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Your chance to help protect green spaces and local heritage sites



The Village Green: One of five sites already designated as Local Green Spaces

Villagers are being urged to suggest green spaces and local heritage assets they would like protected.

The call has come from the Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2 Steering Group, which is drawing up a proposed new neighbourhood plan because the existing plan runs out next year.

The current plan designates The Village Green, Broadwell Play Area, the grassy area behind Beechwood, Hamilton Drive Play Area and The Elisha Field as Local Green Spaces, giving them similar protection to land designated nationally as Green Belt. Villagers can now suggest other green spaces worthy of similar protection.

According to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), land can only be designated as Local Green Space if it: 'holds a particular local significance, e.g. because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife'. It must be close to the community it serves, local in character and must not be an extensive tract of land.

Villagers are also asked to suggest heritage features for inclusion in the new plan's list of 'Locally Valued Non-Designated Heritage Assets'. The list is not for buildings already designated nationally as 'listed buildings', such as the Church of St Mary - it is for non-designated heritage assets considered especially significant by local people.

The NPPF defines a heritage asset as a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest.

For more information on these designations and to nominate a site visit the website www.marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk.

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Bishops July Letter

Some of the joys of a bishop's ministry are Confirmation Services, we have had a good number so far this year and many more in the diary. The service is both corporate, as the congregation prays for each candidate, and personal, as each candidate makes promises, is prayed for and is anointed with oil. The words of the anointing remind all of us who have been confirmed that God calls us by name.

This Pentecost we launched across the diocese a simple 'Rule of Life' as part of our discipleship and vocation work. Being called by God means being called to discipleship. Simply put a 'rule of life' is our response to what God has done for us. It takes some the teachings of Christ into our own lives. Therefore, we continue a life of inner transformation through prayer, Bible reading, and regular worship; and we contribute to the transformation of the world through generous giving, seeking justice and using our time and talents in the service of God.

This all gives us the opportunity to consider our response to God's love, to the one who calls us. It may be that the Holy Spirit is nudging us to serve in particular ways in the life of the local church, or to live out our Christian life more courageously in the world. Do pick up a postcard from your local church if you have not already been given one and be part of our diocesan vision, not only Making Jesus known but being called so all may flourish and grow.

St Mary's Church Working Party

Saturday 16th August
(Imber Day)

Looking for something
to do on Imber Day?

Join us at St Mary's Church
for a church and churchyard
cleanup

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TRINITY CHURCH JULY



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

We welcome all visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition. All services are accompanied by refreshments.

6th JULY - *Trinity Church Service*
Led by Rev'd. Graham Warmington

13th JULY - *United Church Service*
@ St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington
Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

20th JULY- *Trinity Church Service*
with Holy Communion
Led by Rev'd Gary Gotham

27th JULY - *United Service*
@ St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington
(To be Announced)

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On behalf of Easterton PCC and all at St Barnabas Church I would like to say a huge thank you to all who celebrated and supported our birthday celebrations last week end.

The exhibition proved a great success with much interest shown in the village and church history. We are very grateful to all those who loaned photographs and memorabilia it was much appreciated.

The service with Rev Sarah Wood-Roe the Bishop's Chaplain on Sunday was a delight and very well attended. The furthest attendee coming from Surrey and all appreciated the champagne and birthday cake (kindly donated by Pat Morrison and Sue and Gordon Somerville).

A big thank you to our friends from Trinity Church for the bars of chocolate for all fathers.

Thank you all so much and here's to the next 150.

Sue Allen Churchwarden.

made its monthly draw at the Hub on Wednesday 4th June
The winner of the first prize is - Nick Beard and the winner of the second prize is Mike Allen
Well done and thank you to everyone for your support.
It's never too late to get your ticket!

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

Benefice 200 Club April Draw

The June winner of the Benefice 200 Club was Sandra Gamble from West Lavington. Six more draws to go before we start all over again!

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My wife, our grown-up children and I once discussed which of us would soon find ourselves out of work due to the advance of Artificial Intelligence. As a pastor I was pretty confident that no AI-enabled robot could do my job. My son promptly asked

ChatGPT to write a Baptist style sermon on a passage from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. It completed the task in seconds. The sermon took the form of a typical Baptist message and helpfully explained the text. Would have taken me hours to do that. No, I haven't been tempted to take AI shortcuts in my sermon prep. Honest.

Apparently, many Uni students don't have such qualms. ChatGPT and other AI platforms are being used to write essays to save budding scholars the bother. Lecturers complain that the attention span of today's students has been addled by their use of social media. They have difficulty reading the requisite number of books and then deploy AI to write essays on A Tale of Two Cities, or whatever. The trouble is that that AI platforms sometimes make mistakes. No less a journal than the Chicago Sun-Times recently published an AI-authored summer reading list for 2025. The list helpfully included a brief blurb for each title recommended. However, alert readers quickly pointed out that some of the books were fake. Rather embarrassing for the paper.

AI no doubt has its uses, but it can't be left to get on with things without our involvement. Just ask the red-faced editor of the Chicago Sun-Times. There is no substitute for human ingenuity in the arts, science, and literature. We cannot delegate ethical decisions to algorithms. Besides, we will always need the human touch. Have you ever tried to sort out a customer service problem using an AI Chat facility?

'Artificial', certainly. 'Intelligence', not so much. Even exchanges with other people using texts, email, or social media can't replicate face-to-face communication.

One of the most profound statements in the Bible is found in the opening chapter of the Gospel of John, 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. Christians believe that in Jesus God entered our world to speak to us in person. We can read his words as recorded in the Gospel accounts of the New Testament. Jesus did more than speak to us about the love of God. He came to show us God's love for humanity by laying down his life for our sins upon the cross. The risen Jesus is present in the lives of his people by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the Lord returns his people will see his face and share his glory.

Flaws and glitches notwithstanding, Artificial Intelligence may be able to do things that put our capabilities in the shade. But the most sophisticated computer has nothing on human beings, whom God created in his own image.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm.

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Lt. Col. Patrick Michael Richard STACPOOLE, Royal Artillery

Just days before this magazine was sent to the printer I was told that Pat Stac had died peacefully in his sleep.

When I first met Pat he lived at the corner of Kings Rd. and Parham Lane, in the house that I thought had the best view in Market Lavington. Pat left us in 2013 to move to the lawless territory of Littleton Panell yet still received his copy of this magazine every month.

Pat was an artist, author, churchwarden, winner of a novelty Marrow Trophy, museum volunteer and occasional Christmas tree cutter for St. Mary's Church. I'm sure he was involved in much more.

He had a dry but never hurtful sense of humour and will be much missed.

Colin Osborn Magazine Editor.

I was saddened to hear the news of the passing of Pat Stacpoole. I know so many of you in the village will have fond thoughts and memories of him.

I knew Pat through the many and varied projects and activities in which our paths seemed to merge in the village.

Most recently he was a member of the group which created the toposcope, the World War One memorial, which sits close by the vedette, and he planted the three commemorative trees along side the path next to the churchyard, a Canadian Red Maple, an Australian Eucalyptus and a New Zealand Kohuhu. He was most enthusiastic in all he did and a most charming man who could always be relied upon.

He was involved in the church in different ways and was the Churchwarden at one time and also a volunteer at the Museum.

A man of many talents he was both an author and artist.

Pat had the ability to light up the room with just a few words and a smile.

Mike Bridgeman Friend and former Parish Councillor

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The Open Studios weekends are free and there's no pressure to buy, so if you have a couple of hours or a whole weekend to spare why not use our website to plan a studio tour.

Open Studios runs on the first four weekends in July
between 11am and 5pm.

<https://www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk/>

MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM SUMMER OPENING

Behind The Old School and the Church.

From 3rd May the Museum opens 14.30-16.30 Wednesday,
Saturday and Sunday every week.

- 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

Archdeacon of Sarum honoured in Army Cadets Chaplaincy role

The Ven Alan Jeans MBE

Priest in charge at Bishops Cannings, All Cannings and Etchilhampton
(1993–1998)

Assistant chaplain to Dauntsey's School (1995–2007)

Consultant Archdeacon for Series 3 of Rev (2014)

The Diocese of Salisbury is celebrating the recognition of Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum, who has been promoted to Chaplain to the Forces Class 2, the highest ranking padre in the Army Cadet Force's history. Alan, who has served voluntarily in the Army Cadets since 2002, was the first to be appointed as National Lead Chaplain in 2023. This role was introduced as part of the Army Cadets' growing commitment to wellbeing, which now runs as a golden thread through all aspects of cadet life. Under the leadership of Colonel Pat O'Meara, the wellbeing team has made remarkable progress across the pillars of healthy minds, medical support, diversity and inclusion, and chaplaincy.

Chaplains have long been a vital part of the Army Cadets, offering holistic, person-centred support to cadets and adult volunteers of all faiths and backgrounds. They provide pastoral care, spiritual support and moral guidance at every level of the organisation.

Reflecting on the work of the chaplains, Alan said, "Padres are central to the Army Cadet Force, supporting everyone from the newest recruit to the Colonel."

There are currently 87 chaplains serving over 76,000 cadets and 11,000 adult volunteers across the UK, with hopes to expand the team to better reflect the diversity of the Army Cadets community and provide wider wellbeing support.

To find out more about becoming an Army Cadets chaplain and serving your local community, visit

<https://armycadets.com/who-we-are/chaplaincy-in-the-army-cadets/>



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Download welcome pack to join the Club

This buys you one membership number (which we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. You will be given a membership ticket with your information on it. All participants must be over 16.

The draw will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Helen Hardman: email 100club@eastertonvh.org



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Scam Alert!

Wiltshire Council

Beware of DWP Energy Support scam!

We've been made aware of an SMS scam in the West Midlands area, which may come to Wiltshire.

The scam message details "DWP Energy Support" from a mobile phone number.

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Edington Music Festival: August 17th-24th

The Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy is celebrating its 70th birthday this year! Started in 1956 by the Priory Church's new vicar, Canon Ralph Dudley, over one weekend with half a dozen of his choral scholar friends, it was part of a bid to raise enough money to repair the church's very leaky roof. In its 69 years so far, and now with three choirs, 6 organists, over 70 participants in all, and over 8 days of services, the festival has raised over £250,000 for the benefit of the parish and the wider communities which host this wonderful event.

Its congregations now come from all over the globe, from New Zealand to North America, drawn to what is the oldest, and generally regarded as the finest, celebration of church music within the context for which it was written.

This year's theme, "The Ways of the Lord", follows journeys made along roads and ways in the Holy Land, with music celebrating the anniversaries of the birth of the leading composer of the late 16th century, Palestrina, and of some more recent composers, Sir John Rutter and Bob Chilcott, whose compositions for the season of Christmas feature in Tuesday's 'Road to Bethlehem'. In between, there is a wide range of music from Byrd, Gibbons, and Hassler, through to Warlock, Daley and McDowall, taking in favourites such as Stanford, Howells and Britten en route. Three choirs will sing at four daily services including Choral Evensong, recorded for later broadcast on BBC Radio 3, on Wednesday afternoon; a rare liturgical performance of Wood's Mark Passion on Friday evening; and Choral Matins on both Friday and Saturday mornings. Services are free, and everyone is welcomed to enjoy sublime music and spiritual solace.

The Festival Supper, the light-hearted demonstration of the relationship between festival and Parish, is an evening of food and music this year on Wednesday 20th August, and tickets can be bought from Hugh Hancock; musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org.

Residents who, for a number of reasons, may be unable to visit their local library in person are encouraged to find out more about the council's home library service

This is a free service where the local library arranges for volunteers to take books to residents in their homes. The service helps residents who are frail, have a disability or health conditions to continue accessing library services and can also help to combat loneliness in the process.

Volunteers work with Wiltshire Council library staff and are DBS checked. They will visit regularly at agreed times to deliver a selection of books to people tailored to their preferences. People can also request specific authors, titles and formats.

In addition to the service being free to use, there are no overdue charges.

The council is also looking for people to volunteer to help deliver the home library service. People interested in finding out more should contact their local library.

A resident who uses the home library service said: "The service is a lifeline - I can't get to a library and reading takes me out of myself."

Another resident said: "Excellent service, great volunteers. Makes a positive difference to my quality of life."

"Volunteers can also help signpost residents to other support services, and I would like everyone who could benefit from this service to know about it.

"Our fantastic volunteers make this service possible, and they are making a real difference to lives of people in our communities. We're always **looking** for more volunteers, so if you're interested in finding out if volunteering might be for you, or know someone who might, please do get in touch with your local library."

People can find out more about the home library service including eligibility on our website.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home-library-service>

News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

I am incredibly pleased and proud to announce that we achieved a Good in our recent Ofsted inspection, and this is down to the hard work of the whole school community – staff, governors, parents, families and, of course, our amazing children. We have received some wonderful feedback from the inspection – some of the highlights being:

- Pupils thrive at this caring and inclusive school.
- Pupils learn the importance of kindness and respect and the school is a harmonious place.
- Pupils develop warm and supportive relationships with school staff. They feel safe and are confident that staff will listen if they have any concerns.
- The school has high expectations for pupils' academic and personal development.
- Children in the early years enjoy their learning and relish new challenges.
- Pupils enjoy learning in the school's large woodlands.
- The school provides memorable experiences that motivate and inspire pupils.

As a headteacher, Ofsted is often seen as a milestone in a school's journey that allows you to stop and fully review how your school is doing – just those comments alone remind me that we are doing a great job and will go into our new school year in September from a wonderfully solid foundation.

School pond

I am incredibly pleased that our school pond is finally filled and ready for action with a beautiful dipping platform for the children to access the water safely. The word 'pond' doesn't seem to do it justice, maybe lake is more accurate! It holds a whopping 45,000 litres of water and we thank our lovely local farmer Dale Allen for helping fill it. We look forward to the pond establishing itself over the coming years and cannot wait for the local wildlife to move in.

Sports Day

The children had a wonderful morning at Sports Day and gave it their all! We were privileged to be able to use the West Lavington recreational field and a big thank you to the West Lavington Village Hall and Parish Council for letting us use it. Sports Day is a highlight for many children and it was so lovely seeing them cheer their friends on.

the crazy – as always, wish the teachers and I luck, we may need it!

Come and see us

We are always happy to welcome prospective parents to come and have a look around our friendly, nurturing and vibrant school should you wish to consider us for your children in September, whether that be as a school starter or a school transfer. Please get in contact on 01380 813373 or enquiries@daps.wilts.sch.uk if you would like to visit us to find out more.



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More workshops are being planned to give members an opportunity to learn new skills.

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If you would like to join us or want more information then please contact:

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10:00 – 19:00
Sunday 20th July
10:00 – 17:00

We have had a busy Term 6 looking at keeping healthy and well-being. We have been sampling healthy fruit and vegetables, talking about what helps us to be healthy – drinking water, eating less sugar and exercise.

The children have joined in discussions on how important it is to tell someone if you are sad or worried about something and we have also been practicing our yoga and going out on well-being walks.

Our children who are moving up to school this year have begun their transition visits to Elm Class at Dauntsey Academy Primary school. They also took part in our sponsored trike-ride where they had fun whizzing around the playground collecting stickers as they went.

We held a table-top sale raising £68.50, a big thank you to those who came and purchased items. We all walked to Dauntsey House Care Home and delivered some biscuits for the residents, the children sang some of their favourite songs before walking back to preschool.

Dave Hickory, “Marvellous Maths” visited the children and held a fun maths workshop which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are holding a “Lucky Dip” and “Toy Tombola” stalls at the West Lavington Village Fete on Saturday 12th July, please come along and support our village.

We are looking forward to our children’s graduation at the end of the term. Our families are invited to join us for a picnic lunch and to share our graduation celebrations.

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

We currently have limited 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.



**A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns
Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons**

Now that the Council is back in full swing following the elections in May (in Wiltshire at least; Kent is apparently not holding any meetings still) it has been interesting to receive some updates from the new administration.

A main issue that impacts us locally is Black Dog Crossroads. The electricity supply was due to be installed in June, however, it has slipped back to August. I don't now why this has been delayed, potentially an issue with SSE who need to do the work, or a decision by the Council. The installation of the cabling will now commence in early August and is expected to last five weeks.

The actual signals will be installed towards the end of the cabling work and so will commence in early September. In total the project includes 4-way traffic signals, junction resurfacing, and drainage improvements.

As we get closer to the completion of the project there will need to be some temporary closures for side roads (Worton and Broadway) and it is expected that over-height vehicle access to Broadway will be retained. My advice has been to limit closures to nights; further Information will be published mid-July. I have also advised that work should shift forwards as much as possible to coincide with school holidays.

We also have a new development of 47 houses being planned in West Lavington in the field behind White Street. This has been a shock to many residents and feels huge given the recent developments the village has seen At Holloway Rise and Hedges House. A consultation is being organised for the afternoon of the 9th July, at the Churchill Arms. Like many residents I will be in attendance to learn more about the proposal and discuss my concerns with the community; impact to the roads, schools and doctor's surgery surely top of the list.

Two worrying updates have come from Council officers in the last week. The first is that radioactive material with readings above the safety threshold was uncovered on a Council owned site (a former RAF base in Melksham). What is really alarming is that officers found out about this in January and kept it from councillors and the local community until June. The same week we found out about this, councillors were also told that the balanced annual budget that officers had forecast at the end of the last quarter had miraculously turned into a £5m overspend. I accept that this represents just 1% of the overall budget, however, it is inexcusable that £5m in costs can magically appear between the point the previous administration shut the doors and turned the lights off and the new administration entered the building. Something doesn't add-up (excuse the pun) and so the upcoming Cabinet meeting will be very uncomfortable for officers, the new Leader and his team.

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Go into 'Upcoming Events' to find it. You can click on book tickets button or details button for some information and an email contact for further queries.

Entrance ticket is free and booking helps us have an idea of numbers (as hall has limited capacity).

You can book for entrance only (free) or Entrance & BBQ (meat/or veggie), which you pay for what you have on the evening.

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, but if your child doesn't have a library card it's not a problem - just bring along some ID and we can issue a card immediately.

The dates for July are 4th and 18th, and we very much look forward to seeing you.

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West Lavington Youth Club.

The first thing to report is that Eric Freeman, chairman for many years, and committee member for far longer, has resigned, but will remain, thankfully, a Trustee. The club owes a great debt to him for all he has done, and during his time he has seen it grow so successfully. Sarah Baker was elected as his successor, which meant we needed a replacement Treasurer...Martin Tenk has agreed to do this.

Second, you may well be seeing the Pudsey Logo around the club. We have been fortunate in obtaining a significant grant for three years from the BBC Children in need fund. This, together with the long standing support from Market and West Lavington Parish councils, the County council, via the Area board, and the community Foundation will give us a security and stability which we have long needed. All this will be used for the benefit of young people in the area.

For any young person who might wish to join us, they are welcome to appear when the club is open. There are three age groups on different evenings, based on School years 4-6, Year seven, and then Year 8 plus. For younger groups in particular, Parents are most welcome to bring new starters and introduce themselves.

Finally, we should say that the club is not planned to open in the coming summer holiday.

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event date

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Sarum have spent a busy term making the most of the outside space, looking at insects, exploring the life of dandelions and sunflowers, looking into different seeds, fruits and vegetables and incorporating their findings into math games. They demonstrated great team skills in Forest School, climbing trees and making mud smoothies in the mud kitchen.

Silbury have been developing their computing skills, working on spreadsheets, looking at architectural buildings and creating their own building designs in the style of Friedensreich Hundertwasser, for their DT & Art projects. Silbury have learnt to write a set of independent instructions, developed their sowing skills and learnt about height & length and how to count in twos.

Savernake have enjoyed a term creating artwork using AI and working together to create an animation. Savernake experienced an activity-packed day on their class trip to 'We the Curious', involving a bodyworks workshop and a visit to the planetarium, which was such an incredible experience. Additionally, the class have been reading The Iron Man, working hard in their violin lessons and enjoying a morning of athletics at Dauntsey's School.

Stonehenge what a term for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. The children worked so hard on their SATS and we are incredibly proud of them all! As an end of SATS treat Stonehenge enjoyed a whole day of Forest School at Dauntsey's School. The children spent a day at Westonbirt Arboretum where they explored the park, went on a treetop walk and participated in a day of finding art in nature. Additionally, the children have researched UK National Parks and worked on designs for their biome worlds. Lastly, the Year 5 children participated in a Rugby Tournament and brought back a trophy!

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PL.2025/04249 The Barn, Spin Hill, SN10 4NS. Proposed dormer extension and retrospective change of use of barn from agricultural use to home work space, home gym and dog grooming business.

Easterton

PL/2025/04388, Paxton Cottage, 3 Kings Road, SN10 4PS. Alterations to existing annex/garage structure which includes repurposing the garage and enclosing the open carport to expand annex accommodation.

PL/2025/04753 Ridgeway House, 20 White Street, SN10 4NZ.

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An appeal to supporters, friends and former scouts and sea scouts in and around the Lavingtons

We are incredibly fortunate in Market Lavington to have a thriving Scout Group. Scouting is an entirely voluntary undertaking and relies heavily on the contribution of Volunteer Leaders and parent helpers to plan and organize exciting activities to challenge and grow our young people. This is really the front window of Scouting.

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Our current Chair and Treasurer are both stepping down after many years of service to the Group. We have a new Treasurer but the Chair position is vacant. This is a great opportunity for someone to really support a local community activity. Although the Chair leads the board they are supported by all of the other Trustees.

It is vitally important for us to fill the role of the Chair before our AGM on 17th September. We would ask all adults either involved in the Scouts or living in the local area to consider volunteering to become a Trustee and possibly the Chair. For more information or to register your interest please contact Sean O’Gorman via sean.sphinx@gmail.com

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This is an amazing achievement and must be celebrated.

Hopefully we can enter again next year and include Easterton Sands and Eastcott.

A huge heartfelt thanks from all to everyone who has taken the time in their busy schedule to help win this award..

We await the official announcement on the CPRE BKV website



Church Services in July

6 th July		13 th July	20 th July	27 th July	3 rd August
	9am	9am Breakfast Church West Lavington			
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	
	10.00 am		Welcome to Worship Great Cheverell		
Benefice Service Communion St Peter's, Great Cheverell - guest speaker Fergus Stewart, CEO of WiltsYouth for Christ	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas St Mary's Market Lavington	Benefice Service Communion West Lavington All Saints'	United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas St Mary's Market Lavington	Benefice Service Communion St Peter's, Little Cheverell
	11.00 am	6.00pm Taizé Service followed by supper. Great Cheverell		Morning Prayer Great Cheverell	



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