

**Market Lavington & Easterton
Church & Community News**



**The Nestling Trust
Quiz Night**



When ? Friday 28th February - 7.00 for 7.30pm

Where ? Market Lavington Community Hall

Cost ? £20.00 per team of four - come as a team or join a team on the night

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Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2

- * "It's important that local people are able to live in Market Lavington."
- * "As there will probably be an increase in the number of children, is any thought being given as to facilities for them to congregate safely and have fun?"

Comments from local residents during consultation for the 2021 Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan.

It's time to consider how the village should evolve over the next 10 years.

Change is always a challenge. We all have our views on traffic, on where new housing can best be accommodated, on what's to be done about footpaths, shops, transport, nature, coping with climate change, how we look after those who need help the most.

A neighbourhood plan is not the solution to everything. But it provides a legal basis for change that reflects local views, ambitions and concerns. Its duty is to help deliver sustainable development as part of the overall planning framework.

- * "We need homes to bring people with young families into the village. Without adults in their late 20's to 40's we won't have people to volunteer to run clubs, fetes, events etc. Without young people schools, guides, scouts etc will close."

Comment from local residents during consultation for the 2021 Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan.

But to deliver real and practical local credibility, it must be prepared by the community that lives in, works in and uses the neighbourhood.

We are finalising plans for an initial package of community engagement over the next two-three months. Learning from as many as possible – newcomers and old-timers, young and old – its purpose is to identify key issues and themes that will inform the vision and aims of the Neighbourhood Plan.

There will be more engagement as the new Neighbourhood Plan takes shape. We know the ideas are there. The opportunity is for all of us to try and make it a future that works now, over the next 10 years and beyond!

Join one of the sub-groups (housing, sustainability, infrastructure, green spaces etc) we're setting up. We need your support! Leave a message on the website marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk or drop a note to Market Lavington Parish Council, The Old School, Church Street, Market Lavington SN10 4DT.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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At the west end of your cathedral, on the south wall nearest the main entrance, is a large slate stone which records all the names of the Bishops of Salisbury. Mine is the most recent to have been inscribed. I am number 79. Someone else will follow. It serves to make one feel small rather than important.

The first name is that of Herman, whose day falls this month on 20th February. A native of Lorraine (in north-eastern France), Herman was made Bishop of Ramsbury in 1045. He resigned in 1055 when King Edward the Confessor refused to allow the transfer of the see to Malmesbury. He became a monk at Saint-Omer (in northern France), returning to England in 1058 to become Bishop of Sherborne while at the same time being restored to the bishopric of Ramsbury. By 1071, Herman was old and infirm and wished to resign but Archbishop Lanfranc urged him to stay on. There was a plan. Approval of the transfer of the see was given at the Council of London in 1075, thus creating the new diocese of Salisbury, to which you belong. Herman oversaw the initial construction of the Cathedral at Old Sarum but died before its completion, on 20th February in 1078.

Herman would have known where you live and known and cared for your patch of the diocese. A diocese is only the sum total of its parts, and whilst it is the Anglican model of apostolic local leadership, the real strength of mission and ministry is to be found in the local, just as Jesus' ministry was locally based and exercised. We all follow in the footsteps of those who have carried the flame of faith before us in each place. It is that faithfulness, mirroring the fact that God is faithful, that has sustained our communities down the ages, however much the times and the names change. And God will continue to do so, because He is faithful.

Stephen, Bishop of Salisbury



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A galanthophile is a person who loves snowdrops. Apparently, there are around 500 different varieties of delicate white petalled plant. A true galanthophile will be able to tell a 'Ding Dong' from a 'Heffalump'. Don't ask me, though. I just like the things. It's always a joy to see multitudes of them in bloom along the banks of the B3098 on the way to West Lavington. A favourite winter walk for the wife and me is through the Somerset village of Mells. You can pick up a path alongside the Mells Stream that will take you past the ruins of Fussell's Iron Works. Around this time of year, you will find snowdrops a-plenty springing up in front of the old furnaces that loom high over the path.

Snowdrops are an early promise that the arid deadness of winter will pass. Soon there will be daffodils and tulips. Spring will have sprung. In the meantime, the humble snowdrop is a little reminder of the beauty of creation. We don't simply live in a world that provides us with the bare necessities of life (as Baloo might put it), but a world that fills us with delight. After all, you can't eat snowdrops, which are poisonous to human beings. But who would be without them?

The Christian faith teaches us that God created our world to display his wisdom, power and goodness. The snowdrop is a wonderful example of his handywork. Yes, we live in a fallen world that is twisted and broken, but there is still much that is beautiful for us to behold. The purity of the snowdrop stands in contrast with the grubbiness of human greed, hatred and cruelty. None of us is free from the taint of sin. We see the goodness of God revealed most wonderfully in that he sent his Son, Jesus Christ to die in our place to cleanse us from sin. As Isaiah the prophet almost said, "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as [a] snow[drop]"

Guy Davies

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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.

Benefice 200 Club December and January

The winner of the last draw of 2004 was Sue Somerville from Easterton and the winner of the first draw of 2025 was Sharon Woffindale of Market Lavington.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket again for this year to help with the running costs of the benefice. It is really much appreciated.

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Thank you.

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ST BARNABAS CHURCH AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

The Church committee and the organisers of the Christmas Tree Festival 2024 would like to thank all the entrants for this fabulous Festival. The trees were based on the themes of Films and the result was amazing. This year the visitor numbers attending surpassed last year and the funds raised over the weekend from both the festival and the Carol Service of the 14th and 15th December amounted to £740.

The winning trees:

The Judges choice: The Gardening Club - Film: The Secret Garden

The Public vote - 1st The Easterton Community Hub - Film: Elf, 2nd The Sewing Bees - Film: Alice in Wonderland, 3rd St Barnabas School - Film: The Snowman

The winner of the 'Guess the Film' Quiz: Enid Myerscough

I would like to thank all those who helped organise the event, all entrants, and those who generously gave of their time to help make the event such a huge success.

A special thank you goes to our Judges Sarah and Family, not an easy task!

We all look forward to next year's festival

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@ St. Barnabas Church, Easterton
(10.30am) Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

16th FEBRUARY - Trinity Church Service
with Holy Communion
Led by David Asselbrough with Carole Coupe

23rd FEBRUARY - United Service
@ St. Barnabas Church, Easterton
(10,30AM) Led by Rev'd Tom MacMeekin

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Competition on the night: *Posy of winter flowers*

**Wednesday 19th February, 7:15pm
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Nearer the time there will be full details available on the surgery website.

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Eighties Party in Seend

From 7.30 until 11 o'clock on the evening of Saturday the 1st of March, The Mind Tree Cafe is hosting an Eighties Party at The Seend Community Centre in Rusty Lane.

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The concert will be performed in the School Pavilion, with soloists from Dauntsey's School and additional voices from the Senior Choir, accompanied by musicians from the School. Choral rehearsals begin on **February 3rd** and following Mondays during term time, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Farmer Room at Dauntsey's School.

If you enjoy singing all kinds of choral music, and would like to join us, contact us for more information on **dauntseychoralsociety@gmail.com** and please do come along on February 3rd.

Sue Bonney Acting Secretary

dauntseychoralsociety@gmail.com



Easterton Sewing Bees



The Bees have lots of fresh ideas and creative plans for 2025!
Kicking off the year, one group will be making Pyjamas and February is Crochet month.
If you would like to try Crochet or more techniques why not come and see what we are up to..
It is a very social and relaxed group.



We meet every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm, at Easterton Village Hall. It costs £3 and refreshments are included.



If you would like to join us or want more information then please contact:

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Usually when I am sending entries for the magazine it is to advertise Nestling Trust events or campaigns to help us in our work in Nepal. This time it is to simply to thank you.

The help and support we receive from so many is amazing.

Just last year we were able to provide:

- Vital equipment for a Health Post in an area of Western of Nepal devastated by an earthquake.
- Warm dry clothing and clean drinking water in slum areas of Kathmandu, following floods that swept across 72% of the country.
- Funds to maintain a Children's Home built and established in 2018, by the Trust to provide a safe caring environment for destitute//trafficked girls.
- Support and equipment for Health facilities established by the Trust in the remote village areas of Dolakha where previously no medical care was available.
- Equipment and emergency vehicle access to the Baiteshwor Health and Birthing Centre built and established by the Trust in collaboration with the Nepal government.

We also launched an appeal via The BigGive to establish in 2025, an outreach Health Education Programme from the Baiteshwor Health and Birthing Centre. It will extend to three other remote village areas, the total population being approximately 26,000 people.

The response from the BigGive appeal was fantastic – our target figure was £16,000 and in fact we raised £16,546!

A huge thank you to all who donated, and to all those who support us in any way, we are immensely grateful; because of your help, we have been able to help those in desperate need in one of the poorest countries in the world – thank you.

Kindest regards,

Sue Hamblin

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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

What a wonderful start to our new term – some snow! There is nothing more lovely to take off the chill of playground duty than watching the children play in the snow! From sliding down the banks to making snow balls and snowmen, they absolutely made the most of the cold snap we have seen in the past few weeks.

I always enjoy January, albeit not the dark mornings and evenings! The reason I love this month is that two of my favourite events happen within the same fortnight – Grandparent's Tea and Young Voices concert.

Grandparent's Tea

At DAPS, we love our children's grandparents almost as much as the children do! We enjoy welcoming some grandparents regularly as a part of everyday school life doing the morning drop offs and after school pickups. Some also help out at school regularly which is invaluable to the day to day life of DAPS but some sadly live too far away to be a regular visitor so our grandparent's tea event not only celebrates those who we see often but also those we don't.

As with every year, we welcomed over one hundred grandparents, some travelling great distances to be here. They are greeted by our wonderful pupil school leaders who escort them to their grandchild's class and here they get to meet the class staff and their grandchildren's friends. They spend forty five minutes in class, working alongside their grandchild and any friends whose grandparents couldn't make this year, before making their way into the school hall for a very welcome cup of tea and slice of cake. At this point, our Young Voices choir perform a number of their songs and fill our hearts with joy. There is something really special about having so many children singing together and having rehearsed together since September, the sound is really something.

It really was a wonderful afternoon and we would like to thank everyone who was able to join us, those who helped by baking and those who helped by manning the teapot!

Young Voices

Taking that group of over fifty pupils up to the O2 in London is going to be extraordinary. They have met weekly since the start of September at an after school club and more recently at a lunchtime club to learn the songs and dance moves and the time is nearly upon us when we will take the trip to our Capital city to take part in Young Voices. It is a day at the O2, coming together with up to eight thousand other pupils from schools around the country to rehearse together, ready to take part and perform in a professional concert in the evening. The band is live, the professional performers are amazing and it is an experience like no other.

Pond makeover

Our wonderful PTA team spent last year raising funds for the school and we are delighted to be in the position to be able to start our pond renovation project. In the bottom corner of our field, we have a very overgrown pond, with a sad looking broken jetty which has been out of bounds to the children for many years. I am delighted to say that this will all be changing as our pond receives a makeover it desperately needs with new lining, a new path around it, a new dipping jetty for the children to access the water along with some new fencing. The project will either move forward in the Easter or Summer holidays and I look forward to sharing an update as work begins.

Thank you for all your support, Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

Membership is £30 for world class lectures from March to July. Alternatively come to this lecture as a guest - £8.



Please email us first theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com.

Our lecture on February 19th in the Corn Exchange, Devizes, is: "Bringing India to Britain – Victoria's Indian Portraits & The Durbar Hall".

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am.

Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon.

Coffee is available beforehand.

Helen Rufus-Ward will lecture on the Indian portraits by Rudolf Swoboda which decorate the corridors of Osborne House. Rudolf Swoboda was commissioned by Queen Victoria to paint portraits of her Indian subjects to represent "various types of the different nationalities" of India.

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The Quakers Walk Parkrun

Every Saturday, from 9am, a 5k parkrun takes place at Quakers Walk in Devizes.

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More information can be found at parkrun.org.uk/quakerswalk

As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 as a club we would like to thank every person that has supported the club in various ways whether that's attending a match or joining us for a fundraiser.

As a club we are extremely proud to be based here in Market Lavington and surrounding villages and very much look forward to growing the club in a way that meets the needs of our community.

Here's a few things we have achieved in 2024.

- *. Planning permission granted for Northbrook new clubhouse
- * Funding received and raised to lay the footings at Northbrook - coming in spring 2025
- * Working with and supporting Urchfont Scarecrow festival and funding received
- * 2 members of the team being recognised for their contribution by Wiltshire FA - we are immensely proud of our award winning team.
- *. 3 players achieving their FA referee qualifications
- * 3 Amazing fund-raising events
- * Ground works carried on both Elisha and Northbrook to support drainage on the pitches to allow more games to be played.
- * re-design of the club logo
- *2 winter storms that stopped play for every team



We continue to work with Both Market and West Lavington Parish councils to ensure we have pitches fit for purpose.

Thank you to everyone that brought a raffle ticket for our Christmas raffle and also a thank you to all the local companies that donated raffle prizes.



Coming in 2025

- * More exciting fundraising events - dates to follow shortly.
- * Fully digital registration throughout the club helping us reduce our carbon footprint
- * Changes to our website to make it more interactive for all our members and supporters
- * More funding requests towards the new community club house
- * More training and development for our coaches and members.
- * New disability team for all under 11's. Contact Sally Francis (club secretary) if you're interested in getting involved in any way.

If you are interested in supporting the club in anyway that you can please contact Vicky Goddard (our treasurer) on 07966247291.



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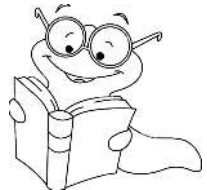
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3rd Melksham Brownies	2nd Melksham Rainbows	1st Melksham Brownies	1st West Lavington Guides
1st Bishops Cannings Brownies	1st Potterne Rainbows	5th Melksham Guides	Lavington Rangers
	1st Worton & Marston Brownies	1st Melksham Rangers	
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February always seems to me to be a Cinderella month - the Christmas lights, which appear earlier each year, are extinguished, Spring is a long way off, beyond the horizon, the daylight is short and the dark is long. The temptation to hibernate is strong! But - if you think back to earlier years - hold your breath and believe - Spring will come! The bulbs are already pushing towards the light, the days are imperceptibly lengthening and Summer will follow Spring. It must have been terrifying back in the days before the seasons were understood. Would the sun come back, or would it have disappeared for ever?

Our challenge now is not to take the seasons for granted - but to avoid creating in reality the uncertainty our ancestors feared. Spring will come, we will enjoy the flowers and bask in the warmth of the summer - however, we should never take it for granted. We have a huge responsibility - looking back at the Creation stories, mankind is settled in the Garden of Eden and acknowledged as its caretaker -but it doesn't end well!

Pat Morrison



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We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have been very fortunate over the last few months, receiving a variety of different donated resources from the local community. We would like to thank you all so much, the children have enjoyed discovering the new resources, putting them all to good use creating some magnificent artwork.

Three of our families won prizes at the end of Term 3, with our "Lucky Numbers", our first prize being a Christmas Hamper. Thank you to all our families who supported our "Lucky Numbers" all monies raised are used to purchase resources and new toys for the children.



The children returned after the Christmas break full of lots of excitement and stories of what they had received from Father Christmas and what they had done with their families and friends over the holidays. We began the term investigating winter, the cold, animals who hibernate during the winter months, nocturnal animals and birds including the national birdwatch. Mother nature helped us in our investigations giving us snow and ice to explore at the beginning of January. We have been busy talking about which animals come out when we are in our beds sleeping, the children's favourite nocturnal creature was owls. The children have enjoyed creating their own birds, birds' nests and eggs, we also made binoculars to go bird watching with and some bird feeders which we have hung in the garden. We also made some delicious edible birds' nests which the children enjoyed eating.

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It is also a wonderful space for dog owners to give their pooches a really decent run which is vital for an animals health and wellbeing. The Elisha Field is however NOT a litter tray and it is an owners responsibility to supervise and pick up mess. Wiltshire Council has a Dog Control Order for public spaces protection, making it an offence [under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 2016], not to clean up dog mess in certain areas. Under those orders, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80, or if taken to court and found guilty, fined up to £1,000.

This is a simple ask. If you have a dog please keep an eye on it and pick up its mess.

Market Lavington Parish Council.

Clearing up after your dog helps prevent the spread of some nasty infections and diseases. Dog mess can contain roundworm parasites which cause Toxocariasis in humans. It is spread from animals to humans through contact with infected faeces. Toxocariasis symptoms include dizziness and nausea, asthma and epileptic seizures. It can even lead to serious eye damage or permanent blindness. Dog mess also harbours parasites that can harm farm animals especially cows and sheep.

Community Minded People

Market Lavington Parish Council organise a Community Minded Person popular vote and award. St. Arbuck's Community Cafe sponsors a Young Person category and an associated prize. This year's award ceremony accompanied the annual village Beer and Carols celebration, led by Rev. Gary Gotham of Trinity Church, at the Green Dragon pub on Friday 6 December.

The winners of the Community Minded Person Award were Barbara and Colin Bowler. The award plaque was presented by the Chair of the Parish Council, Mrs Chloe Stephens, who told revellers about the many years support that they have given to the local Link Scheme including being charity trustees since 2016. wiltshiretogether.org.uk/profile/emlu_151

This year's winners of the St. Arbuck's Young Community Minded Person award were the Market Lavington Parish Youth Council. They are Dhruv Kumar, Imogen Stevens, Rylee Kennedy and Gabriella Steele and also Oscar Martin, Freddie Burns, and Alfie Ottaway. The young people are Supported in the council by Chloe Stevens and John Clark.

The young people were each presented with a tub of Heroes Chocolates by Les Charlton on behalf of St. Arbuck's Community Cafe.

If you love the arts and would like to meet a group of like-minded people then we'd love to meet you. We are a very friendly group who meet ten times a year on the first Wednesday of the month in the Assembly Hall Melksham.

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Our next lecture on Wednesday 5 February at 11am. recounts the colourful life of George Villiers, the Duke of Buckingham. Renowned in his day as the most handsome man in Europe, Villiers was a beauty who adored beautiful things.

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Wiltshire Council is evidence-led, with prevention and early intervention in all service areas from Adult Social Care and Children's Services to Highways. Last year we were able to invest an EXTRA £22m into Wiltshire's roads – to put that into perspective, we only received £20.7m from Government for highways maintenance, so we have more than doubled the national budget. Many councils across the country can't afford to spend anything more than the Government's contribution because they have placed themselves in a precarious financial position through poor management. Wiltshire residents are seeing more resurfacing and repairs, and fewer potholes, a fact that has been picked up by both the national press and the DfT, who have both made comparisons of councils across the UK.

In addition to increasing investment we are using new machines called Bobcats, which can remove and replace large areas of road in a matter of minutes, before moving on to the next job. This is far better than the quick temporary involving cold-lay tarmac we have used in the UK for too long.

Now I know what some of you will be thinking... what about the stretch of road between the crossroads in West Lavington and the entrance to Market Lavington, or indeed the stretch between Market Lavington and Easterton! It is worth mentioning how work is prioritised:

All Highways investment follows an evidence-led, risk-based approach. The continuous inspection regime determines the risk to motorists and residents and considers the classification of the road and the amount of traffic it receives (A roads seeing far greater usage and potential risk than B and C roads, for example).

There is a rolling Highways Maintenance Programme for Wiltshire split by Area Boards, available to view on the Wiltshire Council website. I'm pleased that the Devizes area plan includes the B3098 in Market Lavington / Easterton (2025/26), Fiddington Clay/Hill (2025/26) and Kings Road in Easterton (2025/26).

The £22m additional investment would not be possible without the Council's careful financial management (which also allowed me to promote Black Dog Crossroads for additional funding). There is much more to come as we continue to invest significant sums into replacing and extending the life of our road surfaces, preventing flooding, replacing road signs and reinstating and painting new road markings. I will continue to keep you updated on the Highways programmes and as always, please do use the My Wilts app to report any local issues.

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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If you'd like to find out more about the RoW working group, please contact j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Planning Applications

Market Lavington

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PL/2024/11345 Lavington School, The Spring, SN10 4EB, Extension of existing building in association with Sixth Form Centre.

PL/2024/11506 27 High St. SN10 4AG, Replacement of existing windows; removal of door to LHS of property; Refurbishment and reinstatement of joinery (above heads of windows and doors) to High Street elevation.

Easterton

PL/2024/11318 St. Barnabas Church, Kings Rd. SN10 4PG Common Yew x 2 (T1) - crown raise to 5.2m over highway and remove major deadwood.

PL/2024/11331 1 Kings Road, SN10 4PS, Change of use from a dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a three person residential home (Class C2).

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

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Market Lavington Parish Council Meetings

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The next Parish Council meetings are on
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