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	9.00am	West Lavington Breakfast Church			
Benefice Service At Great Cheverell	9.30am	Little Cheverell Holy Communion Common Prayer	West Lavington Holy Communion Common Worship	West Lavington Praise and Worship	Book of Common Prayer Benefice Service At Little Cheverell
		10.30 am United Service at Easterton	10.00 am Great Cheverell Welcome to Worship		
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	11.00am			Holy Communion at Easterton	

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am Sunday and 11am Wednesday Mass
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4.30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.
10.30 am Trinity Church in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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

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Reflection for February 2023

What is happening to our weather? Seasons, not that long ago, could be relied on.

The winter months were cold, sometimes with a period of snow in late December or early January with frosty morning and star filled night skies. We would see a modicum of rain and the odd winter storm. Spring temperatures warmed the earth and brought bulbs to flower. We would dodge the showers of rain and enjoy the lengthening days and the promise of summer's sun to follow.

Now rain floods the fields as the water table is exceeded. Rivers break their banks and wild seas batter the shoreline. A few days of deep frost is bracketed with higher than normal temperatures, and our spring bulbs, if not rotted in the ground break soil only to become fodder for the next deep frosts.

I remember being told back in the 70's that global warming would bring warm wet winters and hot dry summers to our shores. To me our weather just seems out of kilter.

Is this being out of kilter something that we, as a result of being a part of this world, are affected by? Are our lives also very much out of kilter? More and more are finding life a struggle and having to deal with problems that our parents thought were a thing of the past. Do we eat or keep warm? How do we pay the rent or council tax? Our lives are complicated and often we are ashamed to admit we are struggling. This is the human condition. And the only thing that can get us through this is HOPE. The hope we can all find in the story of the resurrection of Christ is free. And to access this hope all you have to do is believe that Christ loves you so much that he died for you.

This prayer is from "Saying yes to life" by Ruth Valerio.

To the one who surges into the fissures that cannot be accessed,
to the one who floods into the crevices that cannot be reached,
to the one whose presence exposes, clarifies, restores, and cultivates.

We bask. We thrive. We harbour no secrets.

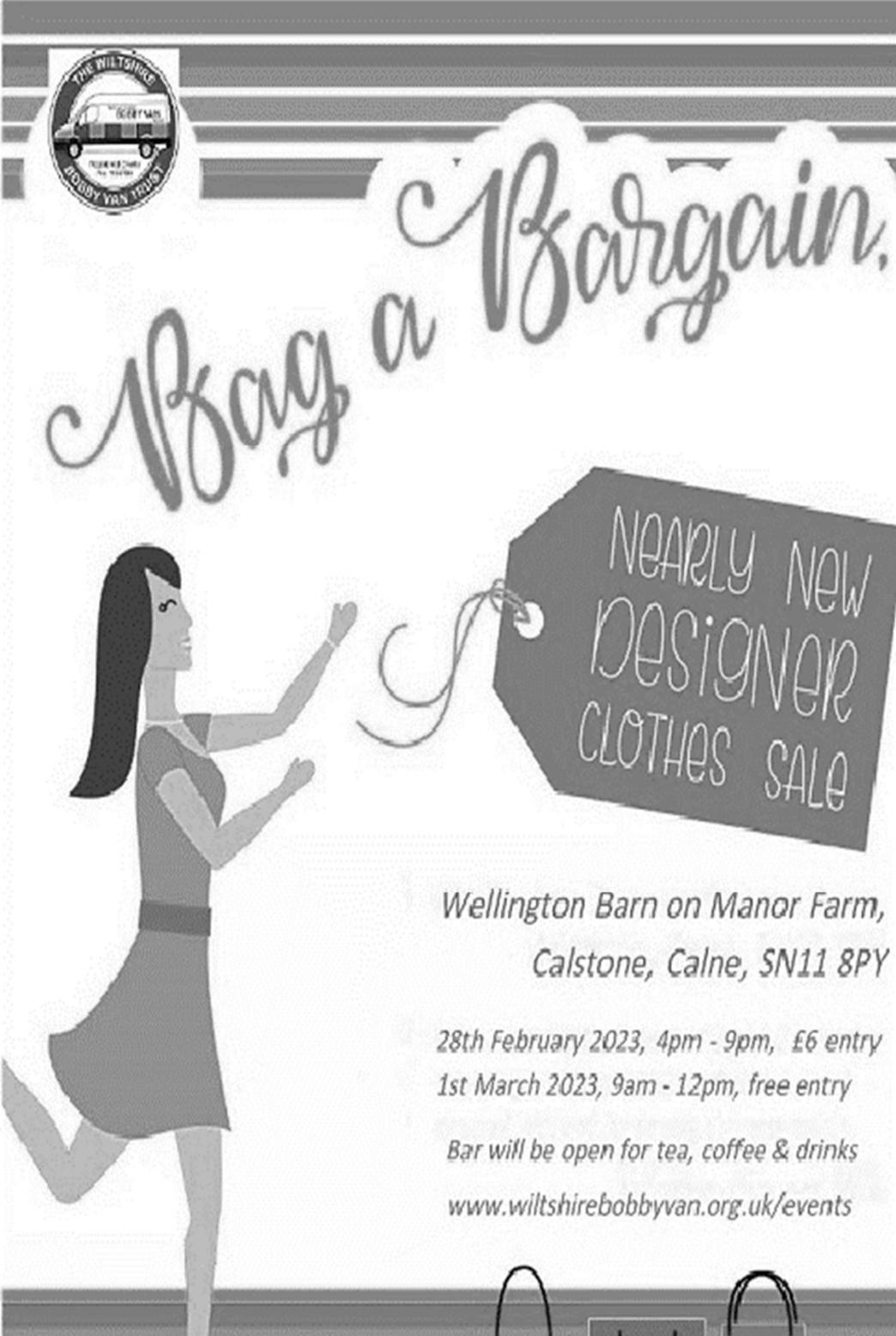
We hold onto no heaviness we fear makes us unloved.

You are the first ingredient for life.

The universe, not to mention our hearts,
would wither away without you, Light of the world.

Amen

Wednesday February 22nd 6.00pm
Ash Wednesday Service
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Two guests came to the January Parish Council meeting. The first guest was Anthony, the consultant working with West Lavington Parish Council on the review of their Neighbourhood Plan. Soon Market Lavington will have to review its neighbourhood plan as well. If Wiltshire Council does not demand additional building on top of that already in the plan then the review date can just be rolled forward. If landowners that own land agreed for residential development no longer want their land made available or Wiltshire Council want more land for residential development then a formal review will have to happen. Large parts of the plan would be retained and so the review process would be simpler than the original development. Grants will be available to cover costs and all villagers would be asked to feed their views into the plan.

The second guest was Sophie, Her partner Liam who was given permission to metal detect on Parish Council land, but and was held up at work.. Sophie brought along a collection of finds from Canada Woods, including a butter knife, a crucifix, and various coins dating from Roman times through to 1964. The council recognised that they had no financial or monetary value but asked for items to be presented to the museum.

The Co-op has confirmed plans to relocate its Market Lavington store to a new, larger spot in the village.

The current store is on the High Street, but the supermarket chain has announced plans to build a new shop at The Spring. It means a larger store built with wider aisles, a larger range of products available, a bigger instore bakery and 15 dedicated car parking spaces.

Locals people will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on the move.

A Co-op spokesperson said: "Co-op is committed to serving and supporting the community and has shared details of its proposal to relocate to a new and improved store with enhanced range, choice, and services to better serve members and customers in the area.

Co-op say that because the plans are to increase the size of the village's store all current staff will retain their jobs and more jobs will be created for the local community.

If the planning application is successful Co-op plans to relet the current High Street building.

Baptisms

Eliza Joan NICHOLLS was baptised at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 5th November 2022.

Albert Jeffra Mark WADMAN and Henrietta Jo-Ann WADMAN were baptised by Rev Marion Harrison in West Lavington on 10th December 2022.

Funerals and burials

Joy THOMAS of Littleton Panell died on 24th September 2022, aged 82 years. A service was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 20th October led by Rev Caroline Spindlow. Her ashes were then buried in the churchyard.

Michael PEET of West Lavington died suddenly on 27th September 2022, aged 79 years. His funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, taken by Rev Hugh Hoskins, on 25th October was followed by cremation. His ashes were buried on 10th December 2022 by Rev Marion Harrison.

(Some rather sad news was that **Rev Hugh HOSKINS** died unexpectedly on 6th December. He was vicar at All Saints' Church, West Lavington from 1990 to 1998 and at Pewsey before retiring to Hilperton Marsh. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to his wife Alison and their extended family.)

Peggy Dawn Heather WHITE formerly of Market Lavington died at Salisbury District Hospital on 8th October 2022 aged 92 years. Her funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was taken by Rev Keith Brindle on 4th November 2022.

June Elaine WIMBLEDON of West Lavington died at Dauntsey House on 24th October 2022, aged 90 years. Her funeral and burial, led by Rev Marion Harrison, took place at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 17th November 2022.

Georgina Mary Ada BAKER of Market Lavington died at HCOne Care Home, Market Lavington on 29th November 2022, aged 94 years. Her funeral was held at St Barnabas Church, Easterton and taken by Rev Marion Harrison and was followed by burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 14th December 2022.

West Lavington youth club update

As we move into the new year the Youth Club has re-opened. We continue to serve a dedicated group of young people in West Lavington and now have a successful night in Market Lavington. The new Monday night Market Lavington session is at the community hall from 7 – 9 for those aged in school year 6 and above. We have been well supported by other users of the hall, including the table tennis club who have kindly allowed us to use some of their equipment. We have also received kind support from St Arbucks in the village. It is really pleasing to know that the local community sees the benefit of a youth club and want to help support us to support the needs of local young people. We were pleased to have 13 young people from Market Lavington attend the first session. Our West Lavington nights, Tuesday for primary years 4 -6 and Wednesday for school years 7 plus, are now well attended by a regular group of young people. We are planning sessions for the term ahead and look forward to being able to get back outside once the evenings begin to brighten up. All our planned activities can be found on our Facebook page, along with photos of sessions.

As a registered charity we are overseen by a board of trustees, many of whom have been steering the youth club since its creation some twenty years ago. Having seen the youth club successfully re-open after the uncertainties of Covid-19 several founding trustees are now at the point of wanting to hand the baton onto the next generation. If you would be interested in becoming a trustee, or indeed assisting the youth club in any other way, please do get in contact. As a registered charity we do rely on the support of local people and local organisations.

If you would like more information about anything the youth centre does either find us on Facebook or email westlavingtonyouthclub2022@gmail.com we'd love to hear feedback on what we've done and what we can do going forward.

Dave, Joshy, Ellen, Chloe, Charlotte and Rex



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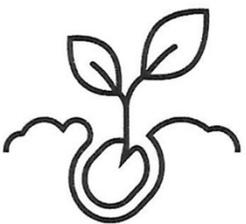
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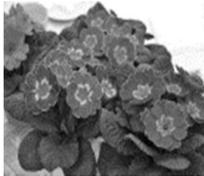


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19th FEBRUARY- TRINITY CHURCH JOINING WITH CALNE METHODIST
(10.30am start) Community Hall Market Lavington(via zoom)

26th FEBRUARY- TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE
Led by Revd. Gary Gotham



(N.B. All Trinity Services start at 10.30am in the Community Hall unless otherwise stated. Thank you.)

Visitors are always welcome to call in and meet us. All services are accompanied by refreshments. We are following current regulations to help keep you safe.

Benefice 200 Club 2023

Once again we start a new year with a big thank you to all of you who bought a 200 Club ticket for 2023. If you did not there is still time and will help with Benefice funds to employ the church secretary. Details beneath.

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Public Vote:

No6 The Community Choir with Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The Carols depicted were:-

1. The Guides: The Holly and the Ivy
2. Trinity Church: We Three Kings
3. Easterton Village Hall: In the Bleak Mid-Winter
4. Sewing Bee: Oh Christmas Tree
5. Museum: 12 Days of Christmas
6. Community Choir: Hark the Herald Angels Sing
7. W.I: While Shepherds Watched
8. St Barnabas School: Away in a Manger
9. The Tuesday Club: Away in a Manger

A huge thank you to all those who contributed, your imaginative trees and support helped to make the event a huge success and enabled us to raise nearly £400 for church funds.

A special thank you to Karl Wiltshire at Wiltshire Wealth Management for his kind donation and raffle prizes.

Watch this space for further information about next year's theme.

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My favourite film of 2022 was probably Living, starring Bill Nighy as an ageing civil servant, Mr. Williams. The character's life is stuck on hold in a bureaucratic machine. County Hall where he works seems to operate with the sole purpose of stopping anything happening that would improve the lot of 1950's Londoners.

No capes are donned. No skyscrapers crumble, but the movie packs a powerful punch. Mr. Williams receives the devastating news that he is terminally ill. His first response is to try and live it up a bit with a trip to the seaside. But escapism fails to satisfy his desire to live out his days well, rather than just existing for the drudgery of the office.

What does it for Mr Williams is returning to work. He unites his team in a project that will actually do something for the ordinary people of London, a city that has not yet been rebuilt following the Blitz. The message of the film is that we find purpose in life by doing things that make a difference for others. The final scenes are almost unbearably poignant.

Jesus said, 'I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly'. That's why he died for his people on the cross and rose from the dead. But Jesus' vision of abundant life isn't an endless round of parties, glitz and glamour. He called upon his followers to love their neighbour as themselves, to care for the sick and feed the poor. Life to the full is for those who believe in the Lord Jesus, die to self and give their lives in the service of others. That's living alright.

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Exciting Progress towards new Club House!

Thanks to a combination of fundraising and successful grant applications, the Club has raised a tremendous £27,000 towards our new clubhouse to replace that lost almost a year ago in Storm Eunice.

To take the project forward, a Project Manager has been appointed and a club house design has been selected. We are awaiting the outcome of one final grant submission at the end of January which, if successful, would enable us to place the contract for the build! Watch this space. Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported us in the journey so far.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our supporters from everyone at the club!

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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

Equa Music Concert

Our Year 6 pupils recently represented DAPS at the Equa Music concert at the Wiltshire Music Centre. All eight schools that are in Equa sent pupils to represent them and each school had a poem read and a song sang with the theme New Beginnings. Our pupils sang 'Hold back the river' beautifully and represented us in the best possible way. Well done Oak Class.

Our House System at DAPS

At DAPS, we have a House System that is a real strength for our school. Belonging to a House and participating in activities allows pupils to interact with children of different ages, cultures and backgrounds. It also helps foster their caring side as they support other children from different years, for example, helping them during sports day. This breaks down barriers between age groups and pushes children out of their comfort zones, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

Using house point systems has been shown to have a positive impact on motivation and behaviour, as well as encouraging a sense of identity belonging among school pupils. Such systems include all pupils, not just the highest achievers, and help develop a variety of skills other than academic. Our Houses are named after local historical sites that are learnt about as a part of our curriculum: Stonehenge, Avebury, Silbury and Sarum.

Volunteering in school and strengthening our Governor team

Subject to the necessary safety checks, we are always keen to welcome volunteers to help us within school through supporting events, listening to children read or helping us maintain our beautiful gardens and grounds! We are also keen to attract new Governors to join our committed and experienced team. We are particularly looking for people with a background in education, health or welfare matters to help support both the school and our staff. If you are interested in joining the friendly and supportive team of Governors at DAPS please email Chris Thorne (Chair of Governors) at cthorne@daps.wilts.sch.uk.

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Christmas was celebrated in style by Lavington Community Choir on Friday 16th December

The evening included solos from guest soprano Jess, instrumental pieces featuring Paula, Tony, Tim and Nick, and a varied programme of festive music sung by the choir ably assisted by the audience.

An excellent raffle and retiring collection raised a little over £400 for the local charity Devizes Open Doors

LATEST NEWS is that rehearsals for our summer concert on Friday July 7th have BEGUN!! But it's not too late to join in.

New voices are always very welcome and your first session is free.

There are no auditions and rehearsal tracks are provided on the choir website so it isn't necessary to be able to read music

We meet at Market Lavington Community Hall on Thursday evenings at 8 for an 8.15 start.

The subscription is £4 per week or we have termly and half termly rates too.

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A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

I hope 2023 has started positively for everyone and despite the miserable weather, the evenings are getting a little lighter each day. If, like me, you have younger children you will be used to the countdown to Christmas starting at the beginning of September - allow me to cheer you up by saying, at the time of writing this, there are only 61 sleeps until Spring and even less by the time you're reading it!

As is always the case in winter, our roads are suffering hugely from heavy rain followed by freezing temperatures which cause any cracks in the road surface to explode. Parish Stewards and the Highways teams are constantly moving across the area patching-up potholes to keep the roads useable. I speak to many people who view this work as a "bodge job" and miss the point that this is exactly what it is designed to be. Temporary pothole repairs are carried out to get us through another six months until our roads reach the top of the county-wide resurfacing programme schedule. This schedule is a public document and provides a target date for large scale "proper" resurfacing repairs across the area. If you would like a copy of the document, drop me an email and I will forward it to you.

The most important thing where potholes are concerned is to use the recently updated MyWilts app or website to report them (or any other issue you spot). I reported two potholes using the app last week and within 48 hours the team had come out and fixed them. Not only does the app highlight issues, it allows us to retrospectively analyse data. I am keen to hold third-party contractors to account where road surfacing appears to be of poor quality. Being able to look back at the number of potholes reported in a specific section of road over the last year is a vital tool.

If you didn't see the Gazette & Herald article about Black Dog or the BBC Points West coverage you surely can't have missed discussions on Facebook! This last month I continued to lobby our Highways officers, the previous Cabinet member for Highways and his replacement, Cllr Caroline Thomas, and the Police & Crime Commissioner. It is clear to me that a speed reduction through the junction needs to be implemented alongside other proposed changes. Wiltshire Police is being consulted on a speed reduction to 40mph which all seven surrounding parish councils support.

I hope the Police will take note of recent incidents at the junction and see that reduced speed is a logical piece of the puzzle. In almost all cases, incidents are caused by people pulling out from the side roads in front of oncoming vehicles on the A360. Improving the angle of approach of the side roads, and the visibility splays, will help drivers better judge whether traffic is approaching on the A360 from either direction. If A360 traffic was moving at 100mph it would be impossible to safely judge whether it is safe to pull out. Likewise, if traffic was moving at 5mph it would be very easy. The logic follows therefore, that it is safer pulling out within a 40mph limit than within a 50mph limit. I have to say that Wiltshire Police has shown a renewed willingness to support us across the area recently and so I wait with hope for a positive response.

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.

A HUGE 'THANK-YOU' FROM ANN WALKER.

By now, most people know that on 31st December 2022, after just over 6 ½ years, I retired from running the church choir in WL, although I will still continue to sing with the choir. As I am the only alto warbling on a regular basis, they cannot let me go!

However, on 21st December, after the Christmas carol service at WL, to my amazement, I was presented with a huge hamper, nay, a treasure trove of goodies – mostly to eat, but some to enjoy as fragrance. Thank you to everyone who organized and subscribed to this lovely present – it was totally unexpected and much appreciated. And I am still reeling from Ken Morrison's speech! Thank you again.

And that's not all! On 1st January, again at WL church, but this time by Marion, I was presented with the most beautiful Swedish glass bowl – as a 'thank-you' present from the Benefice. The bowl is absolutely gorgeous – rather like a glass sunflower. I love it and I will treasure it for the rest of my life. I feel very blessed to have been given such a lovely present, so thank you all again, and again, and again.

I cannot finish without thanking our organist, Paul Skelton, and the choir – Richard, Peter, Bob, Bonnie and Anji, plus occasional members, Tim, Ken and Vanessa – for their incredible patience during my very steep learning curve in 'how to lead a choir!' It has been a delight to do so, and one of the joyful experiences in my life which I will treasure forever.

Seize The Day - fundraising gig at Devizes Corn Exchange

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The trio was formed in 2019 by violinist Enyuan Khong, with cellist Charlotte Kaslin and pianist Elisabeth Pion; they were recommended to us by the international music charity IMS-Prussia Cove, with whom we have had links for several years now. They were selected for the IMS masterclasses in April 2022, cementing their reputation as one of the most talented and exciting ensembles of their generation.

They have put together a programme for the afternoon which combines the 'late great' composers Beethoven and Dvorak, with short works by two female composers, Gabriela Lena Frank, and Lili Boulanger. Frank is Peruvian/American, and a giant of the contemporary US classical music scene, who as well as being mixed race Latina, has also overcome serious hearing loss. Lili Boulanger, a child prodigy, died in 1918 at the tragically early age of 24 having already demonstrated a genius which would have ranked her among the greats of 20th century composition.

The concert starts at 2.30pm in Edington Priory Church, and we hope you will stay on afterwards for tea and cake, and the chance to chat to these three sparky and very talented musicians.

Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org for tickets, which are £20/15/10; 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under come free.

Separate bins for domestic upholstered seating to be introduced at Wiltshire's Household Recycling Centres

Following recent new guidance from the Environment Agency, residents will see new bins at Wiltshire's Household Recycling Centres allocated for the separate disposal of upholstered domestic seating, such as sofas, armchairs, and home office chairs.

New Environment Agency requirements mean that certain items can no longer be sent to landfill and must be disposed of by incineration. In Wiltshire, these items will be sent to facilities that create energy from waste. The new rules have been put in place because some upholstered seating may contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) that are harmful to the environment if sent to landfill. POPs can be found in the fire-retardant chemicals used in the padding, linings and coverings of upholstered domestic seating.

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are chemicals that accumulate and remain in the environment for long periods and can have harmful impacts on wildlife and the wider environment if sent to landfill.

Plastics are again on the Eco-agenda

In January 2021, we wrote: "The fact that plastics are now a serious concern for the planet is evidenced by the fact that more and more governments are proposing measures to reduce their impact. Environmental pollution is one reason; it can take up to between 500 and 1,000 years for plastics to decompose in landfills and the chemicals that go into plastics during the manufacturing process can potentially leach out into our food, water and bodies. Another reason is that the manufacturing of plastic products affects the environment through carbon emissions and other types of airborne pollution contributing to global warming. Researchers worry particularly about the effects on children and what continued accumulation means for future generations."

In January 2023, plastics are back on the agenda. Having already banned the sale of plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds in England in its fight against single use plastic waste, the Government is now expected to announce the phasing out of the use of single-use plastic cutlery, plates and polystyrene cups, to be replaced by biodegradable alternatives. It is also thought to be looking at wet wipes and tobacco filters among other single-use plastics.

A spokesperson for The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said: "We are determined to go further and faster to reduce, reuse and recycle more of our resources in order to transform our waste industry and deliver on our commitments in the ambitious 25-year environment plan."

Environmental groups have welcomed this initiative and, as we've said in the past, each of us can choose not to use products containing plastic and purchase sustainable alternatives instead. As consumers, we can also look to make manufacturers change the way they produce by changing the way we consume.

Hoping that our 2023 will be as plastics-free as possible!

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February by Jane [Goodwin] Austin
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St. Barnabas School

We have had an exciting start to the Spring term in Stonehenge Class. In our Talk for Writing unit, we have been exploring settings through our model text inspired by the story of The Secret Garden. The children have been using a range of ways to describe and bring a setting to life. The children have been using personification and metaphors in their innovation writing. In History, we have loved learning about the Shang Dynasty and the children are working on developing their knowledge in order to answer our big question ‘How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an Ancient Chinese mystery? We have also been learning about the important Kings of the era and how animal bones were used to communicate with the Gods. The children have enjoyed looking at some artefacts and discussing what they might have been used for. In Maths, Year 6 have been developing their arithmetic skills and have been exploring how to solve problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Year 5 have been using different methods to solve multiplication and division calculations. In Science, we have been investigating the properties of different materials and understanding how different mixtures are separated. The children are looking forward to planning and conducting experiments about evaporation and filtering. What a great start to the year!

In Savernake class so far this term, we have been exploring the model text ‘The Egyptian Cinderella’ which is a twist on the traditional tale, where the children have enjoyed learning and exploring with a focus on descriptive writing, ready for us to create our own independent descriptive story based on a traditional tale. In History we have been answering the big question ‘How do we know who the Anglo-Saxon’s were and what was important to them?’ Which has included looking into how they became citizens of Britain, what their settlements were like and how they lived, and exploring historic artifacts. In Maths this term, both Year 3 and 4 have been learning about multiplication and division, which is also supporting the Year 4 children in preparing for their MTC in June. The children are also very much looking forward to starting whole class violin lessons next week! Finally, in Science, we have been exploring the big question ‘How are sounds heard?’ Which the children have thoroughly enjoyed investigating.

Silbury Class have been learning to write dialogue in literacy which they’ve have excelled at. It has included using inverted commas, question marks and exclamation marks. In History we’ve been learning about ‘continuity’ with the past which has included learning about toys from the 1960’s which may have impacted upon children’s toys and play today. In Maths children have been focusing on money and in Art they have been learning about print, transferring an image from one surface to another.

Sarum Class have got straight back in to some exciting learning after Christmas using the story ‘Lost and Found’ as a basis for Literacy. We’ve also used the amazing winter weather to help develop our understanding of cold, freezing and melting and linking this to Learning about cold places such as Antarctica. They enjoyed the challenge of making sledges and skidoos as well as planning an explorers trip and writing a list of things they would take with them. We have been ‘photo detectives’ and looking at how pictures give us clues about things that happened in the past and are looking forward to taking a walk into the village to visit the Market Lavington Museum and look at old photos of where we live later this term. Forest School sessions have continued across the school with some great artwork being produced using stones, leaves and sticks to show the changing Winter colours. We are so proud of all the children and the efforts that they are making to be the very best that they can be.

Sports Facilities Survey

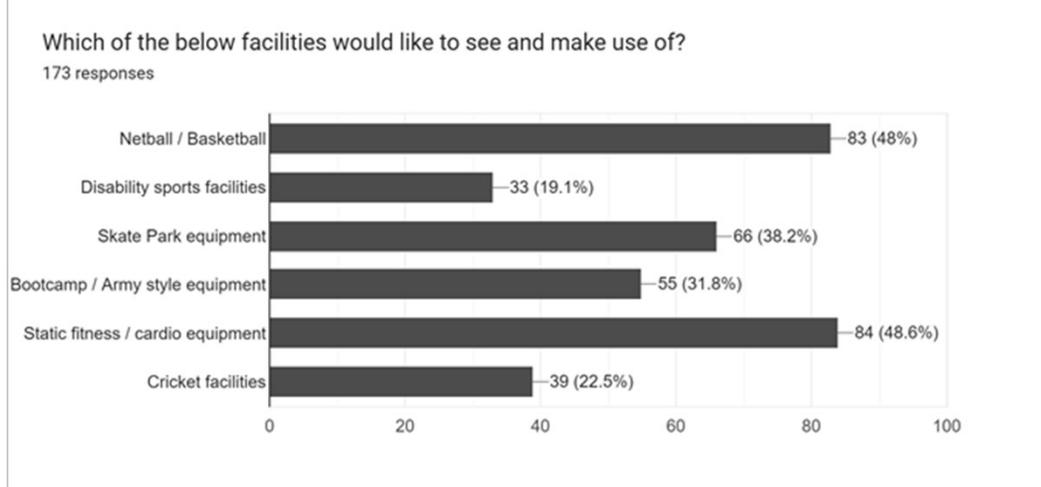
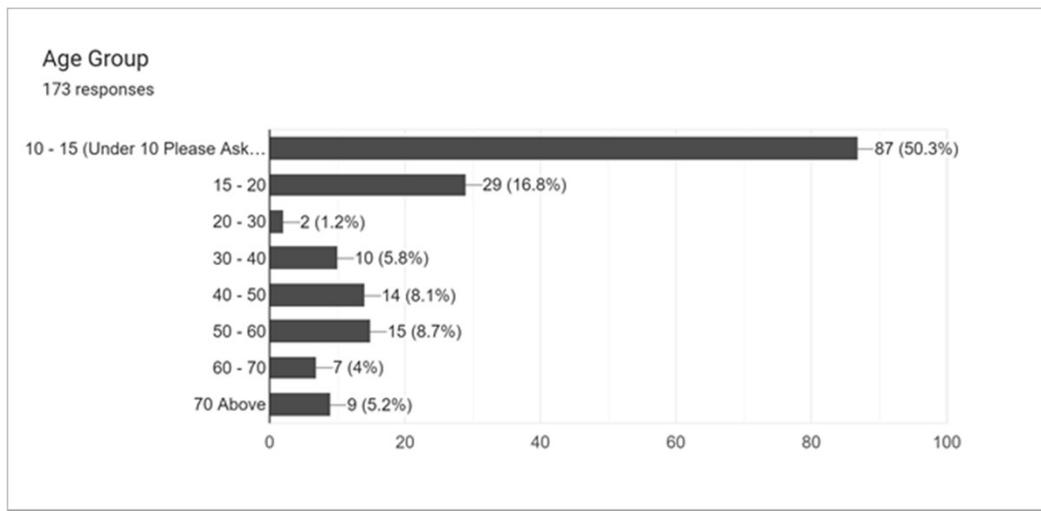
Results

During the last 2 months of 2022 residents and school pupils in Market Lavington were canvassed to find out what sort of new sports facilities were desired in Market Lavington.

The Sports Facilities Working Group, which consists of Parish Councillors and other people interested in developing options for sport will be working with other groups to raise money, and organise sports facilities based on this feedback.

Thanks are owed to everyone who completed and returned the forms, and those who have come together to improve sports facilities in Market Lavington. If you would like to get involved please contact Carol our Parish Clerk and you will be sent details of the next meeting of the Working Group in the Green Dragon Skittle Alley.

Colin Osborn, Chair, Market Lavington Parish Council





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