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A group of people will be meeting up to Spring Clean the Broadwell Area and The Muddle Path.

Everyone is welcome to join us and bring their tools along.

Insurance for the event is being provided by the Market Lavington Parish Council.
Watch the Parish Council Facebook page for the latest information.

The Elisha Field

As the years have gone by there are fewer organised groups using the Elisha Field.
Currently it is only used regularly by the Worton and Cheverell Football Club, children using the playground and various Dog Walkers

If you have ideas about increasing usage of the Elisha Field please contact the Parish Council, or come to the Market Lavington Parish Council meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday March 15th.
You will be able to tell the council about your ideas near the start of the meeting.

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	6 March Lent 1		13 th March Lent 2	20 th March Lent 3	27 th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	3 rd April Lent 5
Early Morning		9.00am	West Lavington Breakfast Church			
		9.30am	Little Cheverell Holy Communion BCP	West Lavington Holy Communion Common Worship	West Lavington Praise and Worship	
Late Morning	Benefice Communion St. Barnabas Church Easterton 10.30 am	10.00am		Great Cheverell Welcome to Worship	10.30 am Great Cheverell Lay Led	Benefice Communion
		11.00am	Great Cheverell Holy Communion	Easterton Holy Communion Common Worship		Great Cheverell 10.30 am
		11.00am	United Service at Easterton Rev. Gary Gotham		St Mary's and St Barnabas Holy Communion Common Worship	
		4.30 pm		Easterton Contempl- ative Prayer Service		
Afternoon						

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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

Rector: Rev. Marion Harrison 816963

Address: The Rectory, 25 White Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LW
lavingtonrector@gmail.com

Benefice Office as above churchlavington@gmail.com

Fridays and the last Thursday of the month are the Rector's days off.

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

Church Wardens

Market Lavington

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Sue Allen 813603

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

Trinity United Church (Methodist/URC)

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Reflection for March 2022

“Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord. “

(Latin, before 12th century)

This year early March sees the start of Lent. That period of time with its characteristic notes of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, preparation for Easter and, since the Victorian era, almsgiving.

Here in our Benefice, we start our Lent with a Service of Ashing on 2nd March in All Saints, West Lavington at 6.00pm.

This Year there will be Lent courses on Tuesday evenings at the home group, and for those who don't want to or can't leave their homes there is a course on Zoom on Tuesday afternoons and again on Tuesday evenings. To sign up for any of these please get in touch with the Rector. (Details below).

There will be traditional services for Mothering Sunday with flowers for our children to take home for their mother's and services of celebration for Palm Sunday. These services are family friendly and you are invited to celebrate with us. (See Service times and place)

In Holy Week itself (10 to 17 April) we are offering services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. And the best thing about church, is that the fellowship is free.

And who in our benefice is not looking forward to Easter? Simnel cake, chocolate eggs, daffodils and new born lambs. We may even see the sun to warm our tired bones!

With all of God's blessings for you and your families

Rev. Marion Harrison 01380 816963

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Community Jubilee Picnic

on the Elisha Field

– Friday 3rd June –

fancy dress competition,
music, football shoot etc.

Nearer the date, let the council know if
you want to reserve an area for your
street or your club, so that you can picnic
together.

Canada Woods

Looking forwards

The woods and council land around it can not be just left
to fend for itself.

The Market Lavington Parish Council is putting together
plans to make it a space that can be accessed by as many
villagers as possible.

This will involve cutting down some trees to allow space
for mature trees to live longer, and young trees to
develop.

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Whenever Spring might be said officially to begin, it's certainly welcome. It's been a mild winter overall, but it's still a joy to see the daffodils in bloom and to know that lighter evenings are on the way. There are also hopeful signs that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is behind us, with brighter days ahead.

The annual round of the seasons is testimony to the faithfulness of God. As it says in the Book of Genesis, 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

Spring is the season when Christians celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead. The long dark winter of the world is over. By his death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb Jesus broke the power of sin that reigns in death. Spring is sprung. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Jesus offers this abundant life to all who hear his voice and come to him, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Pastor: Guy Davies
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To find out more and/or make a self-referral visit: <https://bit.ly/WiltshireSARC>

Rape can happen to anybody whatever their gender, class, race, ability, or age. But the good news is, support is available to everyone too. If you need help or advice following a sexual assault, you can call us anonymously to ask advice, on 01793 781916.

If a person is in a relationship with someone or has had sex with them before, this doesn't mean that they can't be sexually assaulted by that person. Consent must be given and received every time people engage in sexual contact

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27th MARCH - **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Communion service led by Rev. Gary Gotham



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Purpose & aims

To prepare the ground for shaping a benefice vision for the future. To help each church recognise its strengths and find its particular place and role within the benefice.

Theme:

The emphasis will be on discovering the vocation for each church – and together as a benefice. As this is a vision day, people will be asked to use their imagination about their hopes for the church in their community, which we will use to energise our thoughts for tackling the harder issues of change after the experience of the last two years.

- Hopes & dreams. Imagine your village, parish, or church ‘made new’ in the Kingdom of God. What would it be like? What would you love to see? Could be worked on individually – using image cards, post-its ideas, pencil sketch or description – then shared in group.
- What would this mean for your church?
- What would need to change – and how?



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Philippa Ann THOMPSON of Easterton died on 13th January 2022, aged 33 years. Her funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was well attended by friends and family. The service was followed by cremation on 7th February 2022.

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One of our focus children shared that they had carried out act of kindness at home, so we chose to do our very own act of kindness. The children helped to make a picture of a flower using tissue paper and they chose to share our act of kindness with Mrs Winbolt (Head of Dauntsey Academy Primary School), who was thrilled with her picture.

We have been on some wonderful walks around our local countryside, where we have seen sheep, goats, a horse called Mo, geese, chickens and first snowdrops in bud, when we went out the following week we saw that the snowdrops had flowered. The children shared great discussions about the animals we saw and they were fascinated by the "waterfall" we could hear and see.

The children enjoyed sharing their love and making Valentine's Day craft which they gave to their parents and carers.

We would like to thank all our families for their support and would like to wish them well during the half term break.

Julie Langlands Manager Lavington Preschool
managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or telephone 01380 812551.

Changes to the Highway Code since January 29th

Advice in the code has changed, you can not be prosecuted for ignoring the changes but if there is an accident breach of the code can be used in evidence for deciding blame.

This is a very brief summary of items relevant to our parishes.

ALL road users should be aware of the full Highway Code, including cyclists, riders and pedestrians.

The introduction section of The Highway Code has been updated to include 3 new rules about the new 'hierarchy of road users'.

The hierarchy places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy. It does not remove the need for everyone to behave responsibly.

Only pedestrians may use the pavement.

Pedestrians include wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

Pedestrians may use any part of the road and use cycle tracks as well as the pavement, unless there are signs prohibiting pedestrians.

All traffic should give way at junctions to pedestrians wanting to cross.

Drivers, motorcyclists, horse drawn vehicles, horse riders and cyclists at a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.

Drivers, motorcyclists, horse drawn vehicles should give space to horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians and not cut in front of them at junctions.

On bridleways, Byways, and cycle paths, cyclists give way to horse riders, and both give way to pedestrians.

If a road is blocked by a herd of animals, stop and switch off your engine until they have left the road.

Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away. Always pass wide and slowly.

Individual cyclists should ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads, in slower-moving traffic and at the approach to junctions, keeping at least 0.5 metres (just over 1.5 feet) away from the kerb edge (and further where it is safer) when riding on busy roads with vehicles moving faster than them

You may cross a double-white line if necessary (provided the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10 mph or less. Wait behind them and do not overtake if it's unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.

The updated code confirms that people cycling may pass slower-moving or stationary traffic on their right or left. They should proceed with caution as people driving may not be able to see them.



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There are now 7 different sets of collection dates covering the Parishes of Market Lavington and Easterton. It is now too complicated to publish on a monthly basis.

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 and it was wonderful to be back together again, especially as we were
 welcoming some people who hadn't sung with us for some time and
 there were some new voices too.

We warmly welcome anyone who fancies a sing every Thursday at the
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In 2011 the National Garden Scheme set up an award scheme in memory of Elspeth Thompson, the much-loved garden writer and journalist who died in 2010. Elspeth was a great friend and supporter of the National Garden Scheme; she also wrote an admired 'Urban Gardener' column in the Sunday Telegraph. Her column often celebrated community gardens and so the awards support gardening projects carried out within local communities all over England and Wales.

Previously managed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society, from 2019 the scheme became wholly managed by the National Garden Scheme.

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In 2020 we gave out awards to 44 projects bringing the total of projects supported to-date to over 100, with a total amount donated of £209,384 (see below).

Applications for 2022 are now open.
<https://ngs.org.uk/cga-application/>

Planning Applications

Market Lavington

PL/2022/00461. Weathertop, Parham Lane, Temporary Rural Workers Dwelling (for a period of three years)

Easterton

No applications this month.

West Lavington

PL/2021/11899 Land South of Lavington Lane, Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 20/09350/OUT to discharge all remaining Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale), the full discharge of Condition 13 and the partial discharge of Conditions 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19, 20 and 21, for land south of Lavington Lane, West Lavington.50 homes.

ENFORCEMENT APPEAL DECISION - ENF/2021/00498 - Land to North of Bouverie Lodge, Spin Hill, Market Lavington, Devizes - APP/Y3940/C/21/3284019 & APP/Y3940/C/21/3284020
The notice, reference ENF/2021/00498, was issued on 17 August 2021.
The requirements of the notice are

- a) Permanently cease the use of the Land for residential purposes.
- b) Permanently remove all residential paraphernalia associated with the unauthorised use from the Land. This includes but is not limited to, generator, bbq, gazebo, gas cylinders, chairs, tables, bicycles.
- c) Demolish the building including all associated hard standing, foundations, septic tank and drainage which facilitate the siting of the building.
- d) Permanently remove the resultant materials that arise from compliance to requirement c) from the Land.
- e) Restore the ground level to match the profile of the Land that existed prior to the unauthorised development taking place.

The period for compliance with the requirements is: 9 months.

Work will have to be completed by 10/11/2022

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3284019>

Details of planning applications are available at

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/?tabset-167f1=3>

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Or by visiting the council offices on the Devizes Library site

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Monday March 14th "Barton Quilts"

Barton Quilts is a sewing day to make quilts for Barton Camp, which is a holiday. establishment for disadvantaged children outside Bristol. We send approximately 30 quilts for the individual children each year.
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'The Great Fashion Fast'

In July last year, we wrote to ask whether you knew that Fashion is one of the world's largest industries, with annual revenues totalling over £1 trillion, but it is also one of the world's biggest polluters? It produces 10% of global carbon emissions, more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined. Now, the Duke of Cambridge is also targeting industries including Fast Fashion and called for more solutions as he promotes his Earthshot Prize in Dubai. "This year we want to focus on tipping points that can accelerate change," he said, citing sectors like Fashion.

The Fashion industry plays a big part in climate change – making severe weather "shocks" such as droughts, floods and storms more common. And it's people living in poverty who are suffering the after-effects. Fast Fashion is harming creation and forcing people further into poverty. But the charity Tearfund, says it has just the challenge to help reverse that. Often when looking to raise money for an important cause, such as helping vulnerable communities around the world adapt to the climate crisis and lift themselves out of poverty, sponsored runs, walks, cycling challenges are chosen. Tearfund, on the other hand, has come up with another idea and is urging you to sign up during March to The Great Fashion Fast.

The idea is that, by becoming more knowledgeable about how much we need versus how much we use, and by undertaking to live more sustainably together, the Fast Fashion throwaway culture that is triggering so much harm will eventually come to an end. So how does The Great Fashion Fast work? You are encouraged to choose ten items of clothes (underwear, uniforms, keep fit attire and shoes not counted) and find people to sponsor you to wear only those ten items for all of March.

Tearfund at:
<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/join-the-great-fashion-fast>
provides you with a step-by-step guide to taking on The Great Fashion Fast including how to set up, customise and share your JustGiving page and choose your wardrobe. What you raise will be put to helping communities at risk around the globe adapt to the climate crisis and elevating themselves out of poverty. Even if you don't want to get sponsorship, it's still a great idea to try, and it may help you change your mind-set about how much clothing you actually need.

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Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth)

'The Badgers

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The club has enjoyed another productive month on the pitch, with most teams continuing successful runs leading up to the half term break. Off the pitch, the club would like to say a big thank you to Erica at EMPT Clinical Training for recently supplying a defibrillator which means we now have this life saving equipment at all our home grounds at AND for this month supplying free training for all the coaches. Please get in touch with the relevant team contact if you are interested in joining The Badgers. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. The team is growing steadily with a handful of 4/5 year olds joining the throng and a new coach Dougie! A few trial games are planned as soon as we can return to the turf. Training at Devizes Leisure Centre every Saturday @ 9am. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

U7s – The team is enjoying a great run of form with both teams (having split into 2) having good success. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Northbrook.

U8s – Playing some good football with positive performances from all. Training Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes. New players always welcome.

U9s mixed – The team are enjoying regular training and Saturday morning matches. Training Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes. New players welcome.

U9s Girls – Continue to attend training with bucketloads of enthusiasm, leading to a brilliant performance on the pitch against Andover recently. As numbers grow more volunteers to help would be hugely appreciated. Training Saturdays 9:30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

U10/11s – Both teams are getting a lot of game time and enjoying their football and building friendships. Training @ Dauntsey's school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

U12s –The team has started the new year in a higher division. A tough away cup draw at Bath Arsenal awaits. Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

U14s – The team's excellent form has continued with the winning streak extended to four games leaving them 2nd in the table and through to the 2nd round of the cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauncey's School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – The team continues to play well, remaining top of the league and progressing into the quarter finals of the league cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, Market Lavington.

U16s – The team continues to play well, extending their unbeaten streak to remain second in the league. Training Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:

Badger Cubs– James Partington - 07532 628219	Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623
U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347	U8– Pete Huntley- 07974756131
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U15– Dave Kiddle- 07843678781	U16– Colin Weston 07484 696791

Follow us on Facebook – Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club (no other pages are approved by the club) or on the club website.

Unfortunately, due to Storm Eunice we had rather an abrupt end to our 3rd term at St. Barnabas School! But we hope everyone has had a restful half term break and has come back feeling refreshed and ready for another fun packed term.

Term 3 saw the welcome return of 'Open the book', a weekly assembly organized by volunteers from the local church who help to bring bible stories to life for the children. It is a great opportunity for the children to learn about the origins of our school's christian values and to have fun acting out traditional bible tales.

We were also delighted to be invited to take part in the Dauntsey's School Dance Festival and all the children involved delivered a fantastic performance that we are all very proud of. We would like to thank all the staff and parents who supported the event, it really was very special.

We are all busy now settling back into term 4 with lots more exciting things to look forward to.

In Sarum Class (Reception) the children have been focusing their literacy on the book 'Lost and found' by Oliver Jeffers and in Maths we have been learning about the north and south poles and its animals and writing about penguins and talking about freezing and melting. We have been able to go on a few winter walks to find frost and ice. If you would like to see updates on the progress of our new playground you can see the full story so far here - <https://sway.office.com/0qCmv0tJaAleUhKU?ref=Link>

Silbury Class (Years 1 & 2) have made houses to burn as part of their focus on The Great Fire of London and in Maths we have been looking at pictograms, tallies and block diagrams. As part of our Design and Technology project we designed and made our own fruit kebabs and ate them! In order to help the children wind down sometimes, our focus in PE has been yoga – a relaxing and revitalizing break from all the learning they have been doing!

Savernake class (Years 3 & 4) we have been learning about writing an explanation based on a text called 'The teacher pleaser machine', this has led to some amusing and inventive innovated writing. In Maths our focus has been multiplication and money, continuing the '99 club' times tables challenge and daily times tables tests. In history we have been learning about the Stone Age and Iron Age and we were lucky enough to have a very enlightening trip to Stonehenge, a great day in which we all learnt a lot about our local history.

In Stonehenge Class we have been working on our bush craft skills; learning to light fires, cut firewood and filter dirty water (not quite clean enough to drink but some very impressive systems). As always, the children have shown immense creativity on their outdoor play and a willingness to give things a go.

We finished the term with hot chocolate warmed over a fire made by the children.



A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

On Tuesday 15th February I sat in Full Council from 10:30am until 9:10pm to debate the new budget. I will spare you a complete summary since the agenda pack was 597 pages of A4... front and back! I will instead pick out two elements that grabbed headlines.

The Council proposed an increase to parking charges across its car parks by 10p. The fact is that there is a finite amount of budget available to cover the many elements of our lives that Wiltshire Council supports. The proposed car parking charge increase will help to support the Council's responsibility over Adult Social Care, Children's Services and much, much more.

The main argument voiced by the opposition against the increase was that "it will kill the high street". I am a huge champion of small businesses and for almost 15 years my business has worked with hundreds of bricks-and-mortar retailers desperately trying to compete in an ever-evolving landscape. I was annoyed to hear such a misinformed statement about parking charges. The high street began to struggle 40 years ago with the creation of out-of-town retail parks - all the shops you need on one site without the need to sit in town centre traffic. In the 90's, developers realised that they could create an even bigger draw by adding a TGI Fridays and a bowling alley and it worked, even more of us abandoned the high street. This had nothing to do with parking charges, customers chose convenience and many high streets lost out.

Today even the out-of-town "leisure" developments are finding things tough because of the huge impact of the internet. Amazon has taken away the need to even get off the sofa. Thankfully Devises has been evolving with some excellent restaurants and bars springing up, a beautiful cinema nearing the end of refurbishment, food pop-ups, beer festivals and more. By encouraging our high streets to provide the specific thing that Amazon cannot – an exciting experience – they will attract visitors back. Blaming the death of the high street on car parking charges reflects the blinkered attitude that has seen many high streets fail to evolve and unable to compete.

Later in the meeting I was deeply concerned by the proposed removal of financial support for our Lunch & Friendship Clubs. These small, local initiatives play a vital role in supporting residents. However, I was shocked to discover just how broken this system was. Marlborough, with a population of 8,000 has one single lunch club which received £68,000 in funding. The 3 clubs in Trowbridge (with a population of 44,000 people) were given just £9,000 combined. Are Marlborough residents worthy of £8.50 per person whilst Trowbridge residents deserve just 20p each? It doesn't stop there - the system was closed to new clubs. If you wanted to start a new social initiative in your village with funding you could not, the books were closed.

I am confident that Market Lavington's Tuesday Club and any new community venture will benefit more from the changes. The new budget presents a better way of working that will see the doors opened to new community ventures which need financial support. The money isn't being taken away; it is simply being distributed in a much fairer way.

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.

News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

Book week

As we welcome the children back into school after their half term break, we launch straight back into one of my favourite weeks in the school calendar – book week! And this year, we are celebrating book week in style!

The children will be dressing up as a character from their favourite book as well as bringing that book in to read with their class. We have a book swap box outside each classroom so the children can swap a book and take a new book home and we have a visiting book fair where the children can browse lots of books and authors they might not have discovered yet.

We also have a bedtime stories evening where the children come into school in their onesies with their teddies for a bedtime story with their teachers, as well as inviting our parents into school one morning to enjoy our Reading Café where our parents are invited into class to share a book with their children and their friends.

This year we are also running a ‘book in a box’ competition where the children create a scene that represents a scene from their favourite book – we cannot wait to see what they come up with!

Fun in the Forest

Our year 2 class had a very exciting morning on a Woodland Adventure Trip at the kind invite of Dauntsey School. The children had lots of fun exploring the woodland at The Manor and the children had lots of fun climbing trees, making tree monsters and drinking hot chocolate in the woods.

Mid Wilts Dance Show

A huge congratulations to our DAPS dance team that took part in the Mid Wilts Dance Show at Dauntsey School at the end of term alongside many other schools from the surrounding areas. Their performance was wonderful and I know they did themselves, their parents and our school proud.

Visit DAPS

As we approach the time of year where primary school places are offered to the little ones starting school in September, we are keen to invite anyone new to the Lavington area or who have put DAPS down as either a first, second or third primary school choice to come and visit us. I am so proud of what our children achieve at DAPS and I would love to show you around our wonderful school and grounds.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

Please remember that we regularly arrange ‘Rags2riches’ collections from our school and this is a great way for our school to raise money. If you are having a clear out of unwanted clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, towels, bedding and household linen please do drop it in to us.

St Barnabas Nursery Class

We are now taking applications for new starters. Spaces are available for 2-4 year olds. For further details or to request an application form, please email admin@st-barnabas.wilts.sch.uk or call us on **01380 813436**.

Carer Support Wiltshire are pleased to have been awarded funding by NHS England & Improvement via NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, to carry out research into the effect of the pandemic on people who care for someone.

The research will look specifically at the changes in how primary care services were delivered during the pandemic and how this affected unpaid carers, both positively or negatively.

If you look after someone, Carer Support Wiltshire would love your input into the research. You can complete the survey by following this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GP-revised-working>

The charity would also like to hear any direct feedback from people who care for someone who would like to share their experiences with GP surgeries during the pandemic. The closing date for the survey is 4 March.

Judy Walker, Chief Executive of Carer Support Wiltshire said:

“We’re delighted to have been chosen to input into this important piece of work. This is a welcome opportunity to communicate the experiences of unpaid carers directly to NHS England & Improvement.

“We have heard of many innovative approaches developed by local GP practices and this funding will help to evaluate and then communicate best practice for wider benefit in the future. It will also help to highlight specific concerns and problems some members of our community may have had accessing support during the pandemic.”

The Commitment to Carers Programme team of NHS England & Improvement want to evaluate a number of issues around the Covid Pandemic response, including the uptake of vaccinations, impact of isolation and what new services have been developed and introduced.

Unpaid carers who’d like to take part in the survey can do so online by visiting **<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GP-revised-working>** or by calling 0800 181 4118 and we can take responses over the phone.

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Each also has an individually glittering career as a soloist or chamber music player, and they came together in 2016 to explore music written for this combination of instruments. They have been performing and recording together ever since.

Trios by Mozart, Bruch, Julius Röntgen and Jean Françaix offer lush, subtle and melodic music over a span of three centuries. A special item in their programme will be a short piece, Metamorph, written specially for them by the Dutch composer Theo Loevendie, which was to have had its UK premiere in Edington in 2020 before the concert fell victim to Covid. A clip of the Röntgen Trio is at www.edingtonarts.org.

Tickets remain at £20, 15 and 10, with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under coming free. Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org to reserve your tickets – this is one you really shouldn't miss!

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You are most welcome to come along. Perhaps hear a speaker, visit a venue, be creative, do a quiz or play a game. Afternoon Tea is served at about 3pm currently for a small fee of £2.50 and conclude with a raffle (2 strips for 50p - small prizes).

Our plans for March are:-

7th Anne Blagbrough from Forever
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