

COMMUNITY MINDED PERSON OF THE YEAR

Each year the Parish Council has the pleasure of officially recognising a village resident who has made a real difference in our community. If you would like to make a nomination for this year's award please complete the Nomination Form below and drop it off at **St. Arbuck's** before the end of November. The award will be made at one of the village Carol Services.

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Reason:

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My postcode:

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**2010 David & Julie Dyer, 2011 Julia Buckland,
2012 Jo Richards, 2013 Mike Bridgeman,
2014 Emma Cheetham, 2015 Mervyn Smith,
2016 Roger & Sue Frost, 2017 Beth Warren, 2018 Liz Francis,
2020 Nicky Wragg 2021 Linda Cave**

YOUNG COMMUNITY MINDED PERSON OF THE YEAR

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Nominations for anyone aged under 18, can be made by people of any age. Nominations go in the same box at St. Arbucks as the other nominations

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Market Lavington & Easterton Church & Community News

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6 th November 3 rd before Advent		13 th November Remembrance	20 th November Christ the King	27 th November Advent 1, Year A	4 th December Advent 2
	9.30		West Lavington With Choir		
10.30 Benefice Service Little Cheverell	10.00	10.30 Easterton 10.45 West Lavington 10.45	Great Cheverell Welcome to Worship		10.30 Benefice Service Great Cheverell
	11.00	Market Lavington 10.45 Great Cheverell 12.30 Little Cheverell	St. Barnabas Easterton	Great Cheverell BCP Holy Communion Easterton Holy Communion	
	6pm			West Lavington Candle Lit Service for Advent at 6.00pm	

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am Sunday and 11am Wednesday Mass at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church,

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)

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

Easterton

Sue Allen 813603

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

Trinity United Church (Methodist/URC)

Minister: Rev. Gary Gotham, 69 Queens Road, Devizes, SN10 5HR Tel: 01380 724264 / gary.gotham@gmail.com

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November Reflection

I wonder if like me you have taken the opportunity, made all the more pleasant by the late summer weather, give or take a few wet days, to do some tidying up in the garden before the clocks are turned back and our minds turn to the coming of winter. Already the leaves are turning to the golden tones of autumn and soon to fall, will leave the trees, that now stand dressed in green, as bare wood and shadows of their former glory, waiting out the winter season.

And as the natural world around us slows down, and dies back, so we turn our thoughts to remembering the men and women that didn't and don't return home from war. We can never repay the families for the death of a son, a brother, a father, a daughter, a sister. But we can show our gratitude for their sacrifice and honour their memory. For it was and is for hope in our future that these brave people gave and give their lives.

This is made all the more poignant when we think of the war still raging between Ukraine and Russia. It is their men and women that have died and are dying for the freedom that we so often take for granted. For all refugees here among us, we weep with you. For the losses you have already endured and those still to come, may God be with you.

As Christians of any denomination, we all have an understanding of the relationship between sacrifice and hope for the future, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We also have an understanding of the pain of loss suffered by families in the example of Mary, who followed her son, to watch helplessly as nails were driven through flesh and see her son die in indescribable pain.

In his writings Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers us hope of continued love even through that pain of loss.

"Nothing can fill that gap when we are away from those we love and it would be wrong to try and find anything. We must simply hold out and win through. That sounds very hard at first. But at the same time it is a great consolation since leaving the gap unfilled preserves the bonds of love between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap. He does not fill it but leaves it empty so that our communion with another may be kept alive, even at the cost of pain."

And like the turning of the seasons, we know that love and hope, though at times can seem dormant, spring eternal.

Rev. Marion Harrison

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

As a parent of one child at primary and one at secondary school I have seen the tiredness creep-in through October. For school staff too, the holiday can't come soon enough. With school finances being rapidly eroded by inflation, the pressure is on for schools to deliver the best education possible with less and less resource. No wonder teachers look forward to holidays.

I quite often drone on about our young people but that is because they are our future. If we teach them well, guide them, inspire them and support them they will look after themselves, and us, whilst making the World a better place. Schools, alongside parents and guardians, help put our young people on the right track, and we should support them however we can. If you can support your local school in some way, either through volunteering with projects, donations of material or simply by supporting PTA-run events, you are making a positive difference.

I realise that trying to encourage you to support others at a time when you might need support yourself might be a tough sell. We've all seen a significant impact to our finances due, in the main, to the unholy trinity of Covid, Putin and Truss. To leave things on a positive note, as of this afternoon at least one of those problems is no more.

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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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

6th NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Service
Led by Revd. Tom MacMeekin

13th NOVEMBER - UNITED REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
10.45am @ St.Mary's Church Market Lavington
Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

20th NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Service
Led by Mrs. Margaret White

27th NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Service
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Drivers have continued to go through churning up the track and deepening what was once just a puddle. It got to the point where people with a right of access could not use the path.

The owners of this land have resurfaced the path to make it safe and fitted lockable bollards in two places on the path. One is just past the "Turkey Farm" and the other is further up.

This work, entirely funded by the owners will make the path safer for those who go this way on foot or bikes, but will stop cars going through without a key holder letting them through.

If you are visiting someone on Drove Lane by car you should check with them first to see which end to get access from.

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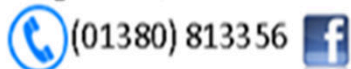
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PL/2022/06779 and 07179 Clyffe Hall. Installation of a three-quarter span Greenhouse, to replace existing Greenhouse.

PL/2022/07643 Sandfield, Drove Lane. Conversion of existing garage, offices and stables to a dwelling

Easterton

PL/2022/07152 6 Oaklands Oak Lane, Ash (T1) & (T2) - pollard to 7/8m in height

PL/2020/07348 Land and buildings to the rear of Malthouse Farm, Oak Lane, Demolition of pole barn and erection of a replacement building for use as holiday let, along with associated communal space/bike store and general storage for the wider landholding.

PL/2020/07573 38 White St., New porch to front elevation.

Details of planning applications are available at

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The October prize was won by Ann Janes of West Lavington
Congratulations Ann.

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From the Office of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Every burglary victim knows the impact is deeper than simply having your possessions taken. Burglary violates a safe space and you expect the police to respond appropriately when you report it. Sadly, that expected police service when you are a home burglary victim has been severely lacking in recent years. This is consistent across the UK - not just in here in Wiltshire. That is why I am pleased Wiltshire Police have now pledged to attend every home burglary. It's a leap in the right direction. The force is already providing this in 88.7% of cases but this extra effort should help to increase victim satisfaction, preserve evidence sooner with increased prosecutions. Residents tell me they want police officers to do the basics right: good, quality investigations which result in locking the bad people up, protect the vulnerable and care about victims. Wiltshire Police's home burglary further action taken figures, where a suspect is identified, charged or cautioned, is currently at 3.9% on a rolling 12 month average. This isn't good enough and I have been clear in letting our Chief Constable know this – and he agrees. By improving how officers deal with home burglary victims should not only increase those figures but also, and more importantly, will positively impact on the public's confidence and trust in the policing service they receive. I will be directly scrutinising this commitment and challenging them to show that effective, quality, investigations are taking place. I have also senior officers to explore if it is operationally possible to extend this commitment to all non-dwelling burglaries, like rural outbuildings and sheds. As ever, this will be a delicate balance but aiming to provide the policing service our communities want is vital.

From Easterton Parish Council

Please may we remind dog owners to kindly pick up their pets' excrement. We are receiving many complaints from residents fed up with dog mess being left on pavements, driveways, rights of way and in the field behind the village hall. Children are standing in it on their way to school which is just not nice. **Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.**

Your Parish Council are not The Police and never will be but we do have a responsibility to help look after Easterton Parishioners and we all have a responsibility to try and help each other... For those struggling to reach down and pick up may we suggest investing in this handy [Long Reach Dog Waste Scoop](#) for £15? If you have MyWilts app on your phone then you can use that to report where the dog mess is. Or follow this link - [MyWilts](#)

#SaveSafely this winter

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

Some top tips include:

- Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.
- If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.
- Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.
- Getting chimneys swept when you have a woodburner or open fire is essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Also be careful of what you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight within the chimney.
- Get your boiler serviced – a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.
- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags – don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

The Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits



November 29th 10 - 12
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Easterton

From The Parish Registers

November 2022

Frances Clare Godard MICHELL was baptised at All Saints' Church, West Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 8th October 2022.

A memorial service was held for **Daisy Winifred ODBERT (Bunny)** at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 30th September 2022. Bunny was a founder member of the Tuesday Club formerly known as the Old School Day Centre. She died on 6th July 2022 having celebrated her 100th birthday. Her ashes were buried in the churchyard after the service.

Lavington Pre-school

We have taken advantage of the lovely dry weather to go out on lots of walks around the village. We walked to the village shop to purchase ingredients to make cakes; we went out on an Autumn walk looking at the amazing colours in the natural environment and collecting acorns, conkers and leaves; we visited Robert's Playground to had a run around and to use our gross motor skills – climbing, balancing and running. We picked some of the apples from our apple tree and used them to make apple pie – we used our fine motor skills chopping the apples and sprinkling the sugar. We also arranged a trip to Devizes on the bus to visit the library just before half term, I would like to thank our parents who volunteered and helped out on the trip.

We used our creative skill to make Halloween decorations for our Party on Monday 31st October. We dressed up in spooky costumes and played games. We will be dressing up in spotty clothes or in our pyjamas for Children In Need week commencing 14th November.

We welcomed one new family to our setting in October.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 8:00 pm at Lavington Preschool or via zoom meeting. If you would like to attend, please email me on the address below.

We currently have vacancies for 2 year olds and 3-4 year olds. For any new families wishing to join us at Lavington pre-school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me: managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com



Lavington
Pre-school

CANADA WOODS

As you may know from previous articles in the magazine, the Parish Council is committed to ensuring that Canada Woods remains a wonderful space for all ages of the community to enjoy. Over the past year the Parish Council has been working closely with The Forestry Commission and a qualified Woodland Consultant, to formulate a 10-year management plan for the conservation and regeneration of Canada Woods. A planned programme of thinning and coppicing within the woods will open the tree canopy to encourage new growth on the woodland floor, and help provide habitat for birds and wildlife that have all but disappeared from the woods. Trees for felling and coppicing have now been identified and marked by the Woodland Consultant. These trees have been identified for a variety of reasons, and some, although perhaps not obvious candidates, have been carefully considered as part of the regeneration process. There is no specific date for the work to be carried out as yet, although we hope this will be during the winter months. Confirmation of dates will be advertised on social media platforms and by notice boards within Canada Woods and beyond. The Parish Council apologises in advance for any inconvenience while work is carried out, but hope you understand the inconvenience will result in this community asset being protected for future generations to enjoy. For further information please visit <https://friendsofcanadawoods.co.uk> find us on Facebook, Friends of Canada Woods or email clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

West Lavington Youth Club (WLYC)

The Autumn term has been a busy one for WLYC. We continue to offer a free at point of access service to young people across the local villages. Our membership has increased to 55, with people now attending from as far as Chitterne. Events of note have included a litter pick around the playing fields which resulted in three black bags of rubbish being collected; the very popular circus skills returning for an evening that included a demonstration of fire dancing; a local graffiti artist completed two sessions where the children designed and created their own posters and the term ended with a disco run by Galaxy discos. Moving into the second half of the autumn term we will be offering sessions including yoga, drumming and soap making.

Longer term WLYC is looking to work with the young people to create a graffiti Covid-19 mural on one of the exterior walls of the youth club which will be co-designed with Sarah Harris a professional artist. If you would like further details of this project or details of sessions please get in contact via email westlavingtonyouthclub2022@gmail.com or message us on facebook, we will be happy to discuss with you.

Dave, Joshy and Ellen

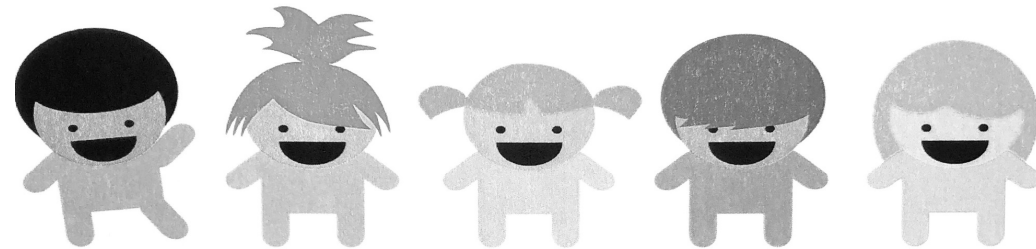
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Friday 10am to 5pm

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10.30-11.00am for the Under 5s

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Rhyme times are for library members only, you can join yourself and your children in the library (bring some ID) or online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

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LAVINGTON GARDEN CLUB



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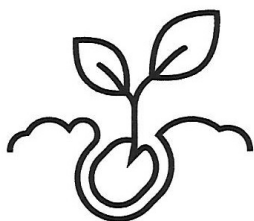
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But did you know that a staggering third of all food produced globally goes to waste?

In the UK, 9.52 million tonnes of food are thrown away each year - almost 500 grams per adult each day – the equivalent of everyone in the UK discarding a large box of dried pasta daily.

This waste food emits 25.2 million tonnes of CO2 emissions and 70% comes from households! The impact is not only environmental but also financial. The average household wastes £2 each day - £730 per year!

Here are some ways that you could reduce your food waste:

Plan your meals for the week and use your plan to generate your shopping list. Only buy items on your list so you have only the food you need for the week.

Get your portion sizes sorted: 25% of people questioned by WRAP said that food they throw out mostly comes from cooking or serving too much. If you are unsure how much to cook, Love Food Hate Waste has a portion calculator
<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/foods-and-recipes/food-portion-calculator-your-guide-perfect-portion-sizes>

Freeze anything you can't use: most foods and leftovers can be frozen. Remember to label and date them so you know by when to use them. Incorporate your frozen food into your meal plan. Some helpful tips:

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/surprising-foods-you-cant-freeze-and-a-reminder-of-what-you-can-a6OC96w04H0B>

Keep track of your food: monitor perishable foods like meat, fish and salads. These are the ones which go off quickest. Remember "Best before" refers to quality, so, after that date, it will be safe to eat but might not be at its best. "Use by" refers to safety, so, after this date, you should not eat it, even if it looks and smells ok. It might be helpful to create an eat me first shelf or box in your fridge!

Compost any food waste that you have and, if you don't have the facility, maybe a neighbour will let you add your food waste to their compost.

Check your fridge's temperature: According to WRAP, many people have their fridges set too high, at 7C; setting at below 5C will extend the life of milk and other perishable food.

Further information and suggestions at:

<https://wrap.org.uk>

<https://www.theecoexperts.co.uk/home-hub/reduce-food-waste-at-home>

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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School (continued)

And it's time for our Year 6 to shine

Our Year 6 children also shine in the Autumn months too. The transition to being the oldest children in the school brings responsibility that sees their confidence blossom. Our Year 6 children take on roles including Head Girl and Head Boy as well as Hall Prefect, Office Prefect and House Captains which gives them areas of authority and responsibility in and around the school. Our Year 6 children are also being challenged in their learning as they start their final year at primary school. Alongside new learning, Year 6 is very much about revising and embedding prior learning as well as immersing themselves in the various opportunities and experiences provided for them. Getting them 'secondary ready' is a key priority and, regardless of whether the children are moving on to Lavington, Dauntsey's or a different setting, one that we take very seriously. Our Year 6 children perform very well against the National and Wiltshire averages whilst also maintaining a good, broad balance of other curriculum subjects including Forest School, computing and a huge focus on wellbeing.

After school club

We are also very excited to launch some new after school clubs this term too with the ever-popular Judo Club starting again, the welcoming of Wild Hearts who are running an additional Forest School session in our wonderful grounds as well as Football, Netball, Dance and our Young Voices Choir.

Harvest

We welcomed our families into school for our Harvest festival and it was very much a full house – thank you to everyone for coming! It was a very special assembly with all our classes displaying their artwork, singing or reciting poems. We also very grateful to those that donated so generously to our Devizes Food Bank collection.

Wreath Making

Last year our PTA group ran a sell-out Wreath Making evening and I am very pleased to announce that they will be doing the same again this year on Monday 5th December. Please see our Website and Facebook page for more details and booking links – it is open to everyone in the community so please do come along – it will be a fun festive evening!

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Open days are running every Tuesday in November. Please give us a call on 01380 813373 or email us on admin@daps.wilts.sch.uk if you would like to arrange a visit or drop in and see us between the hours of 9.30am-2.30pm.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

Autumn has well and truly arrived at DAPS this month, The colours of our trees are beautiful and the children are back into the swing of things, welcoming every enrichment opportunity and loving playing out in the forest, collecting leaves and having autumnal adventures with their friends at playtime.

Our Early Years Children are settling in

The Autumn months are a lovely transitional time at our school. Our EYFS are settled and thriving in their learning, embracing their phonics lessons and enjoying their days with our 'in the moment learning' programme which nearly always involves being outside in their own garden, wellies on and covered in mud – staff and children alike! We say a fond farewell and thank you to our EYFS class teacher Mrs Bathurst who has been with us since 2010. She is moving onto a new life's chapter, working for an organisation who work with and support families in Wiltshire. She leaves us with a clear legacy of a love for music and performing as well as our forward thinking approach to Early Years.

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