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#### This magazine

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#### David knew well the love of God.

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He knew God was with him when he faced Goliath.

He knew God was beside him in battle.

He knew God watched over him in his Kingship. Even when he sinned, he knew God would still love him.

is the same God that loves you.

God delighted in David and David's relationship with God was strong.

Is your relationship with God as strong as David's?

Does God delight in you?

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#### You care for us every moment of our lives.

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fears.

You know the best and the worst in us,

and still, you love us.

God of our past, our present and our future,

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I've been a fan of Weller ever since I was a teenager and he fronted The Jam, followed by The Style Council, and then as a solo artist. He has a new album out this month, called '66' (his age this year, apparently). Back in April he played a series of concerts across the UK to promote his latest offering. At the Bristol gig Weller played a variety of old and new songs, including the first single to be released from his forthcoming album, 'Soul Wandering'. It's an intriguing track, full of spiritual yearning. Weller sings, 'I want to believe in something greater than me'. You'll find it on YouTube if you fancy a listen. It seems that even being a successful rock musician has not satisfied the singer's soul. The idea of believing in 'something greater than me' put me in mind of the teachings of Anselm (1033-1109 AD), the great Medieval Archbishop of Canterbury. His writings are an expression of faith seeking a deeper understanding of God and his ways. The theologian proposed that God is, "something-than-which-nothing-greater-can-be-thought". He is a perfect being, without flaw or creaturely limitations.

But how could such a God be known that we may believe in him? The Christian faith teaches that God has revealed himself to us through the universe he created by his powerful Word. The world we encounter each day speaks to us of the wisdom, power and goodness of our Creator. Further, God reveals himself by his written Word, the Bible. The pages of Scripture disclose God's matchless being, mighty acts and righteous laws. Above all, God has revealed himself to us by the Living Word he sent into the world, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit he has poured out upon his people.

According to the Bible we are lost and wandering, far from God due to sin. Jesus came to bring us back to God by laying down his life for our sins on the cross. Are you also longing to believe in, 'something greater than me'? Your wandering soul will find rest in returning to the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is none greater.

Pastor: Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On the 4th Sunday of the month we have 'Time for Tea +', a traditional Sunday tea, followed by a short service. BRUNCH

Saturday 18th May, from 10.30 – 12.00 with guest speaker Professor Stuart Burgess: "Designing the fastest bike in the world". See website for more info: www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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#### Fashion Against Fear: Charity Fashion Show

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#### Nurture Nature Notes for May 2024

With the Middle East wars prominent in World News, Foreign Secretaries come to mind. Many of us in our history lessons at school will remember the now famous quote of Sir Edward Grey in August 1914 at the pending outbreak of the Great War. On 3rd August, having explained cogently in Parliament why Great Britain had to go to war with Germany he returned to the Foreign Office. At dusk he could see from his desk the lamp man igniting the lamps in St James's Park. He remarked to his secretary 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'. However, as well as holding a high State office he was a countryman at heart, and a great lover of Nature and an eminent ornithologist, studying robins when up at Oxford and elsewhere, and stone curlews on the family estate in Northumberland. He fed the birds at all the properties he was associated with as well as closer studies of wild fowl whilst at his beloved fishing cottage in Hampshire. Whilst Foreign Secretary he meticulously studied the flora and fauna of St James's Park. One morning the water bailiff took Grey to see a Little Grebe's newly hatched brood. Mother Dabchick, rather concerned at the presence of humans, clucked to her chicks, which paddled over to her and all got onto her back and under her wings, and with them thus concealed she swam away to the safety of the reeds. So, it was as an ornithologist of some standing that Grey should also be remembered as he had a 'Special Relationship' with Nature and wrote about such knowledgeably and charmingly. Our connection with Grey of 110 years ago, when Great Britain was at the height of her industrial power, the world's population was billions less than now and global warming would have appeared gobbledegookish with thoughts backwards in time to the then little studied Planet's hot and cold periods over millions of years. Why, it is robins! Some residents have noticed a decline in the number of these iconic birds over the recent winter of extreme inclement weather, freezing periods but mainly due to excessive rainfall resulting in flooded habitats and environments, thereby reducing food sources and shelter over prolonged periods. More wind storms than usual wiping out early nesters and ever changing climate patterns - all have made real inroads in bird and wildlife numbers pretty well over all continents, Thereby, it is our duty to do all we can to protect, help and regenerate our environment for wildlife. Let's hope the migrant numbers will be better this year, and the dawn choruses stronger. To assist in identifying and songbirds www.songbird-survival.org.uk is a useful aiding source. Otis Tarda

We would like to welcome Cohen, Inga, Nicole and their families to preschool, we look forward to getting to know you all.

Term 4 was a busy term. We celebrated World Book Week with the children dressing up as their favourite story characters and bringing in their favourite storybooks to share with their friends. We then found something red or our pyjamas to wear or had crazy hair for Comic Relief and we raised £22.00, thank you to all those who made donations.

The children worked hard on their Mothering Sunday cards which we hope you enjoyed. They made Easter cards not only for their families but also for every resident at Dauntsey House Care Home, we delivered these by hand along with some Easter biscuits and the children sang Easter themed songs which the residents really enjoyed. At the end of term, we decorated hard boiled eggs and found a gap in the ever-present rain and went egg rolling on the Daps field, this was followed by an egg hunt where the children found some chocolate eggs to take home.

We would like to thank all our grandparents who visited us on our last day, to watch the children's Easter bonnet parade. The children loved decorating their bonnets and were thrilled to have visitors come in to see them and listen to their songs.

We will be holding our sponsored Trike Ride on Wednesday 22nd May. This is an event for our school leavers children which will be cheered on by our younger children. We are planning to plant some seeds, for the children to care for, hopefully the weather will improve to allow our crops to grow.

We also have caterpillars in the classroom and we will be watching them change and grow into butterflies that we will release into our garden.

We currently have limited spaces for 2-year-olds and 3-4 year olds until September 2024 when more spaces will become available when our older children move onto

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#### News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

The children have returned from a refreshing Easter break with lots of energy for the warmer days of Spring and Summer. We have so many exciting events during our Summer term to look forward to!

#### **Oak class Bikeability**

Our year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability in the coming weeks. It's the government's national cycle training programme, similar to the Cycle Proficiency many of us will be more familiar with from our school days. It helps the children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads and gives the children the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. No doubt you will see the children out on their training rides as well as cycling to and from school so thank you in advance for your patience as they master this crucial skill.

#### **Outdoor adventures**

May is such a busy and exciting month for our year 4 and year 6 children as they go on their overnight school trips. Our year 4 children enjoy 3-days in Hooke Court, Dorset and our year 6 children celebrate the end of their learning journey at DAPS with a 5-day trip to the Bideford Ultimate Adventure Centre enjoying surfing, coasteering, ultimate wipe-out assault courses, high ropes, den making, campfires, archery and so much more. The week is a big step for all our children, as it is often the first time they have been away from their families for so many nights but they have so much fun and grow as individuals whilst learning so many new skills that it always proves to be a fantastic success.

#### **DAPS Sponsored Run**

Following the last two year's hugely popular Sponsored Runs, during which the children have run a staggering 1,200km and raised a huge £7,000 for our school, they will be tying up their trainers and going again this year!

As a school, we are incredibly privileged to have amazing grounds for our children to explore and enjoy on a daily basis and one of our hidden treasures is a school pond. Unfortunately, our pond has been off-limits for several years due to safety issues with our wooden dock. Our pond is teeming with wildlife and we would love to improve access to this wonderful natural resource for the children.

Education budgets are tight and for us to be able to develop this wonderful area to benefit all our DAPS children, now and in the future, the children will be running to raise the funds to makeover our pond!

If you have sponsored one of our children, thank you in advance for your generosity. If you would like to collectively sponsor the children for all of their hard work and to help us raise the funds needed to restore such a wonderful natural resource, feel free to drop a little donation into school for them. Every penny we raise on will benefit all our children enormously and I look forward to reporting back next month with how the children got on!

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#### Increase in fines for fly-tippers and litterers

A =message from Wiltshire Council

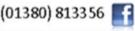
We're raising the amounts of the fixed penalty notices (FPNs) that people will have to pay when they are caught fly-tipping, handing their waste to rogue traders or for dropping litter.

From Tuesday 23 April, The FPNs will be raised to £1,000 for fly-tipping, £500 for littering and £600 for household duty of care, with no early payment discount. This is in line with changes in legislation that allow us to raise the fines.



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

Politics... I despise it at times; most of the time in fact. It often leads to what James O'Brien (LBC presenter) calls "footballification", where people offer blind support to anyone on the same "team". The same thing happens the other way around where, just like the famous Liverpudlian rivalry, some people "hate" anything in Evertonian blue and only wear Liverpool-red underwear. I am regularly frustrated by footballification in local politics where those working hard for their community are abused because they happen to have a party membership card gathering dust in a drawer somewhere. Some people need to stop thinking like a football hooligan and look at the individual and their efforts. Over the last few years I have had cause to shake my head at a great many MPs who have brought politics into disrepute due to complete stupidity or disregard for morals. I work very hard for residents across five parishes and I refuse to be tarred with the same brush as bad politicians, whatever colour they wear.

I have helped many residents over the last few months with a huge range of problems in line with my role as your local councillor. Following the recent flooding (the worst being in Easterton and West Lavington) I was able to coordinate street-sweepers and clean-up crews and advised residents and landowners on how they can work pre-emptively to minimise future risks of flooding. Likewise, I have been lobbying for additional spend on gulley clearance, culvert repairs and other maintenance tasks with success and we will see more money spent as a result.

I spend hours each week assisting residents with planning applications, either defending against harmful ones, supporting beneficial ones or simply advising parish councils and residents on the complexities each application brings. Specific local issues recently include a 200-acre solar farm, a gypsy & traveller site, a residential and commercial development, and applications outside the settlement boundary. My recent focus also includes planning enforcement which seeks to ensure that everyone follows the rules and nobody tries to cheat the community by building without consent, or ignoring important conditions. It isn't an easy topic because pragmatism is required but I am also lobbying for "more teeth" to dissuade contraventions rather than just dealing with the consequences.

I have also been supporting residents with community projects across the area from orchards to bus service improvements, and playparks to road safety initiatives. As well as "community" matters, I regularly speak to residents on issues that are more personal and I have helped people obtain blue-badges, education support, taxi licences and improved care packages, amongst many other things. I have also taken housing associations to task when they have failed in their duties to protect residents and I continue to challenge Wiltshire Police to better support residents on matters of speeding and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Through all of this hard work I have not once been asked about, nor highlighted, my political affiliations. I am just me working hard to support you. For me, party politics can stay in Westminster. 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.

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planning two exciting fundraising events to raise money. They are very keen to improve facilities and help towards making our village a safer and tidier village.

If you have a young person aged 10 to 16 years who'd like a voice in the village, please contact me at j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### Trymnells - Open Garden for NGS

Trymnells is a relatively new garden which was started approx 6 yrs ago. It is now maturing and has many trees, shrubs, hedges and perennials. The garden is steep and slopes up from the property and reaches a steep bank at the very top. Sleepers, fences, walls and plants have imposed a sense of structure with bulbs and perennials providing wonderful colour. Check website for latest information.

Sun 19 May (12-5). Admission £5, Children free.

Home-made teas. Open nearby 1 Southview. Times:12:00 to 17:00. Trymnells, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 5PH



#### **Improvements to Devizes Leisure Centre**

Wiltshire Council have confirmed more details on plans to improve the fitness facilities at Devizes Leisure Centre.

The work will get underway in May and will include:

A full replacement of the fitness equipment and flooring in the main gym and current weights room, adding a consultation room and the necessary infrastructure, finishes and fixtures to create a modern fitness suite.

Refurbishment of the upstairs studio as a group exercise space, adding the necessary infrastructure, finishes and fixtures to provide a suitable environment and customer experience.

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#### **Footpaths Working Group**

We have started assessing the many footpaths and bridleways that we are fortunate to have criss-crossing our village, and from there we'll start work to improve their condition. If you'd like to join this group or have issues to report, please contact:

footpaths@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### Neighbourhood Plan Development Group

Recently developers have been looking at areas of land with a view to the end of the current neighbourhood Plan in 2026.

Reports received by councillors show that interest has been shown in developing estates on the big field between Dauntsey School boarding House and Spin Hill, the area between The Old Barns (White Street and the Lavington School Football pitch, behind the Superior Plants Nursey leading to Easterton, and the land beside The Clays.

Without the neighbourhood plan being formally reviewed and accepted in a referendum, there will be no legally enforceable route for the parish as a whole to object to development plans.

If you are interested in coming forward to help produce a new plan please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Carol Hackett 01225 760372

23 Orchard Close West Ashton BA14 6AU

clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The current plan can be downloaded from

https://www.marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan Colin Osborn – Chair, Market Lavington Parish Council.

#### Verti-draining at The Elisha Field

This has been an exceptionally wet winter, but even before this there had been problems with drainage at the Elisha Field. The Football Club and Market Lavington Parish Council have been discussing ways of improving drainage so that the field can be used all year round.

The first option to be tried and assessed is verti-draining. The solid tines on a deep spiker are vertically punched into the soil and then kicked horizontally between 5-10 %, this is known as heave. This heaving action of the sub soil creates soil fractures and the tine holes that are left over, creates channels (tine holes) for surface water to drain into, maintaining a drier playing surface, and which allows carbon dioxide out of the soil and oxygen into the soil, for plant, root and soil benefits.

Roots can also use tine holes to increase rooting depth and in turn create a more hard wearing and drought resilient grass plant.

The contract is for two operations each year, one as soon as the soil is solid enough to take the weight of the tractor and one after the Vintage Event. If you have a paddock that is not draining well the Parish Council can put you in contact with the contractor doing the work.

#### The Elisha Field Closing Times

 May 4<sup>th</sup>
 8.35pm

 May 11<sup>th</sup>
 8.46pm

 May 18<sup>th</sup>
 8.57pm

 May 25<sup>th</sup>
 9.06pm

 June 1<sup>st</sup>
 9.14pm

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#### **Planning Applications**

#### **Market Lavington**

**PL/2024/03208**. Land off, Fiddington Hill, Market Lavington. Erection of 4 dwellings with attached single garages

#### Easterton

**PL/2024/02959**, Residents Car Park, Haywards Place. Removal of existing garages and construction of two new dwellings with parking spaces and landscaped areas to the front and back.

#### Details of planning applications are available at https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/?tabset-167f1=3 Or by visiting the council offices on the Devizes Library site

#### **Recycling Centre Van and Trailer Permit Scheme**

As part of Medium-Term Financial Strategy savings measures, it was resolved at Full Council in February 2023 that the council would re-introduce the vehicle permitting system at HRCs during 2023/24.

Because of software difficulties this was delayed until April 2024. The new system will be cheaper to run but there will also be a £20 non-refundable charge for getting a permit.

From April 13<sup>th</sup> all van and trailer users will have to have paid for a permit, and display their QR code even if they currently have a paper permit.

The QR will become void after 12 visits and can not be renewed within 12 months of applying. If you do fewer than 12 visits in 12 months the code will remain valid. For more information, including FAQs, please visit

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What seems like forever ago now, the Parish Council put on a pro show skateboard and BMX showcase day at the Elisha Field. Nearly 400 people came along and we had some wonderful local talent show the professionals what they could do.

From this event and the interest it created, the Sports facilities group were tasked with finding out if there was an appetite for sports for all in our village. A questionnaire went out door to door, various venues and the Parish Magazine and was hugely supported by our local schools. A proper basketball/netball court was the most popular item. Unfortunately on inspection this was astronomically expensive and far out of the reach of the Parish Council. The next was bootcamp and cardio gym equipment.

After many productive meetings with Drove Lane residents the Sports Facilities Group, at last year's Parish Council APM presented the Proludic Ninja Warriors style equipment which was really well received. We have spent the last year scouring opportunities for grant funding. Prices have gone up, funding streams have tightened and as a result the possibility of this equipment is not in our reach.

However! We have another far more exciting option for equipment that is far more cost effective and potentially opens up usage to a greater number of parishioners.

Posters of the equipment will be on display at the APM held at The Old school and will be left for people to come and look at and give their opinion on.

Failing that people can go online to proludic.co.uk and look at the Acti'Fun range.

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Easter 2		Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6
	9.00am	West		9.15 am	
		Lavington		Holy	
		Breakfast		Communion	
		Church			
	9.30am		West	West	
			Lavington	Lavington	
			Holy	Praise and	
			Communion	Worship	
			Common		
			Worship		
	10.30am	10.30 am	10.00am		
Benefice		United	Great		Benefice
Communion		Service	Cheverell		Communion
		Market	Welcome to		
Great		Lavington	Worship		St Peter's,
Cheverell		Community			Little Cheverell
	11.00	Hall	<i>Ct</i> <b>M</b>	Little	Cheveren
	11.00am	Great Cheverell	St. Marys	Cheverell	
			Holy Communion		
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				Prayer	
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