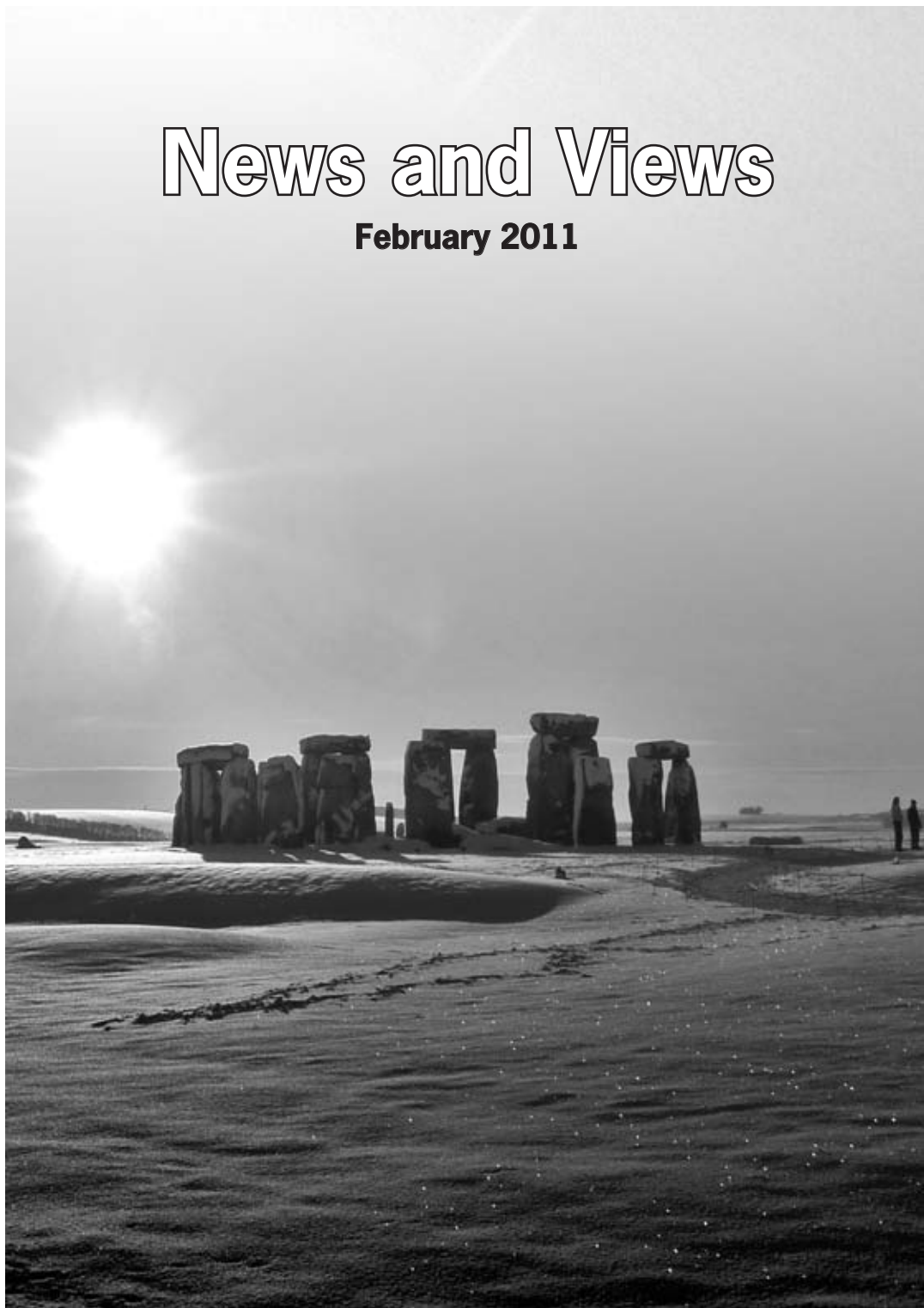


News and Views

February 2011



Sunday 6th February – 5th before Lent

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

Sunday 13th February – 4th before Lent

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), Market Lavington
 9:30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School, West Lavington
 11:00 am United Service at St Barnabas, Easterton
 11:00 am Parish Communion (Trad), Little Cheverell
 4:00 pm Evensong (BCP), Great Cheverell

Sunday 20th February – 3rd before Lent

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 27th February – 2nd before Lent

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
 7:00 pm Prayer and Praise, Market Lavington

Sunday 6th March – Next before Lent

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

VILLAGE CARE

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

Dear Friends,

At a wedding, the youngest bridesmaid asked an adult, "Why is the bride always dressed in white?" The response was, "Because white represents happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." So the young questioner continued, "Then why's the groom dressed in black?"

Marriage in the 21st Century is full of challenges and traditional patterns of family life are changing; yet the qualities that enable relationships to flourish remain. I came across the 'Recipe for a Happy Marriage':

- 1 cup consideration
- 1 cup courtesy
- 2 cupfuls flattery carefully concealed
- 1 gallon faith and trust in each other
- 2 cupfuls praise
- 1 small pinch of in-laws
- 1 reasonable budget
- a generous dash of cooperation
- 3 teaspoons pure extract of "I'm sorry"
- 1 cup contentment
- 1 cup each confidence and encouragement
- 1 large or several small hobbies
- 1 cup blindness to the other's faults

Flavour with frequent portions of recreation and a dash of happy memories. Stir well and remove any specks of jealousy, temper or criticism. Sweeten well with portions of love and keep warm with a steady flame of devotion. Never serve with cold shoulder.

James Campbell

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 The Vicarage, Market Lavington
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 Rev'd Ann Cocking (01380) 812763

BLOOD DONING SESSION

At Community Hall, Market Lavington
 Friday, February 25th
 Sessions from 1.30-3.15 p.m.
 & 5.00-7.15 p.m.
 New/returning donors are always
 needed and welcome
 Any queries, please contact Julia Ford
 (812365) or
 National Helpline (0845 711 711)
 for further information

February Services

From the Rectory

HAVE YOU LOST A CAT?

To be precise, a short haired, tabby and white female who is affectionate and loving, very vocal and with an excellent appetite. I think she had been surviving for a few weeks by living off her wits in the Little Cheverell area until shortly before Christmas when she took up residence with me. She is a dear little cat but I am concerned that she may be someone's much loved and missed cat. If so please telephone Helena on (01380) 813487.

ANY OLD JARS?

As I find myself making numerous jars of marmalade for various worthy causes such as the West Lavington Fete, the Cancer Research Coffee Morning, the Mothers' Union Stall, and my breakfast, I am in need of empty jars, with or without lids. Don't want to be fussy but the size is important to make a consistent charge – normal honey pot size = ½ pint or 1 lb approx.

Can collect.
Jim Hodges, Call 812467.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION??

Early Morning Swimming at Dauntsey's pool 6.45 to 7.55 - on Monday and Thursday mornings.
Contact Julia Ford for details: 812365

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held in West Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday, 16th February at 7.15 p.m., when Kevin Hughes will speak on Gardening on the Dry Side. There will be plants for sale. The subject of this month's competition will be a Pot of Flowering Bulbs.

Valentine's Dance
at
Dauntsey's School
West Lavington
on
Saturday 19th February 2011
8pm - Midnight
Dancing to "THE PARTY ANIMALS"

Tickets - Tel: Jo Wadman - 01380 812336
Julia Ford - 01380 812365
The Bridge Inn - 01380 813213

Smart Dress, Black Tie Optional
£10 per person inc Cheese Supper

In aid of West Lavington Village Hall Funds

GUERNICA

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON
PICASSO'S PAINTING OF 1937
SATURDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2011, 7PM
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
ENTRY FEE £1
DOORS OPEN FROM 6.30PM
ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS: 07870135712
EMAIL- paulchapman.ah@btinternet.com

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The harsh winter has meant not too many outdoor activities for the Youth Club, but the members have benefited from the warmth of their own Youth Club building and its many facilities. We hope that the coming spring will allow more outdoor activities to take place.

We are pleased to confirm that with the aid of Wiltshire Council and the West Lavington Parish Council the new Play Area for 'older' young people is now up and running and all are welcome to come along and use it.

Eric Freeman - Chairman

What's On this month

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

At the recent committee meeting, there was an update on the various maintenance items which have been completed, and notice that the main hall floor is being mended, sanded and resealed during the week starting 24th January. Apologies if your event or meeting has been changed but I am sure you will agree that it will be worth it! This is a project partly funded by a grant from the Devizes Area Board.

There is a fund-raising event for the Village hall – a Valentine’s Dance at Dauntsey’s Memorial Hall on Saturday 19th February (advertised elsewhere in this issue), so please come and support, and dance away the winter blues!

A note to all hirers – could you please leave the hall in a tidy and clean condition, and stack the blue chairs in the main hall as indicated. Many thanks.

The next meeting – all welcome – will be held on

Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30 in the Giles Room.

Julia Ford, Chairman, Tel 812365

LAVINGTON WEATHER 2010

Average Temperature for 2010	9.95C (49.92F)
Average Temperature over 33 years	10.40C (50.72F)
Total Rainfall for 2010	572.3mm (22.5ins)
Average Rainfall over 33 years	925.29mm (36.42ins)
Driest Month (April)	24.6mm (0.96ins)
Wettest Month (August)	83.77mm (3.29ins)
Lowest night time temperature (January 6/7)	-12.0C (5.36F)
Highest Daytime Temperature (July 9th)	29.2C (84.5F)
Lowest Daytime maximum temperature (Jan 4)	-1.8C (28.76F)
Wettest Day (August 22)	31.2mm (1.22 ins)
Highest Wind Speed (February 26)	31.5mph Westerly
Lowest Barometric Pressure (November 8)	969 mbs

To summarise, it has been quite an interesting year regarding weather. As far as snowfall is concerned we had a total of 27cms (10.62 ins), of which 18 cms (7.08 ins) fell in January/February with a further 9cms (3.54 ins) in December. Some quite low temperatures were recorded but, unlike the national average, we did not break any records as far as temperature was concerned. With two “proper” winters in succession we may ask where whether we are getting back into the normal cycle of events regarding winter weather! As can be seen from the data above it has been a very dry year – in fact the driest on record for 33 years.

As may well have been expected it was considerably cooler than the average, so what can we expect next year? Only time will tell.

Our Annual thanks to Michael Peet for his assiduous recording of our annual weather. Information of this nature is always welcome

NEWS FROM TRINITY CHURCH MARKET LAVINGTON

Services in February 10.30 a.m. in the Community Hall

6th February Rev Chris Cory

20th February Rev Jean Simmonds

27th February Worship led by our own home grown team.

On 13th February at 11.00 a.m. we will join with the Anglicans at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

Tots@Ten will be on Wednesday 9th February and Wednesday 9th March in the Furminger Room of the Community Hall. We missed some of our regulars in January and hope that anyone with young children will feel welcome to come and join us this month. We are making a special book of bible stories this year to join in with the celebration of 400 years of the King James Version of the Bible. This was the bible that was made accessible to everyone in England.

Trinity will be continuing with Saturday Night at the Movies this year. On Saturday 29th January the film was “Made in Dagenham”. Join us at 7 p.m. on 5th March for the award nominated film “The King’s Speech” with Colin Firth and Helena Bonham Carter. The audience is friendly and always well behaved, parking is easy and free and there is a reasonably priced bar, which also sells popcorn. Tickets £5 per person are available at Market Lavington Post Office prior to a showing and can be bought on the door.

POLICING IN WILTSHIRE

We would very much appreciate your support in this important consultation exercise about the future of policing in Wiltshire. Please do feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this.



‘Now we’re talking’ Your opportunity to influence the future of policing in Wiltshire. Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) is seeking the public’s views on the future of policing across the county with the publication of a short questionnaire on the authority’s website. Wiltshire Police Authority’s annual budget of £108 million must be reduced by £15 million over the next four years to meet government spending cuts. It is the police authority’s responsibility to ensure the police continue to provide an effective and efficient service across the whole of the Force area. WPA Chairman Chris Hoare said: “We are committed to keeping officers on the streets and protecting the frontline as far as possible but we want people to give us their views and tell us what they value in their police service. Please visit the authority’s website - www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk - to read more about these plans and give your views via a short questionnaire. You have until 9 February to complete the questionnaire.

Claire Woods, Internal Communications Officer Corporate Communications Department Wiltshire Police Headquarters, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
Tel: 0845 408 7000 extension 720 2629 Email:

claire.woods@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

It is increasingly evident that 2011 will be a year of challenge, whether at personal or corporate levels, public or private, local or national.

Most of us, at the personal level, know that we must match expenditure to income. The rule is "Don't buy it if you can't afford it". It sounds easy, but there are many traps – redundancy, childbirth, divorce, disability, etc. – that can put personal finance in a mess.

The same principles are true for our biggest companies and for our smallest. Businesses must sell goods or services to generate cash flow and make profits to survive. They depend on having customers who are not just willing but able to buy. Therefore, if you have money to spend, you will help local businesses if you spend it locally.

The challenge at the top end is that one of the biggest buyers in the UK economy is the public sector. The government, for very good reasons, will give substantially less money to all councils in 2011/12 than it did in 2010/11. Wherever possible, therefore, Wiltshire Council tries to buy locally and is very focussed on helping the local economy. For example, promotion of superfast broadband for the entire county, a key requirement to attract and retain businesses, is high on the agenda.

Of course Wiltshire Council exists to deliver services, not profit, and service delivery is tough when money is short. However, necessity is the mother of invention and Wiltshire Council is finding new ways of delivering services. Libraries, adult care, leisure, waste – all will be delivered for less cost. It's not easy but, all being well, the cloud will have a silver lining.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 01380 813619.

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

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

May we wish all parishioners a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

20 mph Speed Trial: We have good news! The Parish Council has succeeded in getting a 20 mph speed limit in Great Cheverell on an experimental basis. Once the legalities are completed, the existing 30 mph signs will be replaced with 20 mph ones and there will be a few additional repeater signs. These changes will be minimal, aimed at achieving reduced speeds, but also maintaining the appearance of this beautiful village. The works will take place in mid- to late February, after which there will be a 20 mph limit in the village for a trial period of about 12 months. During this time, there will be further surveys undertaken to compare speeds before and after the introduction of the 20 mph limit. We would expect to see a reduction in speeds and ask you, please, to check your own speed when driving through the village. It is in everyone's interest to reduce speeding, thereby increasing safety, especially for children, pedestrians, wheelchair users, horse riders and cyclists, and producing a better environment for us all. Finally, assuming average speeds are reduced in Great Cheverell over the 12 month trial, Wiltshire Council will issue a permanent traffic regulation order for a 20 mph speed limit in this village. We are very grateful to Cllr Ann Lumb for all her hard work on behalf of the Parish Council in bringing about this excellent outcome.

Bonfires: We would ask all parishioners, if you are planning to light a bonfire, that you consider your neighbours and, as a matter of courtesy, remember to notify them first. Thank you.

Dog Fouling: It has been brought to our attention that there have been further incidents of dog fouling in the village, particularly in Garston where repetitive fouling has been occurring in the same area for about a year now. We would remind dog owners that there is a £50 fine for this offence. Another important factor to consider is the health hazard caused. *Toxocara canis* is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs are found in dog mess, which can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness. The eggs can remain active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess has weathered away." (This information is found on the Directgov website under Home and Community.) The Parish Council therefore again appeal to dog owners to act responsibly and clear up after their dogs. Thank you.

2011 Census: Another reminder that on 27th March all residential households in the UK will be taking part in a Census. More Information can be obtained at www.census.gov.uk Details of jobs available in Wiltshire for the Census period can be obtained at www.censusjobs.co.uk

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)

Website: www.greatcheverell.org

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on January 6th and from the meeting some items of interest;

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: The Council welcomed Mr Mike May as a new member to the council. He was co-opted after Mrs Watts resigned last year. The Council still has one more vacancy for a Councillor. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council please do get in touch.

DOG FOULING; We have received several complaints about dog fouling on the playing field, around Eastfields, The Spinney and Sandfields, **PLEASE** can we ask those irresponsible dog owners to pick up the waste, "Bag it and Bin it". There are waste bins at the field or take it home. Children play in those areas and it paints a poor picture on all responsible dog owners.

SENIOR PLAYGROUND; Most of you will already know by now but there is a new playground for the older children and even adults of our community. There are four pieces of equipment that have now been installed at the playing field. This was funded by Wiltshire Council and the grant applied for by Mrs Dyson of the Youth Club. We thank them for their hard work.

WEST LAVINGTON WEBSITE; Our Clerk has been working hard since our last meeting building the council/village website. Prior to the meeting he gave us a full run through of its workings and we were all delighted with the finished article.

Please check it out as it goes live as from February the 1st

www.westlavington.info

2011/12 COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT; The Council has been working hard during the last few months preparing budget for the next financial year, and considering how much of that it will need to raise through the Council Tax precept prior to setting it by the January deadline. Many of you will be aware that the West Lavington Youth Club has struggled for funding over the last 12 months with several of their usual grants running out or being withdrawn in the current public sector round of cuts. Without intervention the Club was likely to be lost. The Club approached the Parish Council, asking if there was anything we could do. We explored what funding options we had, heard a presentation from the Club on its activities and contribution to young people in our communities; we also talked to our neighbouring parish councils for their input as well, as many of the Club members come from surrounding villages. After much debate it was decided that our communities would be much the worse for allowing the Youth Club to close after so much effort by so many people to provide an award-winning facility. So it was agreed unanimously to increase our precept for 2011/12, above that which was raised for the current year, to provide a budget from which a grant could be paid to the Club to assist with its running costs (and potentially to some other village organisations that support valuable parts of community life). There are also some other minor cost pressures such as a rise in insurance premiums for which provision needs to be made. This means that a typical band D house will see an increase of £11.99 per year or just under a £1 per month. This decision will mean that along with a generous grants from Market Lavington and Easterton Parish councils the Youth Club will now be in a position to open at least one evening per week - the minimum to assure its survival. This decision was not taken lightly and all options were explored before the precept was increased.

Thank you, Mark Wadman, Chairman

DAUNTSEY'S AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break, although it seems so long ago already! The children returned to school with some fabulous memories.

This term our Topic is 'The Night Sky', the teachers have planned exciting and fun learning for all children. We started the topic off with a visit from Auriga Astronomy with a mobile planetarium. This was a fantastic learning experience for the whole school and really got the children excited about this term's topic.

We continue to busy with our after school clubs and this term we have the addition of the Fun and Movement Club for KS1 children and the Animation Club for KS2 children. The Animation Club will start off by using the ICT suite to create a cartoon. Then they will be creating plasticine characters and a backdrop to tell a story, which they will record using Windows Movie Maker and hopefully put the films on the school website for all to see!

The school will be running a governor of the month throughout 2011, this will give each school governor the opportunity to pop into school, meet the school council, dip into lessons and discuss issues with staff members. The Governor of the Month for January is Mrs Helen Carpenter.

This term we are giving parents the opportunity to come into school to share lunch with their children. Each class is taking turns inviting their parents to come in on a Wednesday to join us for a roast dinner. Last week was the turn of Amazon class and the feed back from parents who attended was very positive!

Come and join us at Hedges House



A recently refurbished retirement scheme set in a popular village location.

We have spacious studio retirement apartments that are available now. The rent is affordable, we offer a lifetime tenancy and no deposit is required. We offer secure, independent living with a reassurance of an alarm service and support visits if required. Come and look around and to find out more....

**Contact Stuart Bishop, Retirement Services Co-ordinator,
Sarsen Housing Association 01380 812389**



Lavington
Pre-school

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We had a fabulous end to 2010 finishing with our Christmas Production and Christmas Party. We also had an amazing fundraising month in December so a big thank you to all our friends and families who supported us at the DAPS Christmas Fayre, our Christmas Celebrations and our Rag-Bag Collection – in total raising an amazing £270. We continue to collect any unwanted textiles, clothes and shoes, so if you are having a spring clean, please feel free to drop off any unwanted items at the pre-school.

We start 2011 by welcoming seven new children along with their families. We have an exciting new topic this term, the “Night Sky” which the children are thoroughly enjoying. We have been busy making various space rockets, planets and stars, alien hats. The children are enjoying sharing items from home at show and tell time and we are also working on our phonics.

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

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

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

We like to make sure that our children do lots of their learning through interesting and exciting themes in our school. Sometimes we run whole school themes, and other times each class runs its own theme. This term, we are working on class themes and these include Dinosaurs, the Antarctic, Britain since 1948, and War of the Worlds. Lots of literacy, history, geography, maths, science, design technology, music and ICT can be learned through the vehicles of these themes.

We have had a puppet show and the “Snow Queen” performed by visiting artists to all the children, and will be having a whole day on composing and performing Chinese music later in the term.

Budget cuts in the new financial year are going to see schools, along with everyone else, feeling the pressure of too little money for the projects that need funding. We are very fortunate in our school to have supportive families and our PFA who work hard to make sure we have the funds to buy resources for our children than enrich their learning. Our local community also donate time and goods to help our work in school and we are most grateful to part of such a warm and generous community.

VILLAGE CARE AND LINK

Commonly know as “The Care Group”, we provide voluntary drivers to take people in West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell to mainly medical related appointments.

This requires quite a large pool of drivers who can be called upon when the need arises. If you feel you are able to help us as a volunteer driver, perhaps because you are recently retired, or you find you have some spare time, please apply to Julie Collins on 01380 816973 or Michael Page on 01380 818510.

We also need volunteers to co-ordinate drivers. These would keep our appointments book for one month at a time, and receive calls from our “clients”, diverted to their home phones, and locate a driver who is available for each journey. Please apply to the phone numbers above.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to our dear friend Bill Goldsbrough who sadly died recently. Bill was a stalwart member of the Care Group and gave generously of his time over many years. We shall miss him greatly.

Michael Page, Chairman

MOTHERS' UNION

On 13th December we were happy to welcome Revd Pat Strowger who led us in a service of Holy Communion. This was followed by lunch and we said farewell to Pat and Terry and wished them well as they move to Bishop's Cannings.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 10th January in the Vicarage, West Lavington. Janet Hodges gave a report of the various activities that had taken place during the year, especially highlighting the Mary Sumner Day (Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union) on August 9th. A Bring and Buy Sale had been held in the morning, raising money for our Manchester members' visit in May, followed by lunch and a Service of Praise led by Revd John Cowburn, when an offering had been taken to be sent to the Overseas Fund, particularly benefiting the Wheels Organisation which arranges transport to needy villages. The day had proved to be such a success that other local branches of the Mothers' Union were considering arranging a similar event. Appreciation was expressed to Revd John and his wife Ann Cowburn for their hospitality throughout the year and to all members for their support. Revd Canon James Campbell and his wife Mary had started a half hour children's service on the first Sunday of the month which had proved to be a great success. Appreciation was also expressed to Paul Noviss who had been Acting Treasurer throughout the year and was unanimously voted into the role of Treasurer at the meeting. Officers for the year are as follows:

Branch Leader: Mrs Janet Hodges.
Branch Secretary: Mrs Val Noviss.
Branch Treasurer: Mr Paul Noviss.

Mrs Sandra Gamble was enrolled as a member in a short ceremony conducted by Revd Canon James Campbell and warmly welcomed into the group. Appreciation was expressed to Sandra for her help with publicity in the Wiltshire Gazette.

The afternoon concluded with a service of Holy Communion conducted by Revd Canon James Campbell.

At our next meeting on 14th February we will be having a nostalgic afternoon entitled "Memories of our Families" led by Revd John Cowburn and sharing photos and memorabilia. You are most welcome to come to any of our meetings which are held on the second Monday of the month at 2.15pm in The Vicarage, White Street, West Lavington.

Val Noviss



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

The January transfer window is now closed, with Beckham deciding instead to go and train at some small London club. However, the Badgers still welcome new members (both boys and girls) to come along and join the Club (see website for contacts).

With a poor December, the fixture re-scheduling has now started; in early January the U9 Wizards won 3-1 against Larkhall Athletic, with goals from Archie and Raff (2), and Player of the Match: Rosie (Again). Meanwhile the Adults had a County Cup match at the West Lavington stadium, against the Swindon team, Sandford, (top position in their respective league), but despite a very spirited performance the Badgers lost 1-4.

We would like to thank all Club members and parents who took part in the Charity in-door event at Lavington School on 29 December, with 16 hours of non-stop football from 6.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m., where the final score was a draw at 317 goals for Blues and Reds (decider by golden goal). A total of £2853 was raised for Help For Heroes and CLIC Sargent charities. Many thanks to Mike Van Den Bergh for organising this event, with Chris Pearce and Alan Mitchell.

Adult February fixtures. Saturday 14.30 pm K.O. at West Lavington Village Hall pitches:

- 12 Feb v Castle Combe
- 26 Feb v Bromham

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk>

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

FRIENDS OF THE COURTYARD SURGERY FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting. The Friends of Courtyard Surgery will hold its Annual General meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday 21st March. Members of the surgery are cordially invited to come along, find out what has been achieved in the last year, and meet the committee members.

Quiz Night. There will be a quiz night in the Churchill Arms in West Lavington (Next to the surgery) on Friday 25 March at 8pm. Further details will be announced in next months News and Views.

I look forward to seeing many of our patients and staff at the AGM and to a most enjoyable Quiz Night on the 25th of March.

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

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next visit to France is the weekend of 8th 9th 10th 11th July 2011. All members are welcome to come, and if you are not yet a member, you can easily join by contacting Malcolm Johnson on 818147.

If you have to be at work on the Friday or Monday, then you can always shorten the time in France.

Our twin is the village of St Pierre d'Autils which is midway between Rouen and Paris. We make our own way there and accommodation is free.

Please contact Malcolm Johnson 818147 or Mike Page 818510 for details.
Michael Page

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

'Know your Onions' at The Cheverells' Garden Club.

The village hall was packed on Tuesday January 11th for the much anticipated return of a garden club favourite Millie Carmichael.

This month, Millie's topic was onions, and this she talked about in her usual amusing and informative way. Millie included many historical and literary references as well as medicinal uses.

Also she shared with members what she knew about how to grow onions, when & where to grow them and what to grow them with. A very useful evening for everyone.

Next month, on Tuesday 8th February another garden club favourite returns, Dinah Lindon -Critchley, who will be talking to us about Building a Border.

Please be at Great Cheverell Village Hall by 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

Non members are welcome at a charge of £2 for the evening and there will be the usual raffle.

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

For more information, contact
Steve or Nicky Wragg on 813235

BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL

Bookmark members met for festive readings and mulled wine around a log fire for their Christmas session. Bernie Maltby played host and Janet Stamp's giant 'group cracker' was a delightful surprise; the evening was enjoyed by all.

The two January reads went down a treat. It was felt that the illustrations in the hard cover version of Winter Ghosts added much atmosphere to the Kate Mosse novel. And Jamie Ford's Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet comes highly recommended.

The group meet again on Wednesday, 23rd February to review Elizabeth Jenkins' The Tortoise & The Hare, introduced by Hilary Mantel, and The Elegance of The Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Meanwhile, several members have booked to go to the Bath Literary Festival next month.

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WEST LAVINGTON WI

West Lavington WI ladies felt their Christmas session was rather magical – and it was - courtesy of Adrian Burholt who entertained so brilliantly in the Giles Room. Wearing his most resplendent conjurer's coat, we were amazed with things vanishing with vol-au-vents and mysteries over mulled wine. Wonderful tricks & treats for our festive party, but Adrian Burholt is definitely a 'man for all seasons'.

Our own Lynne Rayner got the New Year off to a great start with her own style of keep fit, which suited everybody, and a group table was reserved at The Castle, Devizes for the post Christmas meal (which will have been consumed before this publication).

On 10th February Mr. Newbury will be showing us how to appreciate and enjoy the plays of William Shakespeare and March 10th is the competition date for the Kate Lyle Rose Bowl; this year we are looking for the best (printable) limerick.

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BAPTISMS

Charlotte Emilia Molly HAGELTHORN was baptised by Rev Pat Strowger at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 19th December 2010

FUNERALS

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved.

Jaqueline Ann WELLS of Market Lavington died on 3rd November 2010, aged 67 years. Her funeral at Semington Crematorium was on 18th November.

Gladys Edna HAINES of West Lavington died on 5th November 2010, aged 86 years. Her funeral and burial at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was on 25th November.

Dennis Roger BRADBURY of Market Lavington died on 18th September 2010. His funeral was on 28th September and his ashes were interred in St Mary's Churchyard on 4th December 2010.

Patrick Rupert Richard de BURGH of West Lavington died on 7th December 2010 aged 87 years. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at All Saints' Church West Lavington on 30th December 2010.

Molly Jean CHAPMAN of Market Lavington died on 13th December 2010, aged 79 years. A service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 23rd December was followed by cremation.

Helen Pike WATERS of Market Lavington, died on 19th December 2010, aged 86 years. Her funeral followed by burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was held on 12th January 2011.

Henry "Harry" GREENING of Market Lavington, died on 25th December 2010, aged 89 years. His funeral on 17th January at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was followed by cremation.

Harold (Bill) GOLDSBROUGH of West Lavington, died on 30th December 2010, aged 89 years. After a private funeral, a Thanksgiving Service was held on 21st January 2011 in All Saints Church, West Lavington where he had been a regular worshipper for many years.

Susan CORDEL of West Lavington died on 9th January, aged 56 years. Her funeral on 17th January at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was followed by burial in the churchyard.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2010

A big thank you to all those who supported the Benefice Christmas Quiz this year, and congratulations to Roger Maltby of Great Cheverell who was the winner, with 96%. Three runners-up shared the second place with 95% - Joy Thomas, the Goodall family, and Tessa Sawyer. They have all received their prizes, and hopefully enjoyed them! Particular thanks to Dick Purdum and Hild Marrow who set questions.

QUIZ ANSWERS

SPORT 1. Riding 2. Golf 3. Sailing 4. Croquet 5. Cricket 6. Cycling 7. Motor Racing 8. Rugby 9. Cricket 10. Tennis 11. Motor Racing (or Formula 1 Racing) 12. Tennis 13. Show-jumping 14. Boxing 15. Football 16. Canoeing/Kayaking 17. Racehorse (who was kidnapped) 18. Michael Owen 19. Water Polo 20. Olympic Gold

CAPITALS 1. Nairobi/Kenya 2. Athens/Greece 3. Cairo/Egypt 4. Ankara/Turkey 5. London/England 6. Dar es Salaam/Tanzania (those who put Dodoma were right too!) 7. Budapest/Hungary 8. Beijing/China 9. Canberra/Australia 10. Tirana/Albania

CATHEDRALS 1. Salisbury 2. Lincoln 3. Hereford 4. Norwich 5. Canterbury 6. Truro 7. St David's 8 Gloucester 9. St Paul's (City of London) 10. York

CAKES, PASTRIES AND PUDS 1. Brownies 2. Currant Bun 3. Fool 4. Knickerbocker Glory 5. Fairy Cakes 6. Eton Mess 7. Trifle 8. Pavlova 9. Flapjack 10. Victoria Sponge 11. Apple Pie 12. Turnover 13. Spotted Dick 14. Crumble 15. Custard Pie 16. Danish Pastries 17. Moose (Mousse) 18. Fruit Cake 19. Swiss Roll 20. Mince Pies

TREES 1. Ash 2. Elder 3. Yew 4. Fir 5. Plane 6. Copper Beech 7. Birch 8. Lime 9. Spruce 10. Palm 11. Bay 12. Box 13. Cherry 14. Laurel 15. Willow 16. Oak (Charles II) 17. Hazel 18. Pear 19. Poplar 20. Sycamore

CATS 1. Catalogue 2. Polecat 3. Caterpillar 4. Catalyst 5. Cat's Cradle 6. Meerkat 7. Pussywillow 8. Magnificat 9. Caterwaul 10. Catacomb 11. Scatterbrain 12. Catweazle 13. Catgut 14. Cater 15. Kittiwake 16. Catkin 17. Copycat 18. Pussyfoot 19. Catarrh 20. Octopus

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

In the December draw the winner of the £40 prize was Ian Christie of Great Cheverell and the winner of the £20 prize was Fiona Gover also of Great Cheverell.

The draw was done by Brenda Nock also of Great Cheverell. I was present to witness that the draw was not fixed!

The January draw was done by Bob and Sylvia Young of Market Lavington. In an **independent** draw done with an entirely new set of tickets, the first name out of the hat for the prize of £40 was my wife, Henrietta – the first time either of us have won anything in the six years the draw has been going. The second one of £20 was won by Jensen Jennings, grandson of Hazel Jennings of West Lavington.

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

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Aslan's Other Name

Towards the end of last year we went to see the latest Narnia film, Voyage of the Dawn Treader. The film was well done and was a more faithful adaptation of C. S. Lewis' book than Prince Caspian. We opted for the 3D version, but I'm not sure that the format added much to the film. When the 3D effect is obvious it looks unreal and when stuff doesn't seem to protrude from the screen, you think, "What's the point in paying extra for this?" It worked best during the storm at sea scenes, when water appeared to spray the audience.

The film was acted well and beautifully realised, with some good special effects. Also, I was glad to see that the story's Christian message was not downplayed. At one point Lucy asks, "Without faith, what do we have?"

Towards the end of the film, Aslan informs Edmund and Lucy that they will return to Narnia no more. Lucy asks him if he is present in her world back home. The lion replies,

"I am ... but there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there."

The line is a reminder of Lewis' intention in bringing his readers into the imaginary world of Narnia, that through the Aslan figure, they might get to know the One who in our world died for undeserving sinners and rose again from the grave. Liam Neeson, the actor who provides Aslan's majestic voice recently said, "Aslan symbolises a Christ-like figure but he also symbolises for me Mohammed, Buddha and all the great spiritual leaders and prophets over the centuries. That's who Aslan stands for as well as a mentor figure for kids – that's what he means for me."

However, those who knew C. S. Lewis best flatly deny that, saying the author could not have been clearer. He wrote that the "whole Narnian story is about Christ". Jesus Christ, the lion of the tribe of Judah is Aslan's "other name". May reading Lewis' stories and watching the film adaptations of his books help us to know Jesus better.

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