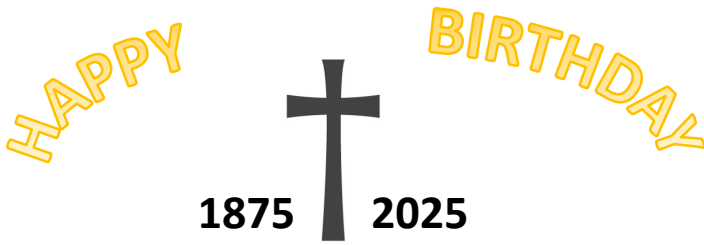


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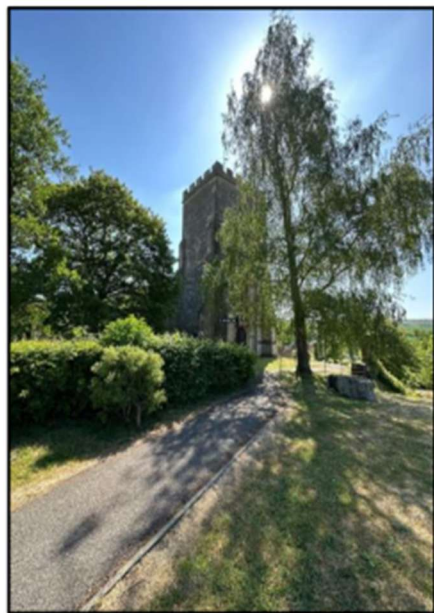
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June 2025

Residents help shape village development

Further consultation due on proposed Neighbourhood Plan



Villagers have been having their say on everything from the building of new homes to the need for road safety improvements as consultation takes place in preparation for a new Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan.

The current neighbourhood plan runs out next year, so Market Lavington Parish Council has asked a steering group of volunteers to draw up a proposed new Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2.

More than 150 people filled in the First Community Survey for the new plan and their views will help shape the proposed

new plan, along with those of residents who attended an exhibition at the Community Hall in March and various drop-in events.

Wiltshire Council are expecting more than 70 new homes to be built in Market Lavington – a figure which may be increased due to new Government policy to boost housebuilding. Having an up-to-date Neighbourhood Plan will help ensure the parish can influence where they are built and the type of properties.

A firm of independent specialists are currently assessing several potential housing sites, put forward following a 'call for sites' at the end of last year. Once their final report is available, the steering group will prepare a list of recommended housing sites, and these will go to public consultation, so residents can give their views.

The steering group will then draw up its draft Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2, which will be subject to a statutory six-week public consultation, and after any resulting amendments, it will be submitted to Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Council will publicise the draft plan and arrange for it to be independently examined. If it successfully completes the examination, Wiltshire Council will arrange a neighbourhood plan referendum. If there is a majority yes vote, the plan will be adopted and become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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It takes a lifetime to learn how to live,
How to share and how to give,
How to face tragedy that comes your way,
How to find courage to face each new day,
How to smile when your heart is sore,
How to go on when you can take no more,
How to laugh when you want to cry,
How to be brave when you say goodbye,
How to still love when your loss is so great,
How to forgive when your urge is to hate,
How to be sure that God's really there,
How to find Him?
Seek him in prayer.

Anon Submitted by Sue Allen Churchwarden St Barnabas, Easterton.

June 15th 2025

**St Barnabas Church Easterton
Celebrating its 150th Anniversary.**

We will have a 2 day exhibition over the weekend of the 14th & 15th June culminating in a Benefice service on the 15th.

If you have wedding or christening photographs from past years, or other memories of the Church over its life, we would love to borrow them to add to our exhibition. If you no longer have photographs but have some interesting, sad, happy or funny memories that you could write a short paragraph on, this too would be lovely.

If your memorabilia stretch back through parents or grandparents to the time when the school was in Easterton please share them with us.

Any contributions you may have can be sent to Pat Morrison (01380 812357), Sue Allen (01380 813603) or June Wright (01380 818794).

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We meet in the Community Hall, Market Lavington every Sunday morning at 10.30am unless stated otherwise.

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1st JUNE - Trinity Church Service
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8th JUNE - United Service with Holy Communion
Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

15th JUNE - Service @ St. Barnabas Church Easterton
Celebrating St. Barnabas 150th Anniversary
Led by Rev'd. Sarah Wood Roe

22nd JUNE - United Service
Led by Jeannie MacMeekin

29th JUNE - Trinity Church Service
Led by Joe Vakacokaival

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Although it has to be said that time isn't an easy thing to define. Early Christian thinker Augustine of Hippo puzzled over the question 'What is time?' saying, 'If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks me, I do not know.' All he could say is that some events lie behind us in the past and some lie ahead of us in the future. If nothing at all existed there would be no present.

Augustine proposed that God did not make the universe in time, but with time. God is eternal, existing outside of time. He didn't wait around for ages before creating the world. The clock only started ticking as it were at the beginning of creation. Modern cosmology tends to agree on that point. Anyway, the thing is that we exist in time. Our lives are constantly moving from the past, through the present and into the future.

The trouble is that these days people only seem interested in the present. The past isn't worth thinking about. People did bad stuff back then. Slavery and that. The future will have to look after itself. In 2010 Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg dismissed the idea of building more nuclear power stations as they wouldn't be good to go for another ten years. I mean, who cares what happens in the 2020s? Maybe it's apt that after a career in politics Clegg went to work for Facebook/Meta.

Social media tends to make us focus on the present moment, rather than the past or the future. What's going on now captivates our attention, no matter how trivial. This is an age of momentary celebrity and throwaway fashion. Why bother with the time-consuming process of saving for major purchases? Much easier to take out instant credit to buy on a whim something that flashed before our eyes in an online ad.

There's no escaping time, however. We are all products of our past experiences. What we decide in the present will impact on how we fare in the future. But our history need not be our destiny. God entered our world of time and space in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to die on the cross that our past sins and failings may be forgiven. He rose from the dead that those who believe in him may have the hope of everlasting life. God gives us time to seek him while he may be found and call upon him while he is near.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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- 12th July - Museum at West Lavington Fête
- 16th August - Imber Bus Day
- 25th August - Easterton Fête
- 29th October - last day at the museum
- 4th November - AGM in The Old School
- 27th December - Christmas opening 2-4pm
- 28th December - Christmas opening 2-4pm

This year the museum is celebrating the 40th anniversary. It was opened in 1985 after the building had been refurbished. We are planning to celebrate this at our annual Garden Party on 29th June 2025

Summer Sudans Fete (£2 Adults, Children free)

A summer fete raising funds for the Diocese of Salisbury Medical Link

The Bishop's fete has become a firm fixture in the diocesan calendar. In typical fete style, there will be a popular array of stalls and a raffle.

The fete, in aid of the Diocese of Salisbury Medical Link, will be held on Sunday 15th June, 2pm – 5pm at the South Canonry

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This evening walk takes us up into the Pewsey Downs, over Adam's Grave, before passing over the Alton Barnes White Horse. We will then follow the Wansdyke, before heading back down to the car park.

Thursday 5 June at 6.30pm at the small car park on the minor road between Lockeridge and Alton Barnes at grid ref. SU116638Hill.
See note below re car sharing.

Length and Time: 4 miles. The walk should take around 2-3 hours.

Car-sharing: Meet at the Wiltshire Museum at 6 pm, we will then arrange car-sharing to arrive at the start point by 6.30 pm. Please let us know by emailing hello@wiltshiremuseum.org.uk if you would like a lift or to car-share.

Start Point and Parking: We will meet in the Pewsey Downs Car Park (north of Alton Barnes) – SU116638. Car parking is limited, so please join our car-share if you can. What3words: ///noddod.shrugging.dimension

Cost: £15 (£12 WANHS members)

Booking: Essential 'BOOK ONLINE' below.

Maximum Number: 16 (excluding walk leader)

Stout footwear, protective clothing to suit the prevailing weather conditions and reasonable mobility will be required.

Please ensure that you bring water and snacks; this is particularly important in hot weather.

The event may be postponed if adverse weather is forecast.

Unless sold out, bookings will close at 9 am on the day of the outing.

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Welcome

As the dust still settles after our elections, and the parties and pundits proclaim the winners and losers - those who are in, or out, of power and favour, I thought it would be worth reminding ourselves as Christians and Churches what our stance might be.

So here's something I found in a church pew many moons ago and have adapted that I think we can echo - that ALL are welcome regardless of how / if they voted on Thursday...

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing new-borns and excited toddlers. We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the next Pope, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome school run mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organised religion,"

(We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because granny is visiting and wants to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as kids or got lost in Wiltshire and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

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**A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns
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Well, what a month it has been! I was honoured to be re-elected as Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons at the beginning of the month and I look forward to continuing my work to support our communities.

I have literally just come out of the first Full Council meeting since the elections in May. As you will have heard, the Liberal Democrats became the largest party in Wiltshire with the Conservatives a few seats behind them, followed by Reform, the Independents and Labour picking up the remaining seats. Today was the point at which all elected members came together to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader of the Council (who then goes on to appoint their cabinet).

After a tied vote (via secret ballot) for Chairman, 48 voted for the Conservative nominee and the same number for the Liberal Democrats' nominee, the casting vote saw Laura Mayes (Conservative) appointed as Chairman of Wiltshire Council. There then followed another secret ballot where Ruth Hopkinson (Liberal Democrat) was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the council. Then came the all-important vote for the Leader of the Council which saw Ian Thorn (Liberal Democrats) voted in, beating Richard Clewer (Conservatives) by a wafer thin margin of just five votes.

The latter part of the meeting was fairly anti-climactic since Cllr Thorn had already publicly announced his Cabinet two weeks ago, which included an Independent councillor (Jon Hubbard) who gave his vote to the Liberal Democrats in exchange for a paid Cabinet position (so much for independence!).

Having had a chat with many returning and new councillors of all parties after the meeting, I am very pleased to see an administration formed so that the hard work of running the council can continue. I wish the new Leader and his Cabinet every success in their respective roles.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve my community as your local Wiltshire Councillor since May 2021 and I look forward to working with many of you over the coming four years!

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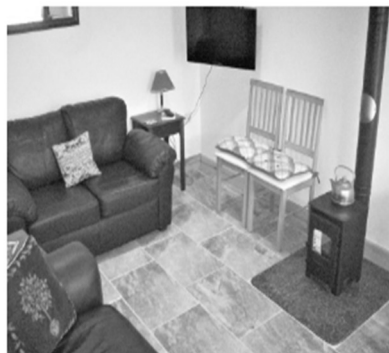
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Otis Tarda



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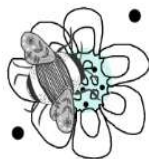
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Place: Easterton Village Hall

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Betty Mitchell 1930 – 2024

Many of you would have known dear Betty Mitchell, formerly a long standing resident of 21 Hedges House and latterly moving to 5 Sandfield, West Lavington. Very sadly she passed away peacefully on the 13th October 2024 at the grand age of 94 years.

Betty touched many peoples hearts in so many ways with her warm and welcoming demeanour. Originally from Yorkshire, the proudness and association of her roots never left her, she would absolutely beam when the accent she never lost was picked up and commented on. Always having a renown well stocked cupboard where Yorkshire Tea and Yorkshire water always took pride of place. There was always a cuppa and slice of cake and her favourite chocolate biscuits readily on offer for any that should be lucky enough to visit and enjoy her excellent company and hear stories of old that would fill any well-thumbed chapters of a favoured Mills and Boon. Betty possessed a feisty, sharp, and humorous wit, often delivered with a chuckle and twinkle in her eyes. Not much escaped them despite suffering large inoperable cataracts in each! She was definitely no fool and the way she dealt with scamming phone calls was simply legendary, and if anyone was there when one rang it would bring tears of laughter and amusement for all for days to come.

She absolutely relished in them!

Her love of gardening was infectious and many a visit to a garden centre was enjoyed looking for plants and bulbs keeping her busy and always looking forward to what season lay ahead. Even up to her latter days she was discussing her choice of spring bulbs. Weekly trips out for coffee at her favoured Table 31 in Devizes and shopping after at Marks and Spencer were a highlight for all involved. Betty always made a positive and cheerful everlasting impression with everyone wherever she went, often giving out bars of chocolate in appreciation of any help she received, which always bought a smile to the surprised recipient. Her stoic attitude to coping with her significant health issues were worthy of the highest accolade and particular gratitude must go to the team at Courtyard Surgery and Nunton Ward at Salisbury Hospital and in particular Dr Louise Gamble her compassionate haematologist for their excellent care enabling her to live the fullest life she did. There were so many lovely heartfelt messages received from friends and people that knew her and it bought much comfort to those that simply just chose to lovingly care and help her in any way they could and be a part of her everyday life. We have arranged for a bench in fondest memory of Betty to be placed in Roberts Playground, West Lavington. United as promised with her beloved and sadly departed only daughter Beverley Yates, and accompanying the existing bench she previously gave in dedication of George Light, who was her faithful and much cherished companion for many years. This much-welcomed addition to Roberts Playground and will be enjoyed by all in a village where she was truly loved and was a cherished part of the community for so many years.

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Friends Of Betty Mitchell

Just to update any friends of dear Betty Mitchell who sadly passed away on 13th October 2024 that her memorial bench is now in place in Roberts Playground West Lavington.

We are having a gathering of friends to remember this very special lady and be thankful that we have now at last united her in loving memory with her daughter Beverley and faithful companion of many years George Light.

We will be there on Wednesday 11th June from 2.30pm - 4.30pm and hope to enjoy some light refreshment in the village hall.

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Wednesday 18th June, 7:15pm

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Celebrate Wiltshire Day at Wiltshire Museum!

As part of this event we will have a range of Folk activities, as part of our Folk exhibition Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex. Watch and have a go at Cotswold Style Morris Dancing, listen to family-friendly Folk Stories with Kirsty Hartsiotis and craft with our kids folk art activities.

Proposed timetable (subject to change on the day)

11.15 to 11.45 am - Morris Dancing
12 to 12.30 pm - Storytelling
12.45 to 1.15 pm - Morris Dancing
1.30 to 2 pm - Storytelling
2.15 to 2.45 pm - Morris Dancing
3pm to 3.30 pm - Storytelling

Plus drop in crafts in the lecture hall and opportunity to view the Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex exhibition and all the usual Museum galleries and interactives.

Saturday 7 June 11 am to 4 pm (Museum open 10 am to 5 pm)
Wiltshire Museum. Some events will be held outside unless very wet!
Usual Museum ticket prices apply - Under 18s free.

Pre-booking not required.

Accessibility: The events will take place in the Museum car park/garden and in our lecture hall. The lecture hall is on the first floor, accessible via a platform lift and short staircase.



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Summer Concert

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The programme will include a mixture of classical, popular and jazz music including medleys of Simon & Garfunkel and Guys & Dolls.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme Time is held on the first and third Fridays of the month at Market Lavington Library, which is in the Old School, and runs from 10:15 to 10:45. It's for babies through to pre-school children,

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”John Singer Sargent: The Private Radical” given by Gavin Plumley

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am.

Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon.

Coffee is available beforehand

John Singer Sargent – who died a hundred years ago, in 1925 – was high society’s leading portraitist. His luxurious canvases mirrored his subjects’ wealth. Yet beneath the high fashions and dazzling veneer of works such as Madame X, lurks a much rawer world. Sargent scandalised Parisian society with his frank depictions of human sexuality.

This talk charts the artist’s life and his prolific output.

Gavin Plumley is a writer and broadcaster who appears on BBC Radio 3 and 4, and contributes to newspapers, magazines and opera and concert programmes worldwide.

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We have had a busy Term 5 beginning with the celebration of St George's day. The children helped make a large English flag, used our junk modelling to create their very own fire breathing dragons, they also made their own shields and took part in Morris-dancing. We looked at the VE day celebrations and the children made sandwiches and rock cakes, bunting and crowns for their afternoon tea and we all took part in the 2-minute silence.

We then moved on to talking about "people who help us". The children had great fun using our water spray bottles to put out the fire which was painted on our Perspex fencing. We had a visit from Devizes police who spoke to the children about "stranger danger and road safety". The children had the opportunity to talk using the walkie talkies and to explore the police car. Thank you so much to Devizes police for our visit.

The children were showing an interest in all the different flags for different countries and chose the Italian flag as a country we would look at. The children learnt to say "hello and goodbye" in Italian, made their own pizzas, discussed the Leaning Tower of Pisa – why does it lean and that it is a bell tower. We then moved on to learn about our local heritage. The children were very creative with our junk modelling making their own versions of "Stonehenge". We also looked at black and white photographs of our families, sharing these with one another. We walked our older children to the Market Lavington Museum where we were very kindly shown around by Jackie and Sue, thank you both for a wonderful informative morning.

We finished the term exploring bees to celebrate national bee day. The children made and decorated their own bees, we looked at how they make their hives, why bees are so important for our environment and tried some honey.

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support, and wish them all an enjoyable summer half-term.

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The show will be a fantastic day out for families and four-legged friends in aid of the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. Held amid the splendid grounds of Rainscombe Park, the canine cavalcade will have something for everyone.

One of the stars of the show will be the Paws For Thought dog display team who will be showing off their agility and intelligence with tricks and fun races.

It won't just be the display teams taking centre stage, every dog will have its day in our 14 show classes that are open to all. There will be a chance for visitors to show off their beloved pet in a range of show categories to be in with a chance of a rosette and goodie bag.

Dogs aged over six months can enter classes including Most fabulous fella; Most lovely lady; Precious Pup (6 – 12 months); Golden Oldie (7 years & over); Cutest couple (of dogs); Junior Handler (12 years and under); Junior Handler (12 – 16 years); Best rescue; Dog with the waggiest tail; Sweetest expression; Best Condition dog; Best Condition bitch and Dog the judges would most like to take home.

There is also a Have A Go ring for anyone to show off their dog's agility Temptation Alley a fun and often challenging activity where the participants test their dog's recall by calling them back through a course lined with enticing treats and toys. The goal is for the dog to resist the distractions and to return to the handler quickly.

Everyone loves to see dogs enjoying themselves so a display by K9 Aqua Sports, who will be showcasing the Aqua Sport of dog diving, will be a popular attraction

As well as all the fun and competition there will be a children's activity section, stalls and refreshments.

Bobby Van Director Jennie Shaw said: "We are looking forward to a wonderful day at Rainscombe Park and we are very grateful to Robert Hiscox for generously allowing us to use the grounds.

"This will be a great day out for dog lovers and families and as well as having lots to see and do, it will be a celebration of everything to do with our favourite pets. It will also help raise much-needed funds to support two much-needed charities that have to raise money to maintain their service."

Two local history makers.

Two ex-Lavington School pupils are history makers after completing the Devizes to Warminster canoe race and straight afterwards running the distance of a marathon, something that has not been attempted before.

Reeve Stevens of Market Lavington and Callum King of Edington have completed the Devizes to Westminster canoe race paddling the one hundred and twenty-five miles non-stop, including seventy-seven locks or portages. The race is considered one the toughest endurance races on the sporting calendar in the world.

Reeve and Callum have known each other since school. Reeve has canoed the race twice before but both times unable to complete the whole course due to circumstances beyond his control. Looking for a new partner Callum volunteered.

Callum who until six months ago had not paddled a canoe before, decided that he would give it a go.

Not only that they decided that immediately following the race they would run the length of a full marathon twenty-five miles, even though Reeve had only started training for the run in January of this year. Callum had been running for some time.

This was something that has never been attempted before and they succeeded, as it turned out they ran twenty-eight and a half miles. What an achievement for these two lads.

Both of them are members of Devizes Canoe Club

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Very few paintings survive by this remarkable artist, and very little documentation survives to cast light on his background, yet each painting is an Aladdin's cave of fabulous detail, exquisitely painted and full of enigmatic mystery. This lecture helps explain the enduring fascination of paintings such as The View of Delft, The Milk Maid, Girl with a Pearl Earring and The Little Street. Through examination of the techniques used in their construction, the allegorical significance of repeated motifs such as the musical instruments and an expose of some of the contemporary political and social background to the paintings, the mysteries are, partially at least, revealed.

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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

The children have been enjoying every moment of the sunny days that we have been so fortunate to have recently and they are making the most of all the wonderful outdoor space to play together.

I have felt privileged to be able to show around many new families to our school and we are excited to welcome them, and our Early Years intake for September into school soon. We have a fabulous 21 children joining us in Early Years this coming September, plus a few children joining us from other schools and we look forward to welcoming them all into the DAPS family. From September, we will have a few spaces in our Early Years, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 classes so if you would like to come and take a look at our school, you are most welcome.

The summer term is one of my favourite times of the DAPS calendar as it is always busy! We have SATS exams, school residential trips, inter-school sports tournaments, school sports day and so much more – and just to keep us on our toes, our Ofsted inspection!

Ofsted inspection

We welcomed Ofsted into school a few weeks ago, visited by two highly experienced inspectors who spent two long days inspecting our school. It was a graded inspection and they conducted deep dives in Early Reading, Maths and History on the first day, as well as looking at Art & DT,

Science & Geography on the second. They inspected and will make judgements on the Quality of Education, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership & Management and Early Years.

The Ofsted inspection is a very thorough process where no rock is left unturned. The inspection team spent time with a number of groups of children as well as observing in lessons, lunchtimes, breaks and Wraparound Care. Every single time, every single child was an absolute credit to their parents, carers and to our school. Their conduct, their friendliness, their enthusiasm for school and their learning were commendable. The way in which they articulated their learning, their educational experience as well as how the school staff support them was nothing short of highly impressive. From the Oracy skills in our youngest Early Years class to the animated, elaborate and highly ambitious vocabulary of everyone else - we definitely demonstrated to the inspection team what DAPS is all about.

We are unable to share the results of the inspection at this time but I hope we can share them with you before the summer. What was apparent, was how DAPS is a kind, nurturing, and inclusive school, and as the Headteacher, that is all I can ask for.

SATS week for our Year 6 children

As a school, we feel really proud of how our Year 6 pupils have approached their SATS this month. They have all been calm, relaxed and purposeful wanting to do their very best, and knowing with confidence, that is the only thing we ask of them. They also know that the SATS measure their competence in Reading, Writing and Maths. They don't measure how resilient, kind and compassionate our pupils are, how inquisitive, brave and thoughtful they are or how well they sing, draw and create as well as performing and competing in a huge variety of sports. We are very proud of how they have approached their exams, regardless of the results.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

Celebrate Wiltshire Day at Wiltshire Museum!

As part of this event we will have a range of Folk activities, as part of our Folk exhibition *Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex*. Watch and have a go at Cotswold Style Morris Dancing, listen to family-friendly Folk Stories with Kirsty Hartsiotis and craft with our kids folk art activities.

Saturday 7 June 11 am to 4 pm (Museum open 10 am to 5 pm)

Proposed timetable (subject to change on the day)

11.15 to 11.45 am - Morris Dancing

12 to 12.30 pm - Storytelling

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3pm to 3.30 pm - Storytelling

Plus drop in crafts in the lecture hall and opportunity to view the *Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex* exhibition and all the usual Museum galleries and interactives.

Location: Wiltshire Museum.

Some events will be held outside unless very wet!

Tickets: Usual Museum ticket prices apply - Under 18s free. Pre-booking not required.

Accessibility: The events will take place in the Museum car park/garden and in our lecture hall. The lecture hall is on the first floor, accessible via a platform lift and short staircase.

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet on the ground floor of the Museum, with baby-changing facilities.

Please Note: The Museum car park will be closed on the day of the event. There is on-street parking in Long Street or various car parks around the town. Visit the Wiltshire Council website for details of locations, costs and restrictions. The Central car park is short a short, fairly level walk from the Museum.



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However, this rule is qualified by another rule: commitment.

If you've already started your overtake, oncoming traffic should give way to you. Likewise, if an oncoming driver has committed to an overtake, you should give way to them. In either instance, which side of the road the vehicles are parked on doesn't matter.

You're committed if you:

Have started the overtaking manoeuvre.

Are too close to the parked car to move back in behind it and then back out again safely.

Would have to reverse in order to let the oncoming driver through

Of course, if you're both committed, one of you will have to reverse. That should be the driver who will be least inconvenienced. Usually that'll be the person who has the shortest distance to reverse, but you should also take into account whether either one of you has traffic behind you. One car moving backwards is less inconvenient than a line of drivers having to reverse.

<https://www.passme4pass.co.uk/resources/driving-advice-and-safety/driving-well/passing-parked-cars>

I was pushed to research this question following a discussion about the behaviour of a driver in West Lavington who driving from the direction of the Churchill Arms expected a van and two cars passing parked cars outside the shop to reverse so that he could go straight through.

Colin Osborn, Magazine Editor.



The
**WEST LAVINGTON
VILLAGE FETE**
is on
SATURDAY 12th JULY
from 2pm

The West Lavington Village Fete is back on **Saturday July 12th**, from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. There will be all the popular attractions at the Fete, including the **Fun Family Dog Show**, a **Bake Off Competition**, **Bouncy Castle** and the fantastic **Grand Prize Draw**, plus children's games and loads of stalls. Parking and entry is free!

The Fete will be opened at 2pm by Mr John Davies, Headmaster of Dauntsey's School. To keep you entertained and refreshed throughout the afternoon there will be music from the **Amesbury Town Band**, sponsored by **Aster Homes**, and dancing from the **Devizes Morris Dancers**, plus a Harley Davidson procession with bikes from the Great Western and Oxford chapters. Not to mention homemade teas from the WI in the Village Hall, and a drinks tent!

Why not enter your faithful friend in the West Lavington Fete **Fun Family Dog Show**, sponsored by **Rangebourne Pets of Devizes**. Entries cost just £3 per class and will be taken at the Fete on the day and throughout from 2pm. The first Class starts at 2.30pm. There are eight classes:

Golden Oldie (over 7 years)
Most Handsome Dog
Waggiest Tail
Best Sausage Catcher!

Prettiest Bitch
Best Puppy (under 1 year)
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We look forward to seeing you at the Fete!

Church Services in June

1 st June Easter 7		8 th June Whitsunday	15 th June Trinity Sunday	22 nd June 2 nd after Pentecost	29 th June 3 rd after Pentecost
	9am	9am Breakfast Church West Lavington			
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	Matins West Lavington
	10.00 am		Music Sunday Service Great Cheverell	Welcome to Worship Great Cheverell	
Benefice Communion West Lavington	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity Community Hall Market Lavington	Benefice Communion St. Barnabas Easterton	United Service with Trinity Community Hall Market Lavington	Patronal Service Great Cheverell
	11.00 am	Simple Celebration Great Cheverell		Rogation Service Great Cheverell BBQ	

Sunday June 29th
6pm Deanery Evensong
St. Mary's Market Lavington

Sunday July 6th - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
10.30 am Benefice Communion
St Peter's, Great Cheverell

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10.30 am Trinity Church in the Community Hall, Market Lavington



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