



News and Views

December 2010 - January 2011

Sunday 5th December : 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Little Cheverell
- 9:30 am Half Hour Service, Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion (Trad.), West Lavington
- 11:00 am Matins (BCP), Easterton
- 11:00 am Simple Celebration, Great Cheverell

Sunday 12th December : 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School, West Lavington
- 11:00 am United Service, at Trinity in the Community Hall
- 11:00 am Parish Communion (Trad.) Little Cheverell
- 4:00 pm Evensong (BCP), Great Cheverell

Sunday 19th December : 4th of Advent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), West Lavington
- 9:30 am Matins (BCP), West Lavington
- 11:00 am Parish Communion, Easterton
- 4:00 pm Carol Service, Great Cheverell
- 6:00 pm Carol Service, Market Lavington
- 6:00 pm Carol Service, Little Cheverell

Wednesday, 22nd December

- 6:30 pm Carol Service, West Lavington

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Nativity and Candles, Easterton
- 4:00 pm Christingle, Market Lavington
- 4:00 pm Crib Service, Little Cheverell
- 9:00 pm "Midnight" Communion, West Lavington
- 10:00 pm Carols and Communion, Easterton
- 11:30 pm Midnight Communion, Market Lavington
- 11:30 pm Midnight Communion, Great Cheverell

Christmas Day

- 8:00 am No Service
- 9:30 am Family Communion, West Lavington
- 9:30 am Christmas Communion, Little Cheverell
- 10:00 am Family Service, Market Lavington
- 11:00 am Family Service + Communion, Great Cheverell

Sunday 26th December: St Stephen (1st of Christmas)

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), West Lavington
- 10:30 am Benefice Parish Communion, Easterton

Every Tuesday 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at All Saints, West Lavington.
Every Thursday 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Mary's, Market Lavington

Sunday 2nd January : Christmas 2

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Little Cheverell
- 9:30 am 'Half Hour Service', Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion (Trad.), West Lavington
- 11:00 am Matins (BCP), Easterton
- 11:00 am Simple Celebration, Great Cheverell

Sunday 9th January : The Baptism of Christ

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School, West Lavington
- 11:00 am United Service, at Trinity in the Community Hall
- 11:00 am Parish Communion (Trad.) Little Cheverell
- 4:00 pm Evensong (BCP), Great Cheverell

Sunday 16th January : 2nd of Epiphany

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), West Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion, Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Matins (BCP), West Lavington
- 9:30 am Welcome to Worship, Great Cheverell
- 11:00 am Parish Communion, Easterton
- 11:00 am Parish Communion (BCP), Little Cheverell

Sunday 23rd January : 3rd of Epiphany

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Market Lavington
- 9:30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School, West Lavington
- 11:00 am Parish Communion (BCP), Great Cheverell
- 11:00 am Matins (BCP), Little Cheverell
- 7:00 pm Prayer and Praise, Market Lavington

Sunday 30th January : 4th of Epiphany

- 8:00 am No Service
- 10:30 am Two Benefices Service: The parishes of Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston will be joining our five parishes for a joint Parish Communion Service at West Lavington Church.

To celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be a combined service for all the churches 'Under the Plain' (from Bratton to the Cannings) on Sunday 23rd January at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell at 4.00pm

Do come and join us

VILLAGE CARE

**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826**

REV. PAT STROWGER

As many readers will be aware, Pat and Terry leave us at the end of the year and move to Bishop's Cannings. Pat will be working in Bishop's Cannings, All Cannings & Etchilhampton for about two years as those parishes prepare to combine with the Redhorn Team (Urchfont etc.). Pat and Terry will be retaining their house in Littleton Panell. Pat has made an enormous contribution to the life of our parishes – initially in West Lavington and Cheverells and then within the enlarged benefice since April 2002. If you would like to express your thanks to her by making a contribution towards a leaving present, please do contact one of the Churchwardens or Quentin Goggs, the Benefice Treasurer. Pat will be licensed in Bishop's Cannings on Thursday 13 January at 7.00pm.

James Campbell

LAST THOUGHTS

The end of the year seems a strange time to talk about new beginnings. But the new Church year has just begun and the new calendar year fast approaches. With the new calendar year we make resolutions in order to make new beginnings, a new life, a new us, if we are determined enough. The season of Advent is an opportunity for us to look forward, to renew our Christian faith as we prepare to receive the light of the Christ Child into our hearts; new life can be rekindled within us if we allow the light to shine into our inmost beings. With that light in us we can spread the Good News of the Gospel of Peace to others whom we meet in our everyday lives.

For me personally this year's ending sees an ending and a beginning in my own life. The ending is my ministry in this Benefice, my new beginning is

in the Benefice of the Cannings and Etchilhampton.

We face change in our lives in different ways but I guess for all of us there is a certain mixture of excitement and apprehension, regret and anticipation. The first two emotions are self-explanatory. For me the regret is leaving all of you who have been so supportive of me as I became accustomed to my new role among you. Without that support I could not have developed in my role as a priest as I have done. I am more grateful than I can say. The anticipation I feel is of putting into practice in another setting all I have learnt among you.

With a move in the offing, it is a time of preparation in the Strowger household and everything is a rush and decisions have to be made; rather like our secular preparations for Christmas in fact, as we try to decide what presents to give, and what to eat and drink. But we must not lose sight of the fact that advent is also a time of preparation. At this busy time of year we need to take time out, to reflect why we celebrate Christmas, to prepare for that light I spoke of earlier. We give thanks to God that he humbled himself to live among us and share our humanity. So with my thanks to you all once again, I wish you a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

God bless you all. Pat

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“SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS”

Infinity XIII, Dauntsey's Young Enterprise Company, are running a Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December from 12-5 p.m. at the School. This is a great opportunity to buy some affordable unique gifts in time for Christmas, and even sell your own products if you wish to have a stall. There will be a charity tombola with all proceeds going directly to Help For Heroes, and Infinity XIII will also be donating a percentage of our own profits to the Charity as well. Parking via the Cheverell Road entrance where marshals will point you towards the Sports Hall. Any enquiries please contact Chris Golding on goldingcc@live.co.uk or 07554241590

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO

The Village Hall Committee are arranging a Bingo evening on Monday 6th December in aid of the hall funds. There will be a wide variety of prizes with a Christmas theme. Play starts at 7.30 p.m., so why not come along for an evening of entertainment!

Devizes Deanery Bite-sized Learning

Monday 6th December, 7.30 p.m. St John's Rooms Devizes
Contemplative Prayer
Jeanne Blowers
Tuesday 18th January, 7.30 p.m.
Dauntsey's school, West Lavington
Music in Worship 2 – Medieval to Modern – Chris Totney

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

by Dauntsey's School Choral Society and Pupil Soloists
at

All Saints' Church, Netheravon
on Friday December 3rd at 7.30pm
Monteverdi, Dvorak, Bach and Victorian Ballads

FREE ENTRY – REFRESHMENTS

Proceeds from sale of wine and retiring collection to Church funds

Come sing and be sung to!

THE HALF HOUR SERVICE

Everyone very welcome
9.30am Sunday 5th December and
9.30am Sunday 2nd January
For all ages - child friendly
Free coffee, squash & biscuits.

Maybe you are looking for help or advice? The Church is here to help.

Rev James Campbell
Phone: 01380 816963

email: lavingtonrector@gmail.com
St.Mary's Church, Market Lavington

White Horse Opera's Christmas Concert by Candlelight

this year is on
Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm
in the Church of
St John the Baptist, Devizes.
Under the baton of guest conductor
Michael Cobb
Tickets from Devizes Books
(£8, and under 12s free)
includes mulled wine and mince pies.
Come along and join in with your
favourite carols, a great way to start
the festive season!

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS WALK AT LITTLE CHEVERELL

On Sunday 5th December 2010 starting at 11.00 a.m. from the Village Hall in Little Cheverell, returning there afterwards for hot food and drinks. If the walk is too much then join us for lunch only. Please bring your own wine and beer and we will provide the rest. There will be a table of goodies for you to buy ready for Christmas eating or to give as presents. Everyone is welcome (not just those from Little Cheverell) including children, and well behaved dogs on leads. Cost £10 per adult and £5.00 for children 12 and under. Dogs are free. Please telephone Helena Warnock on 813487 or Greta Taylor on 812409 to book your place or alternatively you can e-mail helenawarnock@btinternet.com. Seating for lunch is limited so do please book early. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds.

Village Hall Committee

POULSHOT FARM SHOP

Dear All,

I am writing to invite you to visit our New Farm Shop at Poulshot Lodge Farm, situated 500 metres off the A361 Devizes to Trowbridge road. We sell all locally produced Beef, Lamb and Pork, and we also have chickens, plus many other items to complement your meal.

Our beef is produced on the farm and hung in our cold room for 28 days. The pork comes from a farm in Potterne while the lamb is reared on a farm near Chippenham.

We have a full-time experienced friendly butcher who is there to help and advise you on any joints you require. We also sell ready made meals cooked by Philip Henshaw who was the landlord of The Raven for many years and is well known for his home-cooked meals using produce from the shop.

We will stock Turkeys, both free-range and barn-reared, plus Ducks and Geese. Also Christmas vouchers and hampers and many items to make your shopping complete, so I feel a visit to our shop will be worthwhile.

Happy Christmas to You All
The Hues Family

VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRED

Every Society and group within West Lavington who use the Village Hall, even if only occasionally, should have a representative on the Village Hall Committee. This Committee virtually "runs" the Hall.

A representative for All Saints Church is needed for the Village Hall Committee. It is an enjoyable voluntary appointment with not too many meetings - about 4 - 6 a year. The aim of the representative is to keep an eye on the church's requirements with regard to the Hall - also be part of the Village Community who take care of the interests of the Village.

If you feel this could be you, please contact Lavender Davy (8123782)

CHRISTMAS MORNING PANIC

Forgotten the Cranberry Sauce?
Brandy for the Pudding?
No Chocolates for Aunt Ethel?

Fear not! COSTCUTTER, WEST LAVINGTON
Will be open on Christmas Morning
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

POPPY APPEAL 2010

WEST LAVINGTON,
GREAT CHEVERELL,
LITTLE CHEVERELL & ERLESTOKE
The Poppy Appeal raised a magnificent £2416.48p this year, a record. Grateful thanks to all donors, and to businesses and house-to-house collectors for their great efforts.

The All Saints Church collection was the biggest single contribution, closely followed by HMP Erlestoke, the majority of the latter's donation coming from the inmates themselves.

The military, ex-military and their families will feel the benefit, so once again, many thanks to all on their behalf.

West Lavington Royal British Legion
Committee.

SHOPPING FOR CHARITIES

The Coffee Morning which took place at Brookfields in West Lavington on 4th and 5th November made £2,700 for Cancer Research UK, Hugo Halkes (Rowdeford School) and Lizzie Beach-MacGeah charities.

This was a great success and thank you for all those who supported and provided delicious cakes etc.

Bo Miles-Hobbs and Anna Grew

DAVY LOGS

After approximately 15 years, Hugh has decided to give up "logging". He took the business over from his son Tim who started it when he returned from hitching round the world (well, he got as far as Africa) and he could not get a job for love or money in England. After establishing the business and running it for three or four years, he found that he did not earn enough money from logging to keep his wife and three children so Hugh took it over. Hugh loved the work being outside and meeting lots of customers and making some pocket money. However the time has come for Hugh to hang up his axe and pass the business on to his son-in-law - also called Tim. Tim Watson will be logging on a part time basis and can be reached on 01380 813699. We wish Tim W all the best.

WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

The date for our Fete in 2011 is the 18th June. The theme of the day will be "A Wedding" ! So, ladies, hats to the fore.

The Dog Show will be back, thanks to the kindness of Henrietta Goggs and we hope to open early at 12.30 p.m. so that families can enjoy a picnic together or BBQ before the fun and shopping begin. It has been suggested that we run a Family Barn Dance in the evening following the Fete with profits going to other village charities. If anyone is prepared to help organize it, please contact Liz Evans on 813929.

The next Fete meeting will be at Sunnyside Cottage on January 18th 2011 at 7 p.m. All welcome.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

At the recent committee meeting, it was reported that quotes for cleaning and roof repairs had been received and approved, and these works would now be commenced.

We have applied to the Area Board for a grant towards the repair, stripping and re-sealing of the Hall floor and the decision will be known at the end of November. We feel that this would greatly improve the appearance of the main hall.

The preliminary work for the website has been undertaken and the domain name purchased, but we are still requiring "copy" and information, with photos from any organisations that use the hall and would like their details published – there is no charge for this, so free publicity for your group! Please contact us if you would like further information.

Saturday 19th February 2011 - Don't forget to put this date in your new diary – fundraising for Village Hall funds at a Valentine's Dance at the Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School – put on your dancing shoes!

A big thank you to the band of stalwarts on the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work, and a very Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Julia Ford, Chairman, Tel 812365

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.15pm to 6.45pm, TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Fun with floats – Sunday 5.15pm to 6.00pm,

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £50 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2 per swim)

£25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1 per swim)

Spring Term starts Tuesday 11th January 2011

& ends Tuesday 29th March 2011 (21 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure:

Sun 20th & Tue 22nd February

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00 CHILDREN:- £1.50

Stephen Read. 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington. Tel: 01380 816280.

Email: indulge.two@googlemail.com

Michael Russell. 01380 818110, or 07836 515677.

Email: michaelrussell3735@btinternet.com

Come along for a "taster" – a small fee will be deducted when you join the Club

Wiltshire Moneyline

Difficult Financial Times

These are indeed difficult financial times for many families but there is a lifeline which is available and will indeed help many

The four Credit Unions in Wiltshire have worked together and can now offer loans of up to £500 at an interest rate of 2% per month (calculated only on the reducing balance of the loan) to borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to repay. These loans are called Moneyline loans.

What are Credit Unions? They are non-profit making co-operatives, regulated by the Government and are run in Wiltshire by trained volunteers. Local residents can join their Credit Union for life for £2 and would normally save for a minimum of three months before a loan would be considered. However Moneyline loans are available immediately – new members are also encouraged to save even small amounts into their Credit Union account while paying off their loan but are not compelled to do so. The application process is rigorous and takes about ten days to investigate the borrower's ability to repay.

The policy of Credit Unions is to help their members through a tough period and offer a genuine alternative to high cost lenders. £500 borrowed from a doorstep or internet lender and repaid evenly over a year will cost £410 additionally in interest. From Moneyline the interest would be £63, a saving of £347!

These Moneyline loans are offered by your Credit Union and initial investigations are done by Community First, a registered charity in Devizes. Applicants should in the first instance contact:

Community First on 01380 736387 or directly to their intended Credit Union

North Wilts Credit Union 01249 248313

West Wilts Credit Union 01225 709865

South Wilts Credit Union 01722 421881

Kennet Credit Union 01672 562666

All these Credit Unions have been encouraged and supported in offering Moneyline loans by Wiltshire Council and the Housing Associations / Registered Social Landlords operating in Wiltshire.

MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

at The Green Dragon, Market Lavington

on second Saturday of every month

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In aid of a different charity each month

Lots to buy, including

Paintings, Jewellery, Jams and Chutneys, Walking Sticks,

Handmade cards and decorations, Textiles

Next date: December 11th

For more information, contact

Steve or Nicky Wragg on 813235

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

The financial forecast for the coming New Year looks rather dark. Significant cuts to Wiltshire Council's budget are in hand and some services are bound to be affected. Priority will be given to the needs of the most disadvantaged but you must expect a decline in standards in some other areas. The details are still being worked out but some bus services may go, road maintenance may suffer, planned improvements to leisure centres may be deferred and the enhanced recycling collections may be delayed.

The pain here should be far less than in some other counties where cuts will be much deeper, so we can be thankful for that. A further light in the gloom is that Wiltshire, with government encouragement, is planning no increase in Council Tax in 2011.

One of the hardest parts of all this is that Wiltshire Council will reduce the number of staff it employs. Some are already under threat and others are carrying additional responsibilities. I hope, therefore, that you will be tolerant if some council services are not delivered with the immaculate efficiency you expect.

In the longer run, I am confident that the challenges and hardships we now face will prove to have been worthwhile and that the public services will be delivered more efficiently and with less bureaucracy. For example, I have recently been lobbying government ministers to cut the mass of unnecessary red tape that binds the council and they have responded encouragingly.

In Wiltshire, we are actively seeking ways of saving money. For example, for minor road repairs we are using a new and better form of asphalt, which does a better job for less money. We are also experimenting with cutting the amount of salt used on the roads by mixing it with molasses. It sounds a sticky solution but, apparently, the result is just as good. The salt goes much further, it's much cheaper and the environment benefits as well.

Just as the joy of Christmas brightens the darkest time of the year, the message for the season is of renewal and hope.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 01380 813619.

PLEASE HELP!

Four baby kittens desperately need good homes - tabby longhaired, tabby shorthaired, black with grey undercoat - (mother moggy x exotic believed abandoned). Kittens weaned and ready to go on 1st December . Please call 07811515317/01380.812122

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

20 mph Speed Trial: There is good news on our aim to get a 20 mph speed limit in the village. The speed data collected in the first part of the trial has been analysed by Wiltshire Council and on the basis of these results the trial will continue.

Census 2011: Just a reminder that if you are interested in applying for a job which involves going out into the community and gathering information for the census then you can obtain further information by applying at

www.censusjobs.co.uk

Vandalism: There has been a recent incident in the village of a car parked on the drive of a private residence being broken into and it would appear that the thief had been sorting through CD's but had apparently been disturbed as nothing was taken. We would therefore advise all parishioners to be vigilant and ensure that their vehicles are kept locked.

Open Meetings: Do you feel that your area of the village is not represented or have you a particular issue that you would like raised on the Parish Council? Then please do come along to any of our Parish Council Meetings which are held on the first Monday of the month (excepting Bank Holidays when they are held on the 2nd Monday) at 7.30 p.m. During the first part of the evening an Open Forum is always held when any parishioner can raise any issue they may wish discussed. Our next meeting is on Monday,6th December at 7.30 p.m. in the new Pavilion, Witchcombe Close, Great Cheverell and you will receive a warm welcome should you decide to attend.

Website: We do sincerely apologise that our website has not been updated for some considerable time. Our website administrator is in the process of building a new website for us and items will be updated shortly.

Finally, on behalf of Cheverell Magna Parish Council may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)

Website: www.greatcheverell.org

WEST LAVINGTON LOGS FOR SALE

GOOD QUALITY SEASONED HARDWOOD LOGS

LOGS CUT TO SIZE - now available

£130 A LOAD (Full Trailer) - Half Loads available £78(Pick Up Truck)

Free Local Delivery (3 miles radius of West Lavington) or buyer collect)

PLEASE CALL Caroline Holloway 07977 058 304 or 01380 813113

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Footpath 12 - With a few "willing" volunteers we tackled the stretch of path which runs from the Catholic church along the side of the woods through to the junction where it joins the field/Pocock's wall. We were able to clear and widen the path base and hopefully make it easier to use. This has given me an idea that perhaps if we had a few more willing residents we could form a working party for similar small works? If anyone would like to put themselves forward I would ask that they email our clerk at clerkpc@sky.com with their details.

Speeding on A360 - We have now had the results from the "Metrocounters" that were placed along the High Street and the data retrieved has confirmed that we do qualify for the speedwatch programme. Initially, though, we have asked Wiltshire Council to provide us with some interactive warning signs placed along the High Street. We will await their answer. Also, regarding speeding, it has been brought to our attention about general speeding on the small back roads within the village. Please check your speed and drive to suit the conditions; many of these small roads require US ALL to drive at a sensible and safe speed.

Reactive Road Sign – Church Corner: Work to reinstate the reactive signs on Church Street is now (at last) in hand. Recutting the slot in the road to carry the wire will take place on Sunday, 5th December, with traffic controls.

Reinstatement of the signs themselves will take place on Monday, 6th December.

WLPC Website - Further update on the website is that, owing to there being "two" West Lavingtons, ours and one in West Sussex(!) we have had a domain name issue, so as our first choice name was not available we have decided instead to go with www.westlavington.info and this should be registered and running by January.

Census 2011 - As per my comment last month, next March will see the 2011 Census. Please participate and complete as this will save a lot of time and a follow up visit; it is necessary and a legal requirement.

Thank you, Mark Wadman, Chairman

West Park Farm Christmas Turkeys



Locally Barn Reared Bronze Turkeys
and Free Range Geese

Prices from £2.70 per lb

To place an order please contact:

West Park Farm, Market Lavington, Wiltshire, SN10 4NW

Tel: 01380 813314

DAUNTSEY'S AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



What a great start to the new school year. The children really enjoyed their first term and had a fun filled learning experience. We continue to be busy this term with our learning, celebration assemblies, sports, swimming and after school clubs. The children have really enjoyed the new club additions such as yoga, cookery and the Christmas craft club.

This term's topic is Africa, and on Tuesday 2nd November we were pleased to welcome Trap Media drumming company to

our school who shared their dance and drumming skills with the children. It was a fantastic day and every class had a drumming session. It was a great beginning to our topic and the children were all organized to develop their understanding of all things Africa.

There was also a brief performance at the end of the school day for parents to see what the children had learnt. It was a fun and exciting day for the whole school.

Football news: On 20th October six year 4's went to Devizes Leisure Centre to play in a 13 team tournament. In the first game they won 4-0 against Southbroom Juniors. After a close battle they drew with Five Lanes. They then won their next four games, scoring 10 and conceding 3. This run took them into the final where they met All-Cannings. After a very tiring and close game they lost 1-0. They had a great tournament and we all feel very proud of their efforts.

Netball News: We are delighted to announce that on Wednesday 10th November DAPS A team won their match against Southbroom B with a fantastic result of 7-0 and DAPS B team also won their match against Nursteed B with an equally fantastic result of 6-0, a huge well done to all!!!

The PTA recently organized a sponsored walk and raised enough money to fund this year's Christmas performance of Alice in Wonderland by the Flying Pizza Company. We are confident that the children will enjoy seeing a wonderful production in their own school setting. The PTA also held a fancy dress disco on 5th November and a fun night was had by all with dancing, games, face painting and prizes.

On 11th November the school ran a successful open day, which despite the awful weather was well attended and the feedback on the school was hugely positive. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success.

December promises to be busy starting with our dressing the Christmas tree assembly on Friday 3rd December. As we speak the children are busy making decorations to hang on the tree and are already getting excited at the thought of Christmas! We have our Christmas Fayre on Friday 10th December, Christmas church service on 17th December, Alice in Wonderland on Thursday 9th December and also our Christmas performances and Christmas lunch to look forward to!



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This month we have welcomed six new families to our setting. All seven children have settled in and we hope they enjoy their time here with us at Lavington Pre-school.

**Lavington
Pre-school**

We have been celebrating firework night, making some very sparkly art work, and discussing when and where we would be watching fireworks, what colours the fireworks were and what noises they made. We are also looking ahead, and we have been planning and working on our Christmas Play which will be on Friday 17th December.

We have had two successful 'Phonics Sessions' with our parents – introducing how we use phonics here at pre-school and how parents can introduce phonics at home.

Can we say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who kindly gave us their unwanted Morrison Vouchers – we have exceeded our target and are looking forward to receiving some wonderful gardening equipment.

I would like to finish this month's news with another **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our pre-school during 2010 and on behalf of all the staff and families we would like to wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!**

For any further information, please contact Vici Knott, Pre-school Supervisor
on: Telephone (07730) 285998

BLOOD DONING DATES FOR 2011

The donors in West and Market Lavington, and the other local villages have attended four donation sessions during 2010, and as ever have attained the target number of donations needed by the Blood service.

The number of new donors has been swelled by the enthusiastic attendance of students from Dauntsey's School and we hope they will continue to donate when they move on from school.

The (provisional) dates for 2011 are:

- Friday 25th February at Community Hall, Market Lavington
- Thursday 12th May at Village Hall, West Lavington
- Thursday 18th August at Community Hall, Market Lavington
- Friday 7th October at Village Hall, West Lavington

Further information can be obtained from the website www.blood.co.uk or the national helpline 0300 123 23 23

Many thanks to you all for your continued support of these local sessions.
Julia Ford, Tel 812365

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

At this time of the year, we have a lot of celebrations relating to Christmas in school. We invite you all, as members of our community, to join with us for some of these so do consider including some of our events in your own celebrations this year.

The Christmas plays take place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December – younger children at 10.30am and older children at 1.30pm. You are most welcome to come and enjoy these performances.

We will be walking around Great Cheverell carol singing on Tuesday 7th December at 6.00pm. You are welcome to join us to sing – or if you prefer to listen, please do open your doors and show your support for the children. They love to see people coming out of their houses to enjoy the carols. The money we raise from this will go to the Children's Society.

It has been a busy term with lots of visits to castles and museums, and lots of interesting visitors related to our theme on medieval times using a medieval painting "Hunt in the Forest" as a stimulus. And we look forward to the Christmas Fayre on Friday 3rd December from 2.00pm – 3.30pm (you are most welcome to attend this to buy your Christmas gifts), the Christmas party, the Christmas carol service at St Peter's, and many other wonderful and exciting events.

On behalf of all at Holy Trinity, I wish everyone in our community a happy, blessed and fun-filled Christmas and a peaceful new year.

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Taylor Pre-School: 01380 812121

"Now ready on stage Joseph, no please don't hold baby Jesus like that. Could the shepherds just keep the noise down a bit, yes I know it's exciting. Where are all the kings? Has anyone seen the kings? Oh, did they all need to go? Well I suppose it is quite exciting, well providing they can all get back and have the right presents... what do you mean "what presents"? I thought you had them."

And cue Christmas. Here we are again running headlong into the Christmas festivities. Plays, parties, school fairs, maybe even Father Christmas. Will we have anytime to play? Well I suppose there are the autumn leaves to collect and our special police corner to decorate. Do police stations have Christmas decorations? Oh, and don't forget our Three Little Pigs story that we are re-creating, I expect they had decorations before they got blown down. So much to do.

Great Cheverell Pre-School and Nursery is a charitable pre-school. Based in the grounds of Holy Trinity School and enjoying close links with the school and community. Reg. Charity No. 1037654

MOTHERS' UNION

"At the Cenotaph": This was the theme of our meeting on Monday, 8th November and we were delighted that Wg Cdr Anji Scofield ARRC, BA (Hons) could be with us to share her memories of Remembrance Services. Anji was a member of the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service for 18 years. She began her talk by reminding us that we don't, as some would say, glorify war on Remembrance Day, but rather we glorify peace and acknowledge the debt that we owe to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in whatever war. Anji gave us a brief description of the ceremonial procedure that takes place at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday which is organised by the Royal British Legion. Last year Anji was part of the contingent of 25 members of the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Association who lined up with other veterans to march past the cenotaph following the formal short service. She also felt very privileged to be the person chosen to carry the wreath. In 1980 Anji attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall and said that for her the most memorable event was the dropping of the thousands of poppies from the roof of the hall to the arena – each poppy representing a life that had been sacrificed.

She showed us a handful of the poppies which she had kept from that occasion as a memento. A few years later in 2005 she was present at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey. The event that year was particularly moving, as the Queen Mother who had always attended it had died earlier in the year and the Queen was apparently visibly moved during the short service. Earlier this year Anji attended the City of London Salute at St Paul's Cathedral. This event was organised as a tribute to all military and civilian personnel who had played a part in the success of the Battle of Britain during 1940.

Finally Anji showed us her two medals. In 1990 she learnt whilst serving as Matron of the RAF War Hospital in Bahrain during the first Gulf War that she was in the New Year's Honours List. She later attended Buckingham Palace to receive from the Queen her Associate Royal Red Cross (ARRC) medal. Her second medal was awarded for her service in the Middle East. Currently Anji works as a RAF Welfare Officer for Devizes and the surrounding area.

We were most grateful to Anji for coming along and giving such an interesting talk which was enjoyed by all and we do wish her well in the important work she continues to do in this area.

We concluded the afternoon by making plans for our meetings in 2011.

Val Noviss



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

When defeat seems like a victory.....

The Under 9s had a great encounter with the unbeaten Trowbridge Rangers, in what was a thrilling Cup tie. The Badgers twice took the lead with goals from Raff with assists from Archie, but at half time were narrowly losing 2-3 as the game ebbed and flowed both ends. Rosie then made her debut for the Badgers, and soon took

on the challenge of tormenting the Rangers defence, and with some good wing play she set up the third goal for Raff to make it 3-3. Game on with minutes to spare. However, despite the great defending by Scott and Archie, good midfield play by Jack, Ryan, Ben B. & P., and the great keeping from Charlie, the Rangers team again took the lead to eventually win the game 3-5. Man of the Match went to Rosie, for an excellent debut performance.

In other Cup news, the Adult team played local rivals Seend United in the A&B Cup, at the West Lavington stadium. Drawing 2-2 at full-time, the Badgers then went on to pile the pressure to put 4 goals away against this higher division Seend team, to win the match 6-2.

In the Leagues, a mix of results in November:

- U12 losing 1-3 to leaders Trowbridge Wanderers, but remain 2nd in the table
- Big town wins for the Badgers in the U10 against Melksham : 5-2, and U11 a narrow 1-0 win against Chippenham Town (White).
- Under 8s: both squads had good positive matches against Corsham and Melksham at the Five Lanes pitch.

Next Adult home matches to be played at West Lavington Village Hall Stadium (all spectators welcome):

11 Dec: v FC Northbridge – k.o. 14.00

18 Dec: v Melksham Town Reserves – k.o. 14.00

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Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

FRIENDS OF THE COURTYARD SURGERY

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, IDEAL PRESENTS OR TREATS!

Tickets are now on sale, and moving fast, at Courtyard Surgery for the Christmas raffle. Buy now for the chance to win exciting prizes, some of which will be ideal for personal use and others will be just the present for that relative or friend who is so difficult to please. It goes without saying that donations of prizes are most welcome!

The draw will take place in mid to late December and winners will be informed by telephone.

Richard Matters, Chairman - Friends of Courtyard Surgery (FOCS)

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

Back in January, ice and snow cancelled the meeting that Peter Biggs of Wanborough Nursery was due to attend. So garden club members were delighted when, on November 9th, Peter was able to return to Great Cheverell Village hall to tell us all about how to create Silver Medal winning show gardens at the Malvern Show. He has two Silver Medals and his slide show tracked the trials and triumphs of the process he went through to win them. The best part though was the plant collection he brought with him, which helped him to explain some of the design features and which members were able to purchase at the end of the evening.

On Tuesday 7th December, it will be the Christmas party when there will be some festive fun and creativity to enjoy as well as delicious refreshments donated by members

Looking ahead to Tuesday January 11th 2011 the Cheverells' Garden Club is welcoming back Millie Carmichael, a gardening club favourite. We are never quite sure what Millie will do for us and this next visit is no exception!!! Visitors as always are very welcome; a charge of £2 is made for each visit.

BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL

Bookmark members have yet to discuss the latest novels they have read, but three ladies from our group attended the Marlborough Literary Festival to see Margaret Drabble & Lyn Barber; both considered to be most interesting.

Our Christmas party takes place on 8th December: tasty treats, mulled wine and festive readings - guests welcome. And next year's club session opens on 19th January with Winter Ghosts by Kate Mosse & Jamie Ford's Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet.

Hild Marrow

WEST LAVINGTON WI

Three 'must haves' for a power cut: warm clothing, a torch – and Richard Matters. If you like being cosy on a dark winter evening listening to a wonderful story, you'll envy the West Lavington WI members in the village hall on the night the lights went out. Our speaker wasn't in the least fazed when forced to set aside his beautiful slides in favour of a colorful narrative of 'The Road to Santiago'. We heard how Richard took just over four weeks, averaging 20 miles per day, to complete the St. James' pilgrimage route in Spain; his aim being one of reflection. He 'painted' such a vivid and realistic image of his travels; at the end of the evening (still in the dark) we had not missed the photography, however stunning. Well done Richard Matters!

Many thanks to Rob, Sue & Toby Robson for a spectacular firework party on November 5th. We would also like to thank the Sheep Bell's committee for their valuable organizational skills; their programme this year was one to be proud of. And Hazel Jennings' involvement with the new village hall committee is much appreciated. All Green Lane gift boxes have now been delivered.

The WI will meet in The Giles Room on 12th December for a bit of festive hocus-pocus - and hey presto! The Christmas meal will now be in the new year; date and venue to be advised.

FUNERALS

Anthony Loftus St George Stephenson CLARKE, died aged 78 on 9th October. A private cremation took place on 22nd October. There will be a Memorial Service for Tony on 2nd December at All Saints' Church, West Lavington at 2.30 p.m. West Lavington.

Mary Alice OSBORNE, aged 93, died on 21st October. Her funeral at West Lavington on 3rd November was followed by cremation.

Gregory Saville LIGHT, aged 53, died on 25th October. His funeral at S Mary's, Market Lavington on 2nd November was followed by cremation.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ DECEMBER

Once again we are putting together a quiz to entertain you over the holiday period and raise money for our churches. There will be 100 questions again this year, but it will be a bit different, so do try it! We promise some of it will be easy! It will be available in Great Cheverell and Market Lavington post offices from the beginning of December, or phone me on 01380 813736 and I will make sure you get a copy. Good Luck and Enjoy.

Henrietta Goggs

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The draw was done this month by Pauline Froud of Great Cheverell. The winner of the first prize of £40 was John Ford of The Old Post Office West Lavington; and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Catherine Nosworthy of Great Cheverell.

**Quentin Goggs,
Administrator of the 200 Club**

WORSHIP IN OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Trinity Church, Market Lavington (United Church):
Services each Sunday in the Community Hall 10.30 am
St. Joseph's, Littleton Panell (Roman Catholic):
Mass with Sunday School. 9.00am. Confessions before Mass.
Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington:
Sunday 11 am and 6 pm (Secretary J. Coxhead 01373 823038)

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

A White Christmas

Yes, it's that time again when you can't visit the shops without being subjected to "Christmas music". I don't mean carols like Hark the herald angels sing or Handel's Messiah, but Merry Christmas by Slade or Mistletoe and wine by Cliff Richards. It's enough to make you want to stay at home and buy all your pressies on the internet. I suppose that one of the best loved of these songs is White Christmas by Bing Crosby. You know how it goes, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."

Now, I'm not foolish enough to try and predict that this part of Wiltshire is going to see snow on December 25th. But whether that happens or not, it is possible to have a White Christmas this year. What do I mean by that? The prophet Isaiah who foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14 if you want the reference) said, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

This cleansing is possible because of Jesus. Joseph was told concerning Mary, "And she will bring forth a Son and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21). Jesus came into the world to die on the cross for our sins so that those who believe in him might be put right with God. Through Jesus God offers us a White Christmas, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow".

You would be most welcome to come and celebrate Christmas with us at Ebenezer Baptist Church:

- 19th December 11am Morning Worship with Carols, preacher: Guy Davies
6pm Carol Service, preacher: Guy Davies
- 25th December 10.30am Christmas Morning Service, preacher: John Coxhead
- 26th December 11am preacher, John Coxhead
6pm preacher, Jim Short

Season's Greetings,

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A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all, including not least those who get round to reading it. I bet I have forgotten somebody but a Happy Christmas to you too. Don't forget – there is no News and Views in January.

Jim Hodges

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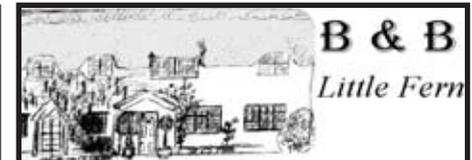
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