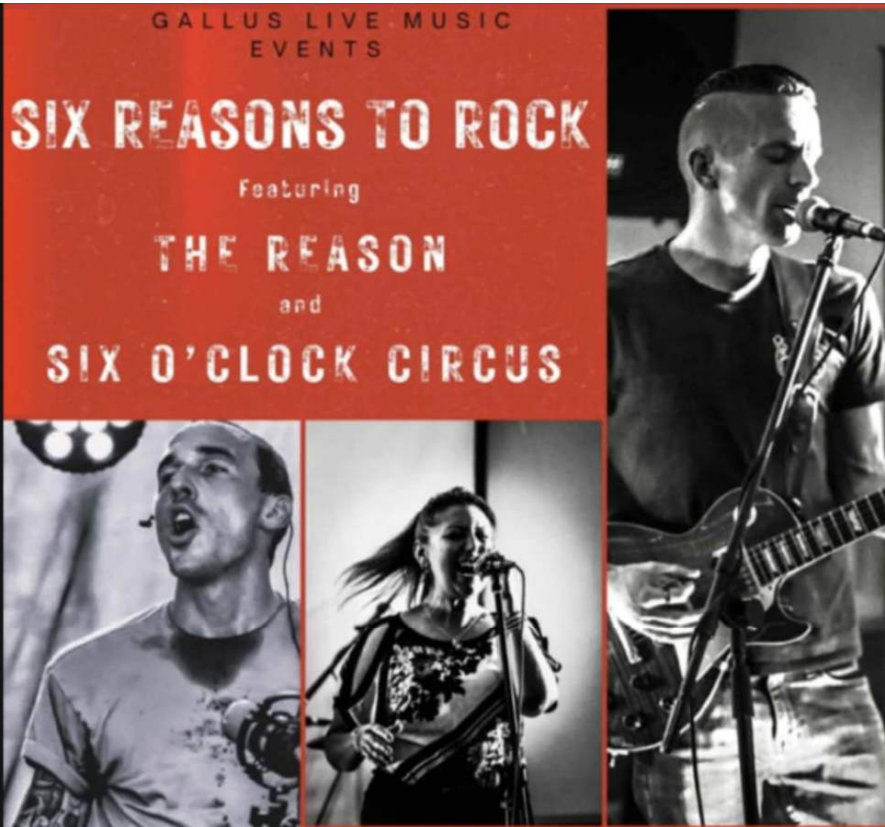


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Independent infrastructure consultants AECOM assessed the suitability, availability and achievability of different sites using a red, green and amber traffic light system to reflect the findings.

The work was carried out on behalf of Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2 Steering Group in preparation for a new neighbourhood plan. The existing plan runs out next year and having an up-to-date plan would give the community a degree of influence over future development in the parish.

It is hoped details of the exhibition will be ready to publish in next month's Church & Community News, as well as on the neighbourhood plan website <https://www.marketlavingtonnp2.org.uk/> and on posters around the village.

The steering group is also hoping AECOM's full report will be available for everyone to view via the neighbourhood plan website some time in October. Unfortunately, the steering group did not receive the final version of the report in time to publish it in early September as originally anticipated. Apologies to everyone for this unavoidable delay. A paper copy of the report will also be available to read in the library.

Villagers will have the opportunity to give their views on any of the sites using an online form which will be available on the neighbourhood plan website – or a paper form which will be available at the library. These views will be considered by the steering group, when it decides which of the proposed sites to include in the draft plan.

Once it has been drawn up, the draft plan will be subject to a six-week public consultation period before being submitted to Wiltshire Council for examination. It will then need to gain a majority of votes in a village referendum before it can be officially adopted.

Could you spare a few hours a month to take the minutes of a meeting?

Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is looking for a volunteer to take the minutes at its meetings. The task involves producing a very brief record of decisions made, items that need actioning and key discussion points. Bullet points would be fine.

Meetings are held once every four weeks at 7pm on a Tuesday in The Old School and last between one and two hours. Anyone who may be interested in helping is asked to email contact@marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk.



SITES ASSESSMENT: Report will be available to read in the library when final version is received

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Bishop Andrew's letter for October.

During the wistful first week of September, just before our youngest departed for university, we took a week's holiday in North Cornwall, to revisit a seaside haunt much enjoyed in their childhood. The high-baked summer heat finally giving way to that more familiar British blend of showery spells and sunny intervals, we eschewed the beaches in favour of the ruined splendour of Tintagel Castle, situated on an almost-island along the headland from our cottage.

Since 2019, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur has been connected to the coast by an elegant suspension bridge, the crossing of which offers giddily magnificent views. Perhaps helpfully, pedestrians can't see the rocks beneath them but for a 40mm gap, halfway across. The bridge is constructed in two sections, each drilled into its own side of the yawning chasm. The inch or two between them is, I learned, both structural and symbolic - representing the space between past and present, myth and reality. A lovely touch, I thought. As we cross the threshold into autumn, with its liturgical mood of gratitude and remembrance, let us rejoice that God bridges the ages in Jesus Christ: connecting us not only to the past events of our salvation but also the future hope of his heavenly kingdom. Whatever changes lie before us, he remains the way, the truth and the life.

Pope Leo XIV at a recent Wednesday Audience said, "We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. The Gospel teaches us that knowing how to stop is an act of trust. We need a day of rest. God rested after creating the universe. So did God the Son rest after completing the work of redemption, having loved us to the end. "

We might be more open to spare time, finding quiet and restful moments in the midst of it all. Sacred Space!!

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On revivals, quiet and loud

In his poem *Dover Beach*, published in 1867 Matthew Arnold pictured the tide going out on sea of faith with a “melancholy, long, withdrawing roar”. In some ways Arnold’s poem was quite prophetic. Church attendance figures have plummeted since the 1860s. For the first time on record the 2011 UK Census revealed that people who identify as Christian are now a minority in our country. New Atheists such as Richard Dawkins foretold that further religious decline was inevitable. Secular reason would soon obliterate the last vestiges of faith.

Not so fast. Newspapers are reporting an uptick in churchgoing among young adults. They are calling it “the quiet revival”. Some suggest that a newfound interest in faith is because the secular world is failing on its own terms. The up-and-coming generation were promised a more prosperous future. If only they knuckled down at school and went to Uni, the world would be their oyster. But having done all that, many now find that they can’t get a decent job. Owning their own home is a distant dream. That could be part of it.

But even in our secular age people have a longing for transcendence. The sense of connection at the summer’s Oasis concerts has been described in almost religious terms, as the crowd belts out “you and I are gonna live forever”. Although take note of Noel Gallagher’s caution in *Don’t Look Back in Anger*, “Please don’t put your life in the hands/Of a Rock ‘n’ Roll band/Who’ll throw it all away”.

Writing in *The Times*, James Marriott reports that young people are looking for a “full fat faith”, with a focus on encountering God in worship and clear Bible teaching. As yet, this “quiet revival” is rather patchy, with a focus on larger city churches. Although, some stirrings are also reported in more local fellowships.

While all this is welcome, at least to Christian observers, to date a renewed interest in following Jesus has not had a deep impact on the masses.

For that to happen we need a considerably louder revival. The last large-scale Christian awakening in Britain was the 1904/05 Revival, which was especially evident in Wales, although other parts of the UK were also affected. In that short period, it is said that over 100,000 new converts were added to the membership of churches in Wales alone.

Revival means bringing back to life something that was either dead or dying. As the writer G. K. Chesterton explained, “Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.” What Arnold failed to note was while the tide of faith may go out, it can always come back in again.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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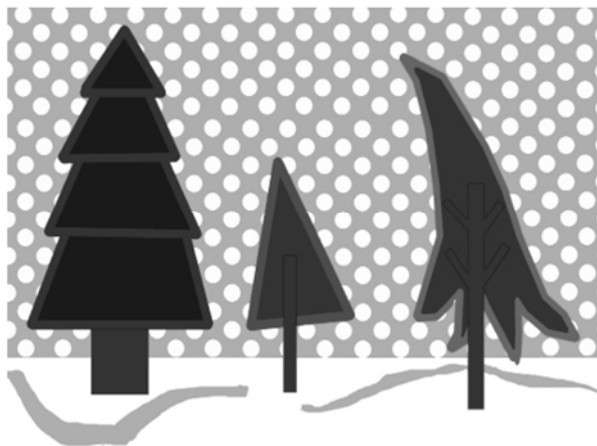
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Plus...the usual refreshments, competition and extras.

Existing and new members all very welcome.

Wednesday 15th October, 7:15pm
(for 7:30pm start)

West Lavington Village Hall, SN10 4HL



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Facebook: **Lavington &
District Gardening Club**



Lavington & District Gardening Club

Annual Produce Show

This event recently took place at Market Lavington Community Hall, as it does every year on the Saturday of August Bank holiday weekend. Despite concerns about how the weather may affect the growing of vegetables and flowers, it was another splendid display. Alongside them were many bakery goodies, jams, photographs and craft items - there is so much talent in our villages. The children and young people also showed off their creativity and cookery skills. Well done to one and all.

When the doors open in the afternoon, there's such a wonderful sense of community spirit with people viewing the exhibits and chatting over tea and delicious homemade cakes. The raffle is also popular and we'd like to thank club members for donating prizes, and local businesses that support us, namely Ask Alice, Caroline's Nails, Co-op, Courtyard Farm Shop, Day Lewis, Devizes Books, Douse Butchers, Duck Street Honey, Gemini, Geraldine Francis Ceramics, Hilperton Nursery, Loose Box Honey, Perfect Presence, Retro Relics, Roy Evans Metalikart, Rusty Ravens, Rutts Cider, St Arbucks, Simone Health & Beauty, Superior Plants, The Bell, The Cat's Whiskers, The Green Dragon, The Royal Oak and Vibrant Art by Ellen.

Thank you to everyone that made it such a resounding success. If you'd like to find out more about the gardening club, please visit our website www.lavingtongc.co.uk or email jane4taylor@gmail.com

Your village needs you.

Some people see where we live as “just a village”, a base to sleep after a day at work. And that’s fine.

Many of the rest us however love where we live. A place where we are bringing up our children, moved to for the community or the views.

Whatever your reason for living in this beautiful part of the world no village is kept running without people working together.

The Parish Council is currently under the number of Councillors we need to run it as efficiently as we would like. Do you have a little time each month you could spare to help make a difference? Being a councillor can be rewarding, interesting and an honour to be able to help maintain and improve our village.

You dont have to be a Councillor though. Volunteers are some of the people who make the biggest difference in our village. If you are handy with a shovel or would like our verges etc to look tidier’ we want to hear from you. Whatever difference you feel you could contribute to our community would be hugely appreciated. Are there any secondary school pupils venturing into college but have a little spare time. We need your help, your muscle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Mull over the prospect, give it some thought. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes. Chloe.

Cllr. Chloe Stevens. Chair. Market Lavington Parish Council.

C.stevens@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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Before “decking the halls” perhaps it’s time to clear the decks!

MLPC Community Events is pleased to present:



“Open Garages”
(residents’ garage sales)
on
Saturday 25th October from
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*Grab a bargain,
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MLPC Clerk Tanya West 07770 679697,
clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
or

Caz Davis, 07974 756296, jcarolinedavis@aol.com

Save the date!!! 25th October 2025.

Before you deck the halls, why not clear the decks?

One person’s rubbish is another person’s treasure as the saying goes. Market Lavington Parish Council are delighted to be holding the 2025 open garages event.

If you have items you no longer need, want and think others could make use of, please take part by having an open drive displaying your wares.

Proceeds from the £5 will be put back into further village events. For all you bargain hunters, we will release the garage locations 2 weeks before the 25th.

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Easterton

Sewing Bees

Many thanks to all those that supported and visited the Sewing Bees displays at the Easterton Village Fête at the end of August.

We put on a splendid show of all the creative garments, crafts and toys that have been made over the past year and which really showed the range of skills, expertise and the standard, of work from this accomplished local group.

October is upon us and so is Autumn. The weather seemed to change over night! The workshops continue, Introduction to Macramé and Crochet for beginners (#2) already completed, with a few others later in the year planned. If you would like to join, or come and see what we do, or would like more information, please contact:

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[Bar and doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm showing]

Dates for the new season are: 11th October;

15th November; 20th December; 10th January; 14th February;

14th March; 11th April; 9th May; 13th June and 11th July

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Don't just stand there – grab a tool!

Tools will be provided or you can bring your own 😊

The footpath **MLAV2** will be reinstated through Community Park, linking up with the permissive footpath, with a view to applying for funding to make the footpath from Grove Road to Ladywood accessible to all.

Positive community involvement is essential for funding; it is a question most asked in funding applications.

Throughout October there will be group sessions, weather permitting, to clear the route. Sessions will be Saturdays and Sundays 11-1, apart from the 18th and 19th other times by arrangement. Tools can be provided but initially anyone handy with a strimmer, chain saw and rake will be very welcome. A handy reminder will be displayed on the village notice board and on Facebook from time to time.

To celebrate National Tree Week there will be the planting of 105 hedging whips to denote the footpath edge, to aid biodiversity and mitigate climate change. These trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust. It is planned that local children will be involved in the planting taking place on the last weekend in November. Any Groups interested in taking part with both the reinstatement or the planting please get in touch we will be very pleased to have your help.

Devizes Library will be celebrating Tree Week with the help of the Tree Council and the Tree Wardens with lots of tree themed activities for children and books to read.

There are many plans for the future in Community Park, with the next stage being levelling the area next to the orchard for ball games and community events, but not necessarily both at the same time!

For more details contact:

Email: CWCPCommunityGroup@yahoo.com

Facebook: Friends of Canada Woods

Website: <https://friendsofcanadawoods.co.uk>



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26th at 2:00 AM**

Planning Applications

Market Lavington

PL/2025/06747 8 Church Street, SN10 4DT. Discharge of condition 3 a) extent of repointing and b) mortar of planning application PL/2022/02681 (Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and separate garage to side. Replacement with two storey extension (Amended design following approval of

PL/2022/00078). Formation of internal access to proposed extension at first floor level. Replacement of windows and repointing of external brickwork and stonework).

PL/2025/07437 Whiteknights, 34 High St., SN10 4AG. Holly Tree – Fell PL/2025/07096 Spring Villa 39 Church St. SN10 4DU. T1 T2 T3 Apples trees - Remove ivy and reduce and remove end weight by 2M to suitable pruning points.

T4 Sliver Birch tree - Reduce by 4 to 5m to suitable pruning points.

Easterton

PL/2025/06779 Eastcott House, 5 Eastcott Common, SN10 4PL.

Reconstruction of an existing masonry garden boundary wall that partially collapsed during extreme flooding.

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Our first lecture of the new season is at 10:45 for 11am on Wednesday October 15th in the Corn Exchange, Devizes, and is: “Murano Glass – The Jewel of Venice” given by Laurie Wickwire.

In this talk we explore how Murano became the epicentre of excellence for glassmaking across the world. We begin by exploring the origin of Venice and the building of 189 canals built to create the floating city of Venice, before taking a short gondola ride to the tiny island of Murano. Here we learn of the many enduring styles of Murano glass and delve into the lives of these ancient artisans.

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Church Services in September

5 th October		12 th October	19 th October	26 th October	2 nd November
	9am	Breakfast Church West Lavington			
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	
Benefice Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion St Mary's ☐ Market Lavington	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity and St Barnabas @ St Mary's Market Lavington	Benefice Service Communion St Peter's, Little Cheverell	United Service with Trinity and St Barnabas @ St Mary's Market Lavington	Benefice Service Communion All Saints', West Lavington
	11.00 am	Simple Celebration with Holy Communion St. Peters Great Cheverell		11.00am Morning Prayer St. Peters Great Cheverell	

October 31st 6.00pm
All Souls Service
St Barnabas - Easterton

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4.30pm **Ebenezer Baptist Church** West Lavington.

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