

Market Lavington & Easterton Church & Community News

Easterton Best Kept Village Competition 2025

Easterton is a fantastic village.

By entering the CPRE Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2025 we will have an opportunity to share this message with others.

So many properties are so well looked after, you may wish to give it an 'extra sparkle' before judging between mid May and mid June. If you don't have a garden you may still wish to give an 'extra sparkle' to your front tub or hanging basket or even potted plant in your window.

You may also be willing to volunteer for:

- A small group work party to trim a footpath.
- Regularly water a flower tub that we hope to add in front of the village hall among other places.
- Join a litter picking group.
- Sweep/clean a small area.
- Weed a small area etc.....

You may have a brilliant suggestion to make,
contact us on

eastertonbkv@aol.com

The aim is to not create a lot of work for any individual.

January 2025

MARKET LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2

Have your say on the future ...

In the coming weeks, we'll be asking everyone in the Parish to tell us their thoughts and ideas, hopes and fears. How would YOU like to see the village and parish as a whole evolve over the next decade and more?

To get a more detailed understanding of the range of issues that will be covered by the new Plan, or if you have any questions or would like to get in touch, check out the website at marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk. For a starter ...

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

You may still wonder why we need a new Neighbourhood Plan for Market Lavington.

The Government (whatever the party in power) has a duty to ensure sufficient housing is provided for present and future generations. It sets targets that local authorities (in our case, Wiltshire) then share out across their towns and villages. Those targets are being set for the period through to 2038.

- ▶ A Neighbourhood Plan gives us a statutory say in where, how, and what type of development takes place. It can guide future development so it reflects local preferences and protects the character of the village. It can include policies to help deliver specific types of housing needed in the area.
- ▶ A new plan can identify priorities for infrastructure improvements, such as roads, schools, and health services. It can cover employment, renewable energy, biodiversity, green spaces – and help us play our part in mitigating climate change.
- ▶ Without a Plan, the village will have less say in its future. Villages without agreed plans risk developers targeting sites for housing that may not reflect local preferences.
- ▶ A well structured Plan will protect Market Lavington, providing a shared vision for the future of the Parish, ensuring growth that can support our long-term goals.

GET INVOLVED!

Join one of the Neighbourhood Plan sub-groups (housing, sustainability, infrastructure, green spaces etc) we're setting up over the coming weeks. 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.

We'll get back to you pronto!

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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The office is now open twice a week,

Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

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Thoughts for the Benefice Magazines

For many of us January can be a difficult time. The anticipation leading up to Christmas is over and done with, we may have run up considerable debt during the holiday season, the harsh reality of winter is truly upon us and will last until the end of March.

In Britain during the winter, much of the natural world goes to sleep. The deciduous trees have shed their leaves and shut themselves down, many animals are hibernating. The hedgerows are sparse, even our gardens look a bit bedraggled. But one thing we can do is to take comfort from the beauty of nature during the wintertime. We can enjoy the change in the landscape. We are so fortunate to live in an area where it is easy to get out and explore, or for those of us who are not so mobile, just enjoy looking out of the window and take in a winter view of nature.

This time of year need not be difficult, if we just remember the continuing message of hope that we have so recently celebrated at Christmas. At Christmas we celebrated the birth of a saviour who came into the world to reconcile humanity with God. The message is one of hope, not just for a short period of the year and not just for some people, but for every day of the year and for all people.

God Bless.

Please note a few amendments to the information sent out to the December magazines.

22nd December

Triple service will be at 10.30 am at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

24th December

Crib Service at Little Cheverell is at 5pm.

24th December

Midnight Mass at Great Cheverell is at 11.30 pm.

Twelfth Night

Nativity Sets on Display

St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell

Sunday 5th January 2-5pm

Teas and coffees, cake, squash and biscuits available to buy

**For information or to lend us your nativity set,
please contact **Vanessa** on vareburn@btinternet.com
or **Nicola** on 07824 397 111 or ncoupe@sky.com**



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

All things new

'Happy New Year' and all that. It's customary to approach the dawn of a new year buoyed up by a wave of optimism. 'This year things are going to be different', we say to ourselves. We resolve to get fitter, make progress in our careers, or give more time to the things that really interest us in life. You may even have welcomed in 2024 with that kind of attitude. I don't know how it worked out for you; dreams realised or hopes disappointed. But never mind, now it's 2025. This time things really are going to be different.

Of course, it's good to set ourselves goals. With a bit of effort, we can change things for the better. One thing that isn't so easy to change is ourselves. The self-help industry is set up to try and help us do that. And with some success, in assisting people to overcome their fears, or break bad habits. The Christian faith offers something deeper than that: a new you.

That 'new you' isn't the result of self-help, but divine intervention. God sent his Son Jesus into the world to die on the cross that our sins might be forgiven. Jesus rose from the dead to give new life and hope to all who believe in him. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts believers to enable them to live as followers of Jesus. As Paul wrote in one his letters in the New Testament, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Guy Davies Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington. www.pbc-ebc.org.uk
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We welcome all visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition.

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All services are accompanied by refreshments.

5th JANUARY - *Trinity Church Service*

Led by Margaret White

12th JANUARY - *United 'Covenant'*

Service with Holy Communion

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

19th JANUARY - *Trinity Church Service*

Led by Joanne Williams

26th JANUARY - *United Church Service*

Led by Jeannie MacMeekin

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Rhyme Times in January are 3rd and 17th, from 10:15 to 10:45am at Market Lavington Library. If your primary school children haven't gone back by 3rd, or you have family visiting with young children, they'll be more than welcome.



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Wednesday 15th January, 7:15pm
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Saturday 28th December
2pm-4pm

Sunday 29th December
2pm-4pm

So if after the Christmas festivities are drawing to a close and you would like a walk and fresh air, make the museum your destination and call in to see the history of your village and surrounding area. there is so much there to see of interest, a great place for kids too.

Admission free but donations are always welcome. we look forward to seeing you there with friends and family.

Did you know you can keep up with the museum news and village history through the daily blogs on: www.marketlavingtonmuseum.com

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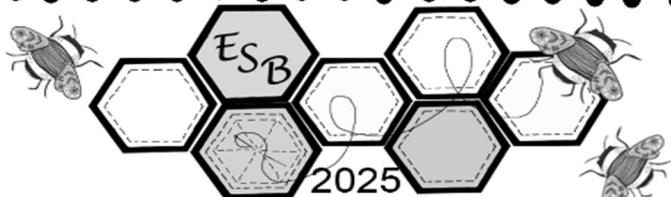
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MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY MINDED PEOPLE

The winners of the for Market Lavington Community Minded Person award were 'Barbara and Colin Bowler' for their many years of work with Easterton, Market Lavington & Urchfont Link Good Neighbour Scheme.

The young person award, which is sponsored by St. Arbucks, has gone to the 'Youth Council'.

Both the awards were presented at the Beer and Carols evening in the Green Dragon.



Easterton Sewing Bees wish you a very Happy New Year.

Will 2025 be the year where you start a new exciting project or learn a new craft or decide to finish that garment?

If you would like encouragement and support to get motivated why not come and see us?

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For more information call or message:

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Membership fees for the term:-

£35 for individual and £70 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering please contact Alison Andrews Membership Secretary on Lavingtonswim@gmail.com

Morning Swimming starts Thursday 9th January 2025 and is from 6:30 to 7:30. Membership fee for the term is £35

For further information about the morning swimming please contact Phil Richardson Membership Secretary on ladscmorningswim@gmail.com

Alternatively for any of the above contact Club Secretary Anita Holness via email:- anita@kholness.plus.com

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Saturday 18 January Blues Festival in The Corn Exchange

Here in The Corn Exchange, from 2pm until late,
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There are only 250 places available, tickets are £50 each.
The tickets are available from Devizes Books, Vinyl Realm, or through longstreetbluesclub.co.uk.

All the profits are going to The Mayor's Appeal.

Saturday 18 January Ceilidh in Seend

A Ceilidh is being held at Seend Community Centre, in Rusty Lane, from 7.30pm on Saturday the 18th of January. It features Shanvaghera, and caller Phil Bassindale. They had such a good time last year, they're doing it all again. No experience is necessary and it's suitable for all ages.

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Caroline Holmes has lectured in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Europe and Japan as well as many cruises. A University of Cambridge ICE Academic Tutor and Course Director; she lectures for the Royal Horticultural Society, museums and online for The Gardens Trust and organisations worldwide. She is the author of 12 books.

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11:00 12:00

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COP 29 has come and gone, and readers will draw their own conclusions as to its effectiveness or otherwise. With all the wars currently being waged it is doubtful whether leaders of oil producing countries, who are often the main protagonists, will lessen their oil and gas outputs. There are adverse knock-on effects to Nature worldwide. Biodiversity is taking a bashing. We are living in a warming world, and 2024 could turn out to be the warmest year on record, and we await the climate scientists' reports as to whether last year will be designated the warmest year on record, in which average temperatures 1.5 °C above pre industrial levels. An agreement set in the Paris COP of 2015 by nearly two hundred countries. The Arctic sea ice is estimated to have declined by 50%. A similar effect is happening in Antarctica. Polar bears and especially cubs are imperilled as they fall through the thinning sea ice and they often don't survive. Young penguins are especially vulnerable when journeying to the sea from the breeding grounds. Due to lack of sea ice over which to make their journeys, many are having to jump off 60ft high cliffs to reach the ocean. What goes on at the Poles affects all the world's oceans.

Hopefully, robins got special treats on Winter Solstice Day, 21st December, the shortest day of the year, which was also the designated day of our much loved national bird.

Arachnids – spiders to you and me – had a good mating season – a respected columnist in a daily newspaper reported “Autumn sun adds sexual heat to spider season”. Work-of-Art webs were resplendent in the sunlight, and when decorated with raindrops, sparkled like jewels. The mating procedures of spiders are fascinating – however, the mating game does often end in the females gobbling their spouses. There is also a buzz on the winter flowering shrubs such as mahonia, *lonicera fragrantissima* (winter flowering honeysuckle) and *abelia grandiflora* as the yellow tailed bumble bees are busy collecting nectar even on cold days. Grey squirrels – an alien species, and a threat to our beautiful native red squirrels, have come in for a bad press lately – many people encourage the greys by hand feeding them in parks and gardens. But be aware, as they can carry disease, and a bite from one could be serious. They have also been known to attack humans, hence a headline in a daily paper in the autumn “Passengers flee train under attack from rogue squirrels”. This happened on the 8.54 a.m. GWR Reading to Gatwick service on 16th September. Google it.

To complete the brief notes about corvid populations – Hooded Crows are mainly confined to Scotland and Ireland, and Ravens have now spread to southern England. Back in 1992 the writer was scoffed at when he reported to a local Conservation Group that he had heard and seen a raven over Salisbury Plain. However, soon there were reports of the crink gruff croak of airborne ravens above southern England. Coughs have made a comeback and are to be seen on cliffs in Cornwall on the Lizard Peninsula, and they are moving inland too. Jays are well distributed in the British Isles and Europe. They are medium sized crows with brightly coloured plumage and beautiful bright blue wing patches much prized by fly fishermen. Magpies are ubiquitous now; in former years keepers controlled their numbers to protect game birds. They are clever birds but are known predators of garden, wood and hedgerow birds, plundering eggs and nestlings, and are responsible for the decline in numbers of many of our garden birds. One cannot mistake their cackling voice, and they have also spread to towns, cities and parks – now very widespread and numerous. Happy New Year to All and hoping you'll have a constructive year nurturing nature. Conservation education is so important for everybody, and especially for children, some of whom will hopefully follow the trail of the naturalist.



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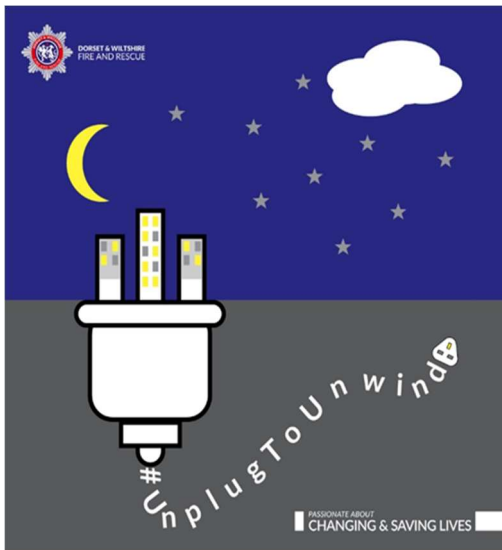
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