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April 2025



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At The Community Hall



Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2

INFRASTRUCTURE : the complete mix of roads, bridges, public transport systems, water supply, sewers, electrical grids, and telecommunications (including mobile and broadband) that enables a community to function.

It's all about the infrastructure!

Over the past five weeks, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been gaining a better understanding of community concerns over infrastructure. Following the consultation event in the Community Hall on 1 March, we've enjoyed very positive meetings with the Footpath Group and the Youth Council. Thanks to these varied opportunities, we are starting to pull together a list of priorities for infrastructure.

The Youth Council meeting was particularly helpful and instructive. Young people are rightly concerned to create safe routes to school – including the well known pinch points at either end of the village, where the road narrows and so does the footway.

TAKING THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Litter was also a concern and while we could look to put in more bins, we as a community need to take responsibility for keeping Market Lavington clean. We live in a beautiful part of England so we should take care of it – just as the Footpaths Group have been doing across the Parish. Members of the Group are passionate about the challenge of bringing improved connectivity across the community, using rights of way that are well-maintained and helpfully signposted.

Of course, the big topic is housing. Whatever housing comes to Market Lavington we want to make the most of it. That means ensuring house-builders address key issues of public concern, such as more affordable housing for young people, strong connectivity, public open spaces, and environmental features to mitigate surface run-off flood risks.

Please keep sending your thoughts so we can ensure the new Neighbourhood Plan delivers the best future for Market Lavington!

GET INVOLVED! Join one of the Neighbourhood Plan sub-groups (housing, sustainability, infrastructure, green spaces etc) we're setting up over the coming weeks. Leave a message on the website marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk or drop a note to [Market Lavington Parish Council, The Old School, Church Street, Market Lavington SN10 4DT](#). We'll get back to you pronto!

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St Mary's & St. Barnabas Church (Anglican)

Rector: Vacant

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Benefice Office as above churchlavington@gmail.com

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

Church Wardens

Market Lavington

Easterton

Sue Allen 813603

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

Trinity United Church (Methodist/URC)

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Church Secretary: Les Charlton

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April reflection

Today is a day of blue sky, white fluffy clouds and glorious sunshine. I can see daffodils, primroses and catkins blowing in enough wind to dry the washing. There are sheep in the field behind our house, heavily pregnant. They are due to go back to their home field before they lamb at the end of the month, but I have a secret hope (well, secret when I'm writing this) that there'll be an early birth and that we might have a lamb or two in the field before they go.

What a contrast to those seemingly endless grey, wet days which lasted right through to February, some days so gloomy that I couldn't tell where in the sky the sun might be and started to feel I might never see it again. And what a metaphor for the triumph of life and love and light which we celebrate at Easter. There are details elsewhere in the magazine of services in various churches during Holy week and of a celebratory service for the whole benefice in St Peter's Great Cheverell on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome – but whether you come or not (and whatever the weather by then) all our churches wish you and those you love a happy and joyful Easter.

Vanessa Reburn

Lay Worship leader and a
member of the congregation in Great Cheverell.



MID-WEEK EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

6.00 pm Agape Supper

St Barnabas Church, Easterton

Good Friday

2.00 pm Good Friday Meditation

All Saints' Church, West Lavington

Benefice 200 Club March Winner

The winner of the March draw of the Benefice 200 Club was Irene Bulson of Easterton.

Irene won the prize at almost the same time last year! March must be her lucky month!

Bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk

"Your Church, your voice

Every six years, each church has to draw up a new electoral roll - a register of people who are able to elect other people in the parish and have a say in decisions about the local church. Being on the electoral roll allows people a voice in decisions about the Church in your community. It isn't only for people who worship there, but gives everyone who cares about their local church the opportunity to have a say in its future.

For example, you might be a member of a Friends group that supports and cares for the Church building, or part of a group looking after the churchyard, or maybe one of your family attends the church school. Signing up to the church's electoral roll is simply a sign you care about the Church's future in your community.

You can join the roll if you are resident in the parish, aged over 16, baptised, and consider yourself broadly part of the Church of England, or another church in communion with it. Forms can be collected from Churches and returned to the person whose details are shown or put in a box in the church for the purpose.

Find out more, including resources about the roll and why being on it matters, on the Diocese of Salisbury website www.salisbury.anglican.org"

Although the **electoral roll** is the closest thing the Church of England has to 'membership', joining the electoral roll doesn't commit you to anything and does not cost you anything..

It does give you a voice in the future of the church in your community.

You don't need to attend services or meetings, but if you care about our Market Lavington community and what the church can offer it, it ensures your voice is heard.

Signing up to the church electoral roll is simply a sign you care about the Church's future in Market Lavington.

Completed forms can be returned to St. Mary's Church or St. Arbucks.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email Address (optional) _____

1. I declare that -

- 1 I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over (or become 16* on _____)

* A person who is going to become 16 during the next 12 months may complete this Form, and will then be eligible to have his or her name entered on the Roll on his or her 16th birthday

Tick only one box of 2A, 2B and 2C

- 2A I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England and am resident in the parish.

OR

- 2B I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish,
[but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months]
[and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____]*

OR

- 2C I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England
[and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months]
[and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____]*

*If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. see Note 3 for further information.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Completed forms can be delivered to
ST. Arbucks or St. Mary's Church services and events

Notes

General matters

- 1 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canons (but note *Rule 89(g)*) of the Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly).
- 2 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3 Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can reapply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from worshipping for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows –
 - (a) delete the first set of words in square brackets and
 - (b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worshipped as mentioned.
- 4 If you have any problems with this Form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5 In this Form 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.

Use of email addresses and other personal data

- 6 You do not have to provide an email address on this Form. If you do provide one, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the Roll or the preparation of a new Roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.
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- 8 A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules is in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer in a synodical election. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.
- 9 Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; so it cannot, for example, be used for social matters or fund-raising.
- 10 The roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.

By also signing this section of the form you agree that the contact information you provide may also be used to keep you informed about news, events, activities and services in your church. Your personal data will not be used for any purpose without your explicit consent.

Email address:

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Signed:

You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting: ben.bannister8@gmail.com

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Trinity Church Service Led by Mrs. Isabel Smears

13th APRIL

United 'PALM SUNDAY' Service @ St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington

Led by Rev'd. Graham Warmington

20th APRIL

Trinity 'EASTER SUNDAY' Service with Holy Communion

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

27th APRIL

United Service @ St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington

Led by Rev'd. Tom MacMeekin

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There was only room for one king in the Roman Empire. It was on that basis the religious leaders manipulated the governor of Judea, Pontus Pilate into having Jesus put to death. "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend." They cried, "Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." Sure enough, Pilate handed over Jesus to be crucified. It was customary to attach a charge sheet to the cross of a crucified man. Jesus' read, 'The King of the Jews'.

We could see this as one of countless miscarriages of justice that have happened over the course of history to this day. What makes the crucifixion of Jesus unique is that this condemned man was the Son of God. The miracles he performed were signposts to his divine power. Why did Christ not use the power by which he healed the sick and raised the dead to extricate himself from being crucified? Jesus described his God-given mission to his followers in these words: "Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus died for our sins that we may be forgiven and be put right with God. Yes, the cross of Jesus was an act of vile hatred on the part of his enemies. But more profoundly, it was a stunning revelation of the love of God. Paul could reflect, "I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Isaac Watts's hymn When I survey the wondrous cross is often sung in church services at Eastertime. The hymn concludes on a note of wonder at the love of Jesus for his people:

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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Appointment of an incumbent (Rector)

After a Priest leaves a post in the Church of England there is always a gap before a new Priest is appointed which gives churches time to reflect and prepare for their new Priest.

One of the most important tasks at the beginning of the Vacancy is to write a Benefice Profile which is a description of who we and where we are, physically and spiritually and the kind of Priest we are looking for. The written part of the Profile was completed on 17th March and sent to the Bishop for approval.

The other task is to prepare the accommodation for the new priest. The Vicarage was vacated last week, so the Property Department will visit in w/c 24 March to survey the property and prepare a schedule of work required. The time scale for this work to be completed will determine when the post is advertised.

Our Benefice receives patronage (financial support) from Christ Church Oxford. The PCCs met the new Patron, Revd Canon, Peter Moger, on 12th March and we have been very encouraged by his support for us.

During the Vacancy all of the PCCs have been working hard to keep the churches running as close to normal as possible. We have been blessed with great support from Revd Caroline Spindlow who is leading 2 Benefice Holy Communions each month, rotating around the churches. On the other Sundays, each PCC has agreed it's individual pattern of services led mostly by Lay Worship Leaders. The feedback from PCCs is that generally things are working well.

New Army Chaplain

Bishop Stephen has taken on the role of Sponsoring Bishop for the Armed Forces. This involves assisting potential ordinands and Licensed Lay Ministers who are serving members of the Armed Forces through the selection process, and training. Recently, Bishop Stephen was requested to ordain a regular Army Chaplain, who had been a minister in the Church of Scotland, as a Deacon and Priest in the Church of England. The Reverend Jim Francis was ordained in Bishop Stephen's chapel in South Canonry as a deacon, and later, ordained a Priest during a service in the Cathedral. The request for ordination came from the Bishop of Connor, as Jim will serve in the Church of Ireland.

The link between Christ Church College Oxford and St. Mary's Church

Prior to the English Reformation under Henry V¹¹¹ landowners would give land and the rights to income from harvests (tithes) to the local church in return for a forgiveness of sins so that they would avoid purgatory. This income paid for the costs of the priest, building maintenance, and support for poor people in the Parish.

Many churches were under the control of abbeys and monasteries which would supply the priest and have responsibility for the use of the income.

After the reformation and the founding of the Church of England the responsibility for and income from the churches could be bought and sold.

Purchases made hundreds of years ago can leave modern day liabilities. You may have heard of chancel repair liability which is the requirement for some homeowners to pay towards the cost of repairs to the chancel of a nearby church which can be expensive.

Even in the 1920s there were many cases where the choice of priest would be in the gift of a local landowner, whose ancestors had purchased the control of the church, its tithes and land.

Also someone could be the Rector or Vicar of many parishes and employ parsons to take services while they retained all the income.

The teaching staff of many Oxford and Cambridge Colleges had to be both qualified priests and unmarried. If one of them wanted to marry he could not just be sacked and left with no income. The colleges acquired the rights to appoint the vicar of a Parish and appointed the newly married priest to the living. This happened in many parishes across England.

St. Mary's in Market Lavington was one of these churches and Christ Church still has responsibility for maintaining part of the church, used to repair the vicarage/rectory (which some older villagers may remember as a farmhouse), and provide some financial support to the vicar.

Until the Ecclesiastical Parishes started to be merged the vicar at Market Lavington was appointed by Christ Church, then after joining with Easterton the appointment alternated between Christ Church and the Bishop of Salisbury. Now with 5 Parishes the appointment has to be agreed by the Bishop of Salisbury, Christ Church College and the King (Church Appointments Team in the Cabinet Office).

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St Mary's Update

We have had the most accomplished and practical start to 2025, with electrical certificates and quinquennial inspections having been completed. That followed our most wonderful end to 2024 with the bells ringing and our Harvest Festival, Remembrance Concert and lovely Christmas Carol Service & Christingle.

We have so many plans for the coming year and we will be able to explain more at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 25th May immediately following the Sunday Service.

We look forward to seeing as many in the village as possible at that time. There is no cost to becoming part of our Friends' group or being on our Electoral Roll. The cost of not having a church within our community is far greater.

We look forward to sharing coffees and hospitality with you in some of our upcoming events.

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Friday 16 May 2025 10:00-16:15

Saturday 17 May 2025 10:00-16:15

Sunday 18 May 2025 12:30-15:15

16:30

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RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION

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Easterton Sewing Bees



The Bees' 'Sewing Day' in March was a great success, with time to catch up with projects and discuss the local progress.

How nice to see several sewing machines on sale!

We meet every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm at Easterton Village Hall.

It costs £5 and refreshments are included.

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Best Kept Village

Saturday 26th April

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You may like to volunteer for one of these two activities.
Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

Thank you to all volunteers - The Easterton BKV team

Best Kept Village Judging Information

The judges are coming between May 12th and June 8th.
We will not be told the actual date of the visit.

When visiting, the judges will walk only around public areas, on public footpaths and pavements, they will **NOT** enter any private property.

The judges will be looking for the quality of maintenance of the following:

- Community Spirit and Website
- Hedges, trees, walls, fences, banks, roadside verges
- Residential gardens
- Public playing fields
- Village greens, public open spaces
- Footpaths and rights of way, ponds and streams
- Village Halls and other community buildings
- Exterior of church and surrounds, memorial gardens, war memorials
- Public Houses, Garages, Offices
- Bus shelters
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You can buy your tickets through the website, www.edingtonarts.org, or by phone from Chrissy on 01380 831256, from £11-£25; there is, as always, a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under come free.

Our lecture on April 16th is back in the Corn Exchange, Devizes, and is:
"Fakes and Fortunes!" given by Sarah Cove



Please be in your seats for 10:45 am.

Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand. Sarah Cove ACR founded the Constable Research Project in conjunction with the V&A Museum in 1986 to study John Constable's materials and techniques from a technical and scientific viewpoint. Since then she has examined over 250 works from collections worldwide. She has developed a technical chronology that assists with the dating of his known works. Sarah was instrumental in the attribution of 3 significant Constable oils for BBC1's Fake or Fortune?

Membership of The Arts Society Devizes is £30 For the four remaining lectures this membership year for world class lectures.. Alternatively come to this lecture as a guest - £8. Please email us first at theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com.

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Wiltshire Council

Whether you think that your Parish Councillors are the best thing since sliced bread but need more help, or you think that they are self-serving people out of touch with the parish and should be replaced, or more likely you haven't thought about your councillors.

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Candidates to be elected must be at least 18 years old and be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights, and resident in the parish or within 3 miles of the Parish for the last 12 months

7 Councillors for Easterton

12 Councillors for Market Lavington

By 4pm on April 2nd nominations will have closed

After this, a list of candidates in each parish will be published and we will be able to see if there will be an election.

If there are not enough candidates to have a full council there will be no election and all candidates will be deemed to be elected.

At the first meeting the councillors will choose a Chairperson, then consider people to co-opt to join them.

If there are spaces on your Parish Council and you would like to put yourself forward for co-option write to your Parish Clerk explaining why you should be chosen. Discussion on choosing who to be co-opted are held in private and are not minuted.

A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns
Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

As mentioned last month, by the time you read this we will have entered the pre-election period where certain restrictions are placed on communications to ensure they remain politically neutral. Since I am standing for re-election I wanted to tread carefully and so I thought it best to keep this month's update brief... very brief!

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve my community as your local Wiltshire Councillor since May 2021. We are blessed to live in such a wonderful part of Wiltshire but also in a democratic society, one that many before us died to protect. Whatever your feelings on politics or public service, please use your democratic right to vote on 1st May... whoever you vote for!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07585 394 178.

Market Lavington Museum

Dates for the Diary



9th April Volunteer Training

Please email admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk

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Alternative route: via B3098 (unaffected length) – C20 – A360 – B3098 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

Three way traffic lights at the bottom of Drove Lane from the 22nd of April for up to 2 weeks. Aster will be replacing the wall bedside the main road with gabions. Starting on the first day of the school term.

Often the Roadworks information in this magazine is out of date by the time you read it.

Often work dates are changed or work is started at very short notice.

Up to date information is available at

<https://one.network/>

one.network is updated in real time. However, as the start date of works approach, there may be changes to the dates, times or traffic management required to complete the work. Once a change is known, one.network will be updated accordingly, so please check back regularly for the latest information.



The Tuesday Club

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For details of the full lecture programme go to: www.tasnorthwilts.org.uk

In addition to the April lecture everyone is invited to spend 30 minutes in the presence of one of the greatest masterpieces of the Early Italian Renaissance,

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We have had an exciting Term 4 with lots of fun learning. The children were very excited when we had a delivery of 10 eggs in an incubator. The children chose to make lots of wonderful pictures to help encourage the chicks to hatch. We have been very lucky as we had 7 chicks hatch 4 yellow and 3 grey. We have been looking at the life cycle of the chicken and the children have been very creative making an array of chicken pictures.

We held our Eco Green week. The children helped to create re-cycling boxes, one for paper, plastic, cardboard and crisp packets. Again, we discussed why it is important to re-cycle our rubbish. We went out onto Lavington Playing Field litter picking and would like to thank Wiltshire Council for kindly donating the high viz jackets, gloves, bags and litter pickers for the children.

We celebrated Red Nose Day during the week of 17th March, the children gave voluntary donations of £1.00 and wore something red. They decorated biscuits to create a red nose biscuit which they really enjoyed eating. We spoke with the children about Red Nose Day and the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We made Easter cards for all the residents of Dauntsey House Care Home which we delivered to the residents along with some biscuits, on the 27th March. The children enjoyed singing some Easter songs to the residents.

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support, and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

We currently have spaces for 2-year-olds and 3-4 year olds. If you have any queries, please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com.



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The club swimming times are Sundays, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Tuesdays, 7:15 to 8:15pm

Membership fees for the term:- £30 for individual and £60 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering please contact Alison Andrews Membership Secretary on Lavingtonswim@gmail.com

Morning Swimming starts Thursday 24th April 2025 and is from 6:30 to 7:30. Membership fee for the term is £30

For further information about the morning swimming please contact Phil Richardson Membership Secretary on ladscmorningswim@gmail.com

The Youth Council

The Youth Council is a group of young people aged 10 to 16 years who want to have a voice in the village to discuss issues that concern them and where possible, find solutions to address them. They are also consulted on matters, for example what equipment they'd like to see at Elisha Field, which is now in place.

In March, they met with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to discuss changes they'd like to see and their vision for the future of the village. This was a great opportunity for them, and their thoughts on environmental, safety issues and developments was very insightful. If you have a young person that would like to join the Youth Council, or just find out more information, please contact j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wiltshire Police

By the end of April 2025, The Devizes Borough Police Station by the Wharf Car Park will close with the local policing team and detective cohort relocating to Police Headquarters, on London Road Devizes, where there will be a fully functional front desk open to the public.



The Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be enhancing their visibility in our communities by increasing the use of our mobile police stations, attending more local events and will continue to proactively publicise where they will be and how people can engage with them.

Over 100 were vehicles stopped during an operation to disrupt and deter agricultural machinery theft in the South West.

The third iteration of Operation Ragwort, led by Wiltshire Police, took place on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 March across two of Wiltshire's major road networks, the A303 and the A419. Over the two days, officers from Wiltshire Police were joined by over 60 police officers and staff from Avon & Somerset Police, Devon & Cornwall Police, Dorset Police, Gloucestershire

Rhyme Time

There is a change in dates for Rhyme Time for April only.

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April 12	7,59pm
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Market Lavington

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PL/2025/02487 29 High St, SN10 4AG. T1 Plum - Fell.

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PL/2025/01548 23 Rochelle Court, SN10 4AT. PV panels installation on roof.

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Please do come along as this training will give you the confidence to be able to know how to use the machine as well as learning CPR.

You never know when you might have to use CPR or Defib on real people.

Rights of Way Working Group

Over the winter, the Rights of Way working group have started work on the mammoth task of clearing paths and bridleways by cutting back overgrown hedges. Unless there's an obstruction, this work is now halted until 31st August as it's bird nesting season. However, work will continue through the spring and summer to clear low growing vegetation for example and improve the general condition.

You may have noticed small white signs going up with a green arrow and writing, eg MLAV13. These are markers to identify routes and the Rights of Way number which we hope helps you establish where you are. It's also helpful if you need to report a problem, ideally on the MyWilts app as it goes straight to the right team, or to the Parish Council Clerk at clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The working group have met with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to discuss the importance of our public rights of way in providing safe passages to facilities within the village, eg schools, shops, doctors, both now and with future developments in mind, and connecting us with surrounding villages.

If you'd like to find out more about the work we do or would like to join our group, please contact j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



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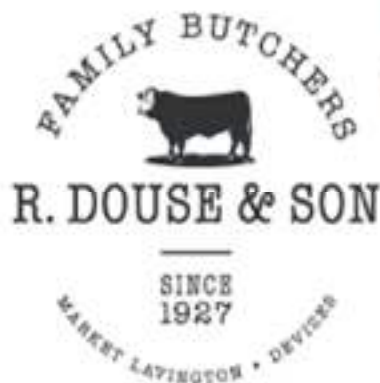
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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

How lovely that Spring is finally here! Our grounds are alive with blossom and flowers and our Forest School is bursting into life. The children are so happy when they are outside and they lap up the sunshine like they are sunflowers, turning towards the sun to take in the warmth!

Pre-school consultation

Having worked closely with everyone at West Lavington Preschool over the years, we are now in the early stages of consulting to have them join our school officially, under the DAPS umbrella, as a part of EQUA Mead Learning Trust. This is such an exciting step for us all, joining together and creating a consistent and nurturing environment that supports children's development from the earliest stages through to Year 6 when they move on to their secondary journey.

With both settings already sharing a site and benefiting from a strong, working relationship, this merger represents a natural and positive progression. It would strengthen the continuity of education and care, reduce transitions for children and families, and enable a more cohesive curriculum approach. Furthermore, the integration would allow for shared resources and expertise, fostering professional collaboration among staff while enhancing the sense of community and belonging for families. Ultimately, this merger would create even greater opportunities for children to thrive and succeed. It is definitely an exciting time for us all!

Mother's Day assembly

We held a wonderful assembly in school for all our fabulous Mummies and special someones! As always, the Mothering Day assembly was packed to the rafters and the children did an amazing job showing off their singing, their poems and their pictures. It is so wonderful to be able to invite our families into school and the children beam with pride knowing they have done themselves proud performing in front of the school and their loved ones.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our after-school clubs are proving so popular with the children at the moment that we have waiting lists for many of them! This year the children have had the choice between Judo, Football, Netball, Multi-Sports, Art Club, Young Voices Choir, Construction Club and Music Club. Many of our clubs are free of charge which allows the children to experience new activities and sports. Our wrap around care is open from 7.30am – 5.45pm offering essential additional care to the families that require it – it is always a busy hive of activity in school no matter what the time of day!

Being brave enough to try new things is a lifelong skill and one that we promote at DAPS in every way we can. If you think DAPS could be of interest to your child and you are considering an in-year transfer (we have a handful of places in our EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 classes) or you are new to the area and starting to look for a place for your little one for September, please do come and take a look around.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

Drive It Day at Crofton

Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, SN8 3DW Sunday 27th of April 2025
With over 300 cars visiting Crofton last year we have made the decision to fire up our boiler and run our engines for the morning and early afternoon on the day. See Crofton in Steam and watch our 200 hundred year old engines pumping water for the Kennet and Avon Canal is a unique experience and one not to be missed. Combine this with a wonderful drive through some of Wiltshire's most beautiful Countryside and you will have a day out to remember, as well as helping the NSPCC.

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Drive It Day was created by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in 2005. For one day a year, historical enthusiasts and the public come together to celebrate the One Thousand Mile Trial, first organised in 1900 to celebrate the motorcar. In 2021 the Federation Partnered with NSPCC's Childline and Drive It Day has raised over £100,000 to help support vulnerable children and young people.

Our site will be open on the 27th of April from 10.00 to 16.30, steaming times 10.30 to 15.00 to welcome visitors to the Grade I listed Engine House.

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EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The Village Hall in Easterton has a list of items requiring maintenance and repair which the committee are working their way through.

There is one item on the list which will require significant funding and will mean the changeover from an aging septic tank to mains sewage system.

A small group of villagers will be setting up a fundraising account which will run a "Small Society Lottery" as a 100 Club.

- The cost of entry will be £3/month.
- Entry will be for 1 year minimum payable monthly or yearly.
- The list of ticket numbers is limited to 100 and after that a reserve list will be kept.

100 CLUB

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- Each month there will be a draw for 1st prize at 12% and 2nd prize at 6% of the income that month.
- With 100 members the 1st prize would be £36, and 2nd prize £18.
- An additional bonus prize of 24% (£72 in the example given) will be given in December of each year.

This is a great way for you to have some fun and at the same time support a local cause.

Please contact: Helen Hardman

100club@eastertonvh.org

Or mobile: 07584 060644

<https://eastertonvh.org/page/100club>

We hope to begin the Lottery with

first payments on 1st April and the

first draw to take place on the first

Wednesday in May 2025.

Church Services in April

6 th April Lent 5		13 th April Palm Sunday	20 th April Easter Sunday	27 th April Easter 1	4 th May
	Early Morning	9am Breakfast Church West Lavington	7.00 am Sunrise Service at Market Lavington Vedette (dogs and walkers welcome)		
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	
	10.00 am			Welcome to Worship, Great Cheverell	
Benefice Communion St Barnabas Church, Easterton	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity St Mary's Church, Market Lavington	Benefice Easter Communion Great Cheverell	United Service with Trinity St Mary's Church, Market Lavington	Benefice Communion West Lavington
	11.00 am	Simple Celebration Great Cheverell		Praise and Worship Little Cheverell	
	4.30 pm	Palm Sunday Evensong followed by afternoon Tea Great Cheverell	<p>Regular worship in our sister churches: 9.00am Sunday and 11am Wednesday Mass at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 4.30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington. 10.30 am Trinity Church in the Community Hall, Market Lavington</p>		



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