100% by 2030 in order that **waste** doesn’t end up burnt, in landfill or in our waterways and seas.

Currently, 42% of Wiltshire **housing** is considered to be well insulated. Poorly insulated homes cost more to run, which is inefficient and contributes to fuel poverty. Wiltshire should seek to ensure that 100% of homes are properly insulated by 2030.

**Tree cover** needs doubling in Wiltshire. This means a target score of 18% more cover, which will help remove carbon from the air and benefit nature and mental health.

Wiltshire has 670,914 megawatt hours of available **renewable energy**, enough to power 19% of homes. However, it should aim for 1,795,933 MWh (52%) to match the best of similar local councils and, in addition, ensure that all energy comes from green sources like wind, sun, and sea, and not from fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas.

Some exciting news regarding renewable energy involves the Ministry of Justice’s planning application for the installation at HMP Erlestoke of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels - which will generate an estimated yearly energy production of 222,910kWh (equivalent to 11.6% of the prison’s yearly energy usage). It is hoped that the MoJ’s proposals will be seen to represent a real benefit not only to HMP Erlestoke but also to the Wiltshire area more generally.

We too can do our part to remove carbon. For example, eat more food produced near home during its natural season. Check how insulated our home is and try to improve this. Compost kitchen leftovers. Switch off lights when we leave a room. Turn down the thermostat by a degree or two. Install solar panels. Plant a tree!

If you would like to read detail please go to FoE weblink

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

Ahh! March means spring is on its way.

Traditionally, March comes in like a lion but we have every expectation that it will go out like a lamb. The days are getting longer. The birds are singing and the plants are growing. All being well, the air is getting warmer. Most importantly, I hope, spirits are rising.

This year, more than any I can remember, we need some positive thoughts for the future. For too many, the coronavirus has brought suffering and tragedy. For everyone, the lockdown has meant the loss of freedoms and pleasures.

The old may have suffered most from the disease but I fear the young may have suffered most from the lockdown. Children have missed school, missed playing with friends, missed outings to interesting places. No football, no fun, few frolics! Parents might feel trapped without a break from their offspring but even young children are missing something when they are stuck at home with parents or carers.

For an adolescent, to be confined to a parental domain may be even more stifling. If school provides an intellectual foundation, then college or university or an apprenticeship can be the opening of the world to a young mind. It is not just the mental and practical enlightenment but the social stimulation that helps transition to adulthood.

At the best of times, the process of growing up can be pretty challenging but life can be broadened and balanced by part-time work in pubs, shops and similar occupations that provide cash, independence and experience.

None of that is now possible. Instead, young people have missed a whole year of life and the end is not yet firmly in sight. A whole generation may have missed the very time when the world should be at its brightest.

The older ones amongst us have lived a life and most, I hope, can manage, even enjoy, a year off. For the young who have barely started, it is deprivation indeed. For them, and for everybody, I hope we can at last look forward with confidence to better times ahead.

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

## **Census Day is Sunday 21 March**

### **What is the Census?**

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to do this.

### **When should I fill in my census questionnaire?**

Census Day is Sunday 21 March – but you can fill yours in as soon as you get your access code in the post. Your answers should be about the people who usually live in your household on this date – even if you’re filling it in before then. If you need help, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

### **Do I have to take part?**

If you live in England and Wales, you must take part in the census - it’s a legal requirement. Census information helps inform how billions of pounds of public funding is spent. By taking around 10 minutes per person to fill in the census questionnaire, you will help make sure your community gets the services needed now and in the future.

### **Will the government use the information I provide to identify me?**

No. The Office for National Statistics (ONS), which is an independent public body, carries out the census in England and Wales. It only ever publishes anonymous information from the census. In fact, it’s a crime to share personal census information and everything you say is protected.

### **How will the census make a difference to me?**

The census makes a difference to everyone. It’s a once-in-a-decade chance to have your voice heard and help inform the future of your local area.

### **What if I cannot fill in my census questionnaire online?**

The ONS can help with a wide range of support services to make it as easy as possible for you, whatever your needs. Services include:

- guidance and support in many languages and formats
- help over the phone, in a web chat or on social media
- a paper version of the questionnaire, if you prefer
- accessible census guidance, for example in braille

In addition, there will be a Wiltshire based Census Support Centre to provide help with online completion. The contact details for this will be available very shortly.

### **Where can I get this information?**

Everyone will receive a postcard followed by a letter with their digital access code which will contain both the website address and phone number for census support.



Drove Lane, north of the Elisha Field

There has been a brief discussion about Drove Lane and some new signage on one of the local Facebook pages.

This track came up at Parish Council meeting a few years ago when the residents wanted to put up a no through road sign. This was entirely funded by the residents. This was because one of the GPS companies had included it as a road and vehicles were being directed that way to deliver to St. Barnabas School, and getting stuck. The signage was also to clearly show that this was private property and the owners were not giving people permission to use their land. If you look at either an OS map or the Wiltshire Council rights of way map, you will see that there is no public right of access.

The only people allowed to use Drove Lane beyond the line of kerb stones just beyond the Elisha Field are residents and those invited to use it by residents. The track belongs to the residents. It is as private as my driveway. It was repaired last year at the Southern end by the farmer, but beyond there it has not been maintained and the owners of this section do not wish to encourage its use. Unlike Parham Lane the residents are not required to maintain the track to a minimum width or standard.

Beside the large puddle, there used to be a blue rope to help pedestrians walk along the hedge, I don't know if it is still there. It wasn't there long enough to be used as evidence that it was a permissive footpath. Someone has removed the No Through Road sign from the southern end of Drove Lane, and Wiltshire Council has been asked to replace it.

I have been told that an application is being made to Wiltshire Council to designate this as a Byway I do not know if the applicant is looking at a Byway Open to all Traffic or one that is only open to walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Colin Osborn Chair Market Lavington Parish Council

The Elisha Field Closing Times

Sunset times for Market Lavington

February 27<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm GMT

March 6<sup>th</sup> 5.58pm GMT

March 13<sup>th</sup> 6.10 pm GMT

March 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Equinox 6.21pm GMT

March 27<sup>th</sup> 6.33pm GMT

<https://sunrisesunset.willyweather.co.uk/sw/wiltshire/market-lavington.html>

<https://wiltshiremakers.co.uk/Artisans>

Across Wiltshire and the surrounding areas, many talented Artisans and Artists are working from their homes, studios, kitchens, and business premises. In late 2019 a local authority led pop up shop project on Salisbury's High Street showcased Wiltshire Makers to huge praise. With the current pandemic changing the shape of retail, some of the past team of Artisans and Project Managers have created a new online marketplace independently.

Wiltshire Makers has been formed as a not-for-profit Community Interest Company to provide an online presence to showcase artisans and sell their many varied products. Having launched in late November 2020 with a limited number of both artisans and products, the team will be concentrating on building the online presence, creating a Wiltshire Makers online community, showcasing more artisans and offering a wider variety of products. The team will also look at running Wiltshire Makers events and future pop ups.

- Ellie Grant, The Magnificent Seed Extra Virgin Rapeseed Oil
- Katie Sargent, Utta Nutta Peanut Butter
- Alex Seaton, Alexander Vegan Soya Free Chocolate
- Kate Griffin, Wessex Spirits (Gin)
- Adan Wilding & Polly Jones, Duck Crackling Snacks
- Andrew Bunt, Tamoko Espresso roasted coffee beans
- Sinhead Pocock, Face, Hair and Body Care products
- Faye Campbell, Bird Baths and Feeders
- Ellie Marston, Restaurant Standard Patisseries

Courtyard Surgery

The team at Courtyard Surgery would like to thank all the volunteers who have come forward to help. Restrictions on access to patient information mean that only people with an existing NHS Smartcard access could be brought in to make phone calls. But thanks must especially go to people who delivered vaccination letters to patients.

Over 1/3 of patients at Courtyard Surgery have received their first vaccination, and nearly everyone in cohorts 1 to 4 have been vaccinated. The exceptions are those who had COVID in the last 3 weeks and people who have been moved up into the higher cohorts. The government is sending letters to people aged 65 to 70 asking them to book into mass vaccination clinics. The surgeries are inviting people aged 16 to 64 with specific health problems for vaccination. A list has been prepared to call people under 16 as soon as a vaccine has been licensed for them to have.

The surgery has a list of who had which vaccine on which day, ready to call people in for second vaccines as soon as we are allowed to. A Canadian Doctor has joined the team for 6 months. She speaks fluent Polish.



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## Footpaths

The footpaths in Market Lavington and Easterton are a useful resource, giving pleasure to many and allowing people safe pedestrian access to schools and shops . On most of these paths, maintaining access is the responsibility of the land owners, occasionally it is the responsibility of the Parish Councils, with Wiltshire Council officers providing free advice to landowners and enforcement if necessary. For instance a landowner who used a public footpath to drain his/her paddock in the winter may face legal action. We will soon be back in the growing season , please could landowners ensure that paths are kept clear. This winter a tree fell across a path and within hours of being informed the landowner, cleared the tree and is going to use the cut up wood as a wildlife haven



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