

NEWS AND VIEWS

February 2013



*Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
February 2013*

| Date | Market Lavington | West Lavington | Easterton | Great Cheverell | Little Cheverell |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3rd 2nd before Lent | 9.30 am Half Hour * | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 9.30 am Simple Celebration | 11.00 Morning Prayer (BCP) |
| 10th Next before Lent | 11.00 am United Service With Trinity | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am United Service at St Mary's | 4.00 pm Evensong (BCP) | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 17th Lent 1 | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) | 11.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP) | 9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) |
| 24th Lent 2 | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) | 9.30 am Half Hour Service* | | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) | |

* An asterisk indicates services where children's activities are provided.

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell*

10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington* 17th and 24th February

11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

VILLAGE CARE

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826

Dear Friends,

I read recently that Topshop commissioned a survey by a team of psychologists into their key customer demographic group, the so-called 'Generation Y' (those born after 1981). They interviewed 800 people. The results were so startling that they didn't believe them. They interviewed another 800, with the same result.

The results portrayed quite an alarming picture of an increasingly lonely and lost generation. More people live alone than at any point in our recorded social history. The average Facebook usage for 'Generation Y' is 6½ hours a day. Some of those interviewed seemed to consider work something to be fitted in between Facebook and lunch. They found that people had a large number of 'friends' but an increasing sense of loneliness.

There are of course many very positive ways that social media has revolutionised people's lives particularly amongst the younger generation – but there is no substitute for real face-to-face friendships. Particularly as I grow older, I value those friendships made many years ago. 'Friendship' wrote C. S. Lewis 'is the crown of life'.

In John 15 we read that Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I command... I have called you friends". Friendship with Jesus has a different quality to human friendships: like Facebook, it isn't conducted face-to-face. For those who haven't experienced it such friendship can make no sense; but for those who have, it is potentially life-changing. However, like all relationships, friendship with Jesus needs working at to maintain and develop it.

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell

The Vicarage, Market Lavington

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"JUST10" THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR EVERYONE

This course started on Sunday 20th January. Two have already taken place. The studies are based on each of the Ten Commandments, started with no.10. (Don't covet)
Each commandment will be introduced in the Sunday morning service and discussed further in small groups on Wednesday evenings.
Trinity Church will also be following this material and some of the midweek meetings will be combined at St Barnabas Church beginning with a meal at 7.30 p.m. Meetings remaining:

Sunday 3rd February Prosper with a clear conscience (8th)
Wednesday 6th Home-Group @ The Spindlows, 46 High Street

Sunday 10th 'Affair-proof' your relationships (7th)
Wednesday 13th @ St Barnabas Church

Sunday 17th Manage your anger (6th)
Wednesday 20th Home-Group @ The Spindlows, 46 High Street

Sunday 24th Keep the peace with your parents (5th)
Wednesday 27th Home-Group @ The Spindlows, 46 High Street

Sunday 3rd March Catch your breath (4th)
Wednesday 6th @ St Barnabas Church

Sunday 10th Take God seriously (3rd)
Wednesday 13th Home-Group @ The Spindlows, 46 High Street

Sunday 17th Know God (2nd)
Wednesday 20th Home-Group @ The Spindlows, 46 High Street

Sunday 24th Live by Priorities (1st)
Wednesday 27th @ St Barnabas Church

BLOOD DONING SESSION

At Market Lavington Community Hall on
Friday, 15th February
Sessions from 1.45-3.45 p.m. & 4.45-7.15 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

ST.ARBUCKS COMMUNITY CAFÉ MARKET LAVINGTON

Trinity Church has been able to purchase 1 and 1a Church Street, Market Lavington, for use as an upstairs flat to rent and a small coffee shop downstairs. Refurbishment is under way and opening likely to be mid to late February. Volunteers are needed to help open the coffee shop on a regular basis.

Please drop in to meet the organisers, discuss the project and register your interest, especially if you would be able to and would like to be a volunteer.

AMBER APPLIANCES

Previous customers of this business, which has advertised in News and Views for some years, will doubtless be sorry that it closed late in 2012. On behalf of the business, Mrs Susan Foreman has asked to express their thanks to those customers who have supported them over the years.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Our thanks to Bob Giles for the photograph for this month's cover. Actually it was even more attractive in colour, but at least its appearance has been timely.

West Lavington Branch of the Mothers' Union

Invites you to a
Bring and Buy Pancake Party
On Saturday, 9th February
at 11.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.
At Wyneshore House, White
Street, West Lavington
By kind invitation of Terry
and Jeannie O'Flynn
All proceeds will go towards
Mothering Sunday Flowers
in the whole Benefice,
an Overseas Project
and a local amenity
£5 for tea/coffee, a savoury
pancake and a sweet pancake.
Children Free!



URCHFONTS DIVISION A COURSE FOR SPRING 2013

ART OF POST WAR BRITAIN By PAUL CHAPMAN

By popular demand local lecturer Paul Chapman is returning to give another course of lectures on British Art

This will be a six week Tuesday morning course running from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon held in the Conference Room at Urchfont Village Hall commencing Tuesday 19th February, running each consecutive Tuesday and ending on 26th March.

The course will give an introduction to the art and culture of Britain in the second half of the 20th Century and will provide an interesting look into this time of radical change when popular culture came to the fore and British Art became truly Modern. The main topics to be covered will be the Neo-Romantics, Surrealism, War Artists from the Second World War, St Ives, Kitchen Sink and Pop Art.

As always, no previous experience is needed. All are welcome

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FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Have you made a New Year's resolution? If not it's still not too late. How about volunteering to drive for the Friends of Erlestoke Prison Transport Scheme? Not only would you be contributing time to the community but you will be reimbursed for your expenses. We pay 45p per mile and your commitment would be to pick up visitors on Sunday afternoons from either Westbury Station or from Devizes Market Place returning visitors to the same pick up places. The time commitment for this role is approximately 4 hours per session and you will be part of a team of drivers who will form a rota, so you will not need to be available every Sunday. We have guidance and a handbook to help answer any questions you may have.

The Friends of Erlestoke Prison is a charity that works to support the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners. One of the most important elements of resettlement is keeping families together. Transport links to and from the prison are infrequent and do not always tie in with visiting times for families, who may have to travel a considerable way to visit their friends or relatives.

If you would like to be a volunteer driver or would like more information about the scheme, please email: info@friendsoferlestokeprison.com
Or please visit our website: www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com

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**Also at 'The Hut' Trowbridge from 23rd January*

WEST LAVINGTON LOCAL HISTORY

Many thanks to all who have purchased local history books. This is producing a very handy income for the Youth Club.

We have several history projects on the go at the moment and further publications are planned throughout 2013. I will keep you informed through this newsletter.

The latest publications are:

Estate Management 1913- a collection of correspondence sent to the West Lavington Estate office during the year. It shows the kind of problems the estate manager had to deal with at the time. This is £10.

Snippets from the Past- a collection of newspaper reports from the 19th century, relating to West Lavington and neighbouring villages. It includes agricultural strikes, freak weather, a poisoning, and an abduction, among many other things. This is £7.50.

The War Memorial Project

Quentin Goggs and Terry O'Flynn and I are researching the people who are commemorated on our War Memorial. It would be really good if we could have a photograph of one or two of them to go with the brief biographies. If you have an ancestor listed on the war memorial, please contact me and maybe you can add to our research, and if you have a photo of the deceased, we would be over the moon!!!

Lavington Memories Project

I have for some time been meaning to chat with some of our older residents, to talk about what life was like in the village before and during the last war. If you grew up here, and have reached a certain age, and would like to contribute, please contact me, and I will arrange to come and see you for a cup of tea and a talk about old times! Mike May and Ruth Doman will be helping with this project.

A Physical History of West Lavington

Mike May is heading research into the layout of the village, including the roads and cottages, many of which have disappeared. Parts of the village have been lost, parts were burnt down, and with one or two exceptions there is little evidence of buildings more than two or three hundred years old. We hope to publish these findings this year.

Many thanks for your support.
Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 e-mail:

National Marriage Week

9th-16th February 2013

"Have you ever thought about these things"

As the Action & Outreach co-ordinator for the Mothers Union Ann Cowburn has sent this for consideration by our families

- Who earned most money/made decisions/planned holidays
- Who spent money /who saved
- Who prepared meals/washed up/did the gardening/did repairs/painted/paid bills/watched the budget/complained about what was bought
- Who took care of the children/collected them from school/disciplined/played with them/read stories/did homework with them/settled them in bed/said prayers
- Who kept contact with friends/entertained/wrote letters and cards
- Who watched most TV/enjoyed hobbies/sport/reading
- Who went to bed early/late
- Who got up early/late
- Whose parents/friends/relatives were most important
- Who drove a car (if anyone)/was a back seat driver
- Who was light hearted/stressed
- Who worked(overworked) outside the home
- Who showed affection
- Who sulked/was moody/or made up
- What was the comfortable 'centre' of my home

How about in this particular week just devoting some time to thinking about or discussing with family/friends the questions below and seeing what we accepted in a marriage a number of years ago to what is expected today.

VILLAGE CARE AND LINK SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Village Care and Link provides transport to mainly medical-related appointments for people who have no other means of getting to those appointments. It is available to residents of West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell.

In our last financial year we made 50 journeys to surgeries in West Lavington and Market Lavington, 27 to Salisbury hospitals, 16 to Bath hospitals, 13 to Devizes hospitals and 11 to other destinations

The drivers, who are all unpaid volunteers, can claim a mileage allowance of 40p per mile. Not all of them choose to claim, but the rapidly rising costs of fuel over the last few years means that more of them, quite rightly, choose to do so.

Clients have the opportunity of making a donation towards the organisation, and this is our main source of income to cover fuel claims, telephone charges, insurance premium and other minor expenses. Donations are given at the end of the journey in an envelope supplied by the driver who then passes them unopened to the organisation's Treasurer.

Village Care and Link has been operating in the villages since 1982 (prior to our amalgamation with the Community First "LINK" network, it was called "The Care Group"), and there have been only two increases in suggested donations since that time i.e. in 30 years.

We have found it necessary to increase our suggested donation rates in order to balance our income and expenditure. The reasons have been mentioned already.

The suggested rates for return journeys which were introduced from 1st October last year are as follows:-

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| Bristol | £20 | Devizes | £5 |
| Bath | £15 | Market Lavington | £3 |
| Salisbury | £12 | West Lavington | £2 |

These rates look very attractive when compared with public transport, but I would stress that the facility is only for those who have no other means of getting to their appointment (including public transport, although this is often not a possibility because of timing or infirmity).

To use Village Care and Link, please call our central phone number 01380 816826 and where possible please give at least 3 clear days' notice to give the volunteers time to find a driver who is available.

We are very short of drivers, especially those prepared to drive to Salisbury and Bath. If you read this and feel you would like to join our happy band, do not hesitate to call our central number, 816826. All our volunteers have to have a DBS (formerly CRB) check.

Michael Page, Chairman – Village Care and Link

WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The Wiltshire Good Neighbours Scheme helps older people to live independently at home for longer.

Do you need help in making your home secure? Are you getting all the benefits you are entitled to? Do you worry about rising fuel bills? Are you getting the most out of what's available locally? Do you know what is available to help you?

Caroline, of Wiltshire Good Neighbours, is employed by Community First to listen to your concerns, answer your questions and provide you with a range of information.

If you think I can help in any way, please call me:-

Caroline Culley : 07557 922027

email: devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk



LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Spring 2013



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.00pm to 6.30pm,

TUESDAY 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Childrens' Fun with floats–Sunday 5.00pm to 5:45pm,

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £50 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.50 per swim)

£25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.25 per swim)

Annual Membership Fee Available

Spring Term starts TUESDAY 8th January

& ends Sunday 24th March, 2013

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 10th Feb; Tues 12th Feb

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00

CHILDREN:- £1.50 per session

For Further details:

Stephen Read, 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington.

Tel: 01380 816280.

Email: indulge.two@googlemail.com

If you fancy a "taster" swim, please phone Stephen Read, Membership Secretary or Margaret Clarke, Committee Secretary tel 01380 818435, e-mail: mm.rclarke@btinternet.com for details about joining.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Well, it's the start of another year. I hope you all had a good Christmas and you got all that you wanted! and you made your New Years resolution that you will come to the Youth Club more often.

We are back, up and running, and attendance is very good considering the cold snowy weather. I hope that you made the most of that deep snowfall.

Good news! we will be starting a drop-in session at West Lavington from Wednesday 27 February; look out for the leaflet with all the detail. There will be FREE Hot-dogs on the first night, so worth coming just for that.

This will be a less formal session for 14-17 year olds. Get your FREE Hot-dog voucher in the information leaflet.

Our current openings are:

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| Monday | 7 pm - 9 pm | Seniors at West Lavington |
| Tuesday | 6 pm - 7.30 pm | Younger Members at West Lavington |
| Wednesday | 7 pm - 9 pm | Seniors at West Lavington |
| Friday | 7 pm - 9 pm | Seniors at Market Lavington |

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Eric Freeman -

Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM WOULD LIKE TO WISH READERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The South Rural current policing priority is speeding and in particular the excess speed of vehicles travelling on the B3098 between West Lavington and Erlestone. The North Rural NPT's priority is criminal damage to motor vehicles in the car park area of Jockey lane and The High Street, Bromham, whilst Devizes NPT will be focusing their patrols in the area of Naughton Avenue and Kingfisher Drive in regard to youths driving mini Moto's.

Look out for information about when your local officers are going to be in the village for residents to meet you, giving you the opportunity to raise and discuss any issues you may have.

In the mean time if you need to contact a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team please call 101 or you can email us via

devizesnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

The local officers are PC Pete Lawson, PCSO Fiona Marno and PCSO Oliver Nash."

MOBILE LIBRARY – DATES AND TIMES 2013

Tuesdays

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| Dates: Feb 5,19 | March 5,19 | April 2,16,30 |
| May 14,28 | June 11,25 | |

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| Great Cheverell Lay-by near school | 9.45-10 a.m. |
| Great Cheverell The Old School | 10.05-10.20 a.m. |
| Littleton Panell Lay-by in High Street | 10.30-10.45 a.m. |
| West Lavington School | 10.50 a.m.-12.10 p.m. |

THE OLD STITCHING POST



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WEST LAVINGTON WEATHER 2012

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|---|-------------------------|
| Average Temperature for 2012 | 10.52 C (50.93 F) |
| Average Temperature over 35 years | 10.43 C (50.77 F) |
| Total Rainfall for 2012 | 1041.5mm (41.0ins) |
| Average Rainfall over 35 years | 917.2mm (36.11ins) |
| Driest Month (February) | 17.4mm (0.68ins) |
| Wettest Month (June) | 144.2mm (5.67ins) |
| Lowest Overnight Temperature (February 4th/5th) | -10.0C (14.0F) |
| Highest Daytime Temperature (July 25th) | 30.0C (86.0F) |
| Lowest Daytime Maximum Temperature (Dec 11th) | -0.6C (30.92F) |
| Wettest Day (December 22nd) | 22.0mm (0.86ins) |
| Highest Wind Speed (April 29th) | 37.5 mph North Easterly |
| Lowest Barometric Pressure (April 18th) | 977mbs |

To summarize – Probably one or two surprises from the data above.
As can be seen 2012 was slightly warmer than average but nothing of any significance .

Rainfall was considerably higher than average but not quite up to national record breaking levels. Our wettest year still remains as 2002 with 1258.6mm (49.55ins). Very little in the way of snowfall – 2cms on February 4th and 3cms on February 10th a total of 1.93ins.

Probably the most noticeable feature about 2012 was total lack of sunshine especially during the months we look upon as being summer.
Can there be any more surprises next year !

Michael Peet

Our thanks to Michael Peet for keeping these records and his promptitude in providing them, as ever, on Jan 1st. (Editor)

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I have only a limited understanding of Einstein's Theory of Relativity but one feature that intrigued me was the idea that the passage of time is not fixed but varies according to the speed that you are travelling. The effect is more or less irrelevant here on Earth but if it were possible, say, to travel towards a distant galaxy at nearly the speed of light then a journey viewed from here that could take thousands of years would, viewed from the spacecraft, take not too much time at all. Human spacemen really could go all the way, although you and I, left here on this world, would be long gone by the time they made it.

I say this because, in many ways, the world seems to be moving faster. So, according to Einstein, my own speed of travel must be slowing down. I suspect this impression is common to anyone reading this who is a bit past their youth.

When I was born (not that long ago in historic terms, whatever my children say) my family had new technology in the form of just a radio and a telephone. I was six years old before we had a television (one channel) and nine before we had a car. We got a record player in the 60's (first disc, Frank Sinatra) and then a cassette recorder. Much later, in the 80's, I bought a Sinclair computer (which was useless). Later still, for entertaining and educating my children, a video player became important, and I obtained a car phone for my company car, although my manager at the time swore that mobile phones would never catch on.

Now I am surrounded by the detritus of technology that has come and gone. I have Super8 films that I cannot show. I have vinyl discs that I cannot play and 3½" floppy discs that may or may not contain vital information. My cassette collection collects dust. VHS archives of early family holidays are inaccessible. My fax machine is defunct. Much of my office has become a museum, yet nothing is more than 20 years old.

Happily, my books and the old family photograph albums are still available to me. Those primitive media still do the job. In contrast, I have no idea how my recent family records on tape, disc and the who-knows-where internet cloud will survive to be seen by future generations.

But, from the other point of view, the new technology is more wonderful than I could have imagined even a few years ago. With the right gadget, I have instant, virtually free access to news, information, entertainment and everything good or bad from across the world. No humans before us have had such access, such licence and such liberty.

In Wiltshire, we can already pay our parking charges by mobile phone. Bus users can find out when their bus is due at the local stop using Nextbuses and, in some areas, can see exactly when the bus will arrive so that waiting in the rain can be kept to an absolute minimum. Try it and see! Soon, it will be possible to report a pothole or graffiti simply by taking a photo on a Smartphone. The app in the phone will tell the Council officers exactly where the trouble is so that it can be repaired without delay.

I hope we use the new technology well. Not least, I sincerely hope that someone, somewhere will preserve for posterity a copy of the wonderful Street View data. In 100 or 200 or 500 years' time, people will surely marvel at the fantastic and unprecedented visual record it contains of just about everywhere.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk
or by phone on 07762 018209

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The new year brings the prospect of change for the Parish Council, with half our councillors choosing not to stand again in the elections that will happen in May. The time for public recognition of the unstinting contribution those council members have given this community for many years, and in some cases decades, will come along nearer that time, but first we must plan ahead to turn this challenge into an opportunity to rebuild and look to the future.

Your Parish Council has an exciting programme of work, some stretching forward for the next three years, and all designed to improve life in our community. If you would like to get involved, and become a parish councillor, you may be thinking 'what is it all about, what does it mean for me?'. To help you find out, we are arranging a very informal coffee morning on **Saturday 23 February at 11 a.m.** to which anyone is invited to come and hear more. It will be at the West Lavington Youth Club, just next to the Village Hall in Sandfield. It's free, it will be interesting, and a chance to see what we do, how we do it, and how you can get involved. Or, you can come along to any of our meetings, all of which are held in public on the first Thursday of every month, except August, at 7.30 p.m. We meet in the Giles Room, at the rear of the Village Hall or see the parish website for lots more information www.westlavington.info.

At its January meeting, the Council set the precept for its part of the Council Tax for 2013/14. After two years with no increases at all, we have had to raise our funding requirement by the equivalent of £1.38 per month for a Band D house. We must make provision for the repair of fencing at the Recreation Ground now in a hazardous condition (and which must keep children, footballs, and traffic safe) and for essential repairs that will become necessary soon in the old churchyard. We must also consider the condition of one of our bus shelters, and improve our reserves at the insistence of our auditors. Together with a new support grant received from Wiltshire Council our annual budget will be £26,500 and whilst promises cannot be made for subsequent years, we should then be in a stable position to avoid further increases for a while.

A very happy and prosperous New Year to you all,

Liz Evans, Chair 01380 813929 or email esevans1@hotmail.com .

Don't forget the parish website www.westlavington.info – packed with useful local information, news, roadworks updates, what's on and other links, as well as more about the parish council.



CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Election: Just a further reminder that our current Parish Councillors will be standing down in May and elections will take place for Councillors to form the new Parish Council. Further information will be given nearer the time about the procedure to be adopted if you wish to put your name forward for election. If you would like to talk with any of our Parish Councillors about their experience of serving on the Council, please let me know in order that I can pass on their contact details to you.

Parish Council Meetings: Our Parish Council Meetings are held on the first Monday in the month (excepting Bank Holidays, when they are held on the 2nd Monday) at 7.30 p.m., in the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close.

Dog Fouling: I am afraid that once again incidents have been reported of dog fouling in the village and especially in The Green. Please would all dog owners kindly clear up after their dogs in order to avoid receiving a hefty fine and also to keep our village a clean and safe place for children to play in.

Mobile Library: The mobile library will be in Great Cheverell during February as follows:

5th and 19th February:

Lay-by near school: 9.45-10 a.m.

The Old School: 10.05-10.20 a.m.

Val Noviss, (Parish Clerk) 01380 813227

cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.greatcheverell.org

THE CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Once again there was a festive end to the year with carol singing, accompanied by Caroline and a quiz set by Helen, plus a delicious supper donated by club members. There was a review of 2012, the new programme was launched and subscriptions were paid.

Then on January 8th it was a 'Happy New Year' with an excellent start to 2013 with Nigel Lewis who came to talk to us about Nest boxing for Owls & Kestrels. Nigel is the man behind the introduction of nest boxes to the western area of Salisbury Plain. He spoke to us about the need for more nest boxes because the natural habitat for owls and hawks of barns and hollow trees is slowly disappearing.

Nigel's illustrated talk was inspiring and as a result several club members were keen to erect nest boxes on their land.

The raffle prize, a tub of primulas, was won by Janine.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th February at Great Cheverell Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30. Marion Dale will be talking to us about Late Victorian & Edwardian Gardens (Arts and Crafts).

Why not come along and maybe pick up next year's programme and join the club. Membership costs £8 for a single or £15 for a couple, BUT visitors are always welcome for a charge of £2 for the evening.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our whole school theme this term is "Space". We have already had a visit from the Science Dome (a large domed "tent" which is a planetarium). This allowed the children to enjoy learning about the night sky, stars, planets and some of the stories of the constellations. Holst's music *The Planets* will provide a stimulus for music this term. Space travel, H.G. Wells' great story *War of Worlds* and many other aspects around this topic are being incorporated in children's experience at school for the next few weeks.

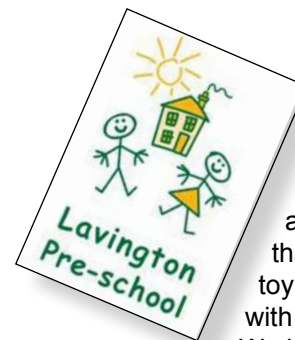
We were delighted to win the recent hockey tournament against our local primary schools – both the A team and the B team did very well and we are very proud of them.

Every day, we have an act of Collective Worship in the Christian tradition. This is led either by a member of staff, a team of children or a member of the local clergy from one of the locally represented denominations. Rev James Campbell, Rev Mark Jones and Pastor Guy Davies are amongst our regular supporters and we are always grateful to them for their service to the school. We encourage children to think deeply about spiritual matters (Who am I? What is my place in the world? How do I form a moral compass? Why do I respond to beauty?) and to find their own philosophy – we never try to form their views but just to give them time and information so that they can formulate their own. Our children are very thoughtful, philosophical people with a range of views, beliefs and ideas and a clear sense of tolerance for other people's views.

Our first full year as an academy was reported on to parents at the AGM in January. This year saw our best ever academic results and the enrichment of the school as a result of the greater freedoms resulting from academy status.

This is your local school – do make an appointment to come along and have a look around to see what we do. Lots of information is available on our website at

www.holy-trinity.co.uk.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends and families a Happy New Year! We had a fantastic end of the year with our children putting on a wonderful Nativity Play. We also had our Christmas Party where Santa made an appearance, bearing gifts to all the children. We would like to thank everyone who supported us during December; our cuddly toy stall at the DAPS Fayre raised £88.00 and we raised £31.00 with our Christmas Raffle.

We have welcomed 2 new children and their families to our setting this term. We have had a busy start to our term by talking about how the children had celebrated their Christmas and looking at our 'Golden Rules'. We are looking at the book *Each Peach Pear Plum* this term.

RAG BAG COLLECTION: We are **ALWAYS** collecting any unwanted textiles – old clothes, blankets or shoes. So again if you have had a good spring clean and would like to find a good home for your unwanted items, please bring them down to pre-school and we will take them off your hands.

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

BOOKMARK

For our cosy Christmas reading session we gathered at Janet Stamp's house to hear ghost and festive stories. And Pam Ayres' witty poem on the parallels between churches and supermarkets was read by Liz Bord as we tasted our wine and nibbles from one of the aisles! It was a cheery meeting and we thank Janet for her warm hospitality.

In January our two novels were *The White Lie* by Andrea Gillies which scored 8 out of 10, although some members felt this 'full of red herrings' story dragged on a bit. However, all agreed that the family saga, set in Scotland, would make an ideal British film. Ann Pratchett's *State of Wonder* turned out to be a real 'Marmite' read. Two members gave full marks for this most unusual novel, voting it one of the best books we've discussed. Another two members thought it too far fetched and not to be taken seriously. Wendy Wilshin labelled it boring – and that's a first for our Book Club. The rest of us sat somewhere in between. What a stimulating start to the year!

A small group of us have booked for events at the Bath Literary Festival in March and our next Bookmark session will be our crime slot – members' choice – to be held on February 13th at the village hall; 7.30pm start.

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WEST LAVINGTON WI

Our December 2012 session, held in the Giles room at West Lavington's village hall, was a cheery occasion with a good WI turn out. With the business agenda completed, Sue Thomas described how our skittle team had 'played with great enthusiasm' throughout the year – Hurray! And then we were reminded that our membership fees were

due in January – Boo! However, Heather Palmer's mulled wine was as tasty as ever and our festive fare was attacked with gusto. Following this, we played in teams, 'our version' of the Beetle Game and a picture & word quiz. One member, who shall be nameless, then excelled (or embarrassed?) herself by becoming the outright winner of the 'worse taste Christmas decoration'.

At our January meeting we examined and collated our records for archiving and the two resolutions specified, were 'Keeping children safe on line' and 'Keeping our High Street Alive'. Although we understood the seriousness of the former issue, we considered ourselves more qualified to discuss the second topic. Votes were taken: 15 for and none against, with one abstention. Hazel Jennings then addressed the group on our current in-house topic, 'How I came to be here' which we all enjoyed hearing.

Our next WI session will be on February 14th (see how keen we are) when the WI programme committee will portray The Mitford Sisters; this should be most entertaining. Our AGM in the Giles Room, West Lavington will be on March 14th at 7.30 p.m..

Meanwhile, the Federation's Arts & Leisure Committee will present Mamma Mia, an Abba Vocal Workshop, on February 20th at Great Cheverell's Pavilion, 10.30 – 3.30pm. WI Members £12 - Non-members £14.50 (bring your own lunch).

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next fund raising event is on February 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall West Lavington.

It will be a French themed Casino evening. Please come in French costume if you can; there will be a prize for the best!

A light supper will be included in the ticket price of £8 for members, £10 for non-members. Tickets are now available from M Page on 818510.

Looking further ahead, the postponed Skype Quiz evening, where we have a video link with St Pierre, will be held in April. Provisional date is 20th.

From February we will be holding French conversation classes for members only. Why not join? Our membership fees are unchanged at £15 per household (£12 for seniors).

To join the West Lavington Twinning Association please email Malcolm Johnson on blocker38@hotmail.com or phone 01380818147.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



AGM. Janet Hodges will remain as Leader and Secretary for the next three years. It was proposed that a rota be made for teas

and for our section of the Church notice board. Sandra Gamble was elected as the Treasurer and was thanked for all her hard work. As our finances are at present healthy we have decided to sponsor one adult for the Family Holiday in Exmouth. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family to have a holiday in a lovely hotel, with family activities and most needs met. Do you know of anyone who would benefit from such a week? Contact Janet Hodges. Our thanks were given at the meeting to John and Ann Cowburn for their continued hospitality.

We discussed our Pancake Party which will be on February 9th. The invitation appears below. In fact we discussed pretty well everything! Same sex marriages, women Bishops, our role in the village and the service we do as our role of M.U. members

Janet Hodges (812467)

WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'



Pep Guardiola turned down the enthusiastic offer from the Badgers, due to the wet climate we have had recently with many matches in December being cancelled, However, we need to move on.....

The Under 17/18 team in their respective league have had a challenging season so far, currently 3rd in the table, and 2 points behind the leaders Trowbridge. 5 wins, 1 draw, and having lost 2

so far, means there is still a very good chance to win this League.. In January the team beat Castle Combe 4 – 0, with November being their last game when they also won against Marshfield (18-1). Managed by Pete Assirati, it is hoped some of the players next season will move on to the Adult teams.

The Under 16s are managed by Chris Pearce, and are currently second in the League, with a recent 6-0 win against big town opposition Trowbridge Youth. However, although we have 2 games in hand, there is still a big gap behind leaders Derry Hill.

Developments in the proposed rules of the F.A. towards Youth soccer, will extend the current philosophy of the emphasis on 'development' of the younger age groups.

Already both the Under 7 and 8 age groups play in a friendly league (where results cannot be published), with a maximum 5 a side. The idea of the friendly league will extend to both Under 9 and 10 age groups over the coming years, who play 7 a side. At Under 11 and 12 age levels they will be playing 9 a side with full offside rules, and by 2015 the Under 11 age group will also be in a friendly league.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

BENEFICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Many thanks to everyone who sold the quizzes for us, in particular Dave and Julie at Market Lavington Post Office, and those who bought one. We do hope you all enjoyed the questions. We have heard they were a bit of a challenge so will remember that when next year's comes round! Our congratulations to the winners: 1st the Goodall family with 90%; joint 2nd Peter Wells and the Blagbroughs with 82%. This year it raised £240 for the Benefice.

Answers as follows:

COUNTRY/NATION 1. Wales, 2. Greece, 3. France, 4. Canada, 5. Scotland, 6. Australia, 7. Italy, 8. Switzerland/Austria, 9. Argentina, 10. England, 11. China, 12. Holland, 13. Japan, 14. Spain, 15. New Zealand, 16. Saudi Arabia, 17. Lapland, 18. India, 19. Mexico, 20. America.

ROYAL TRIVIA 1. Queen Anne, 2. Princess Margaret, 3. Spaniel, 4. Smoked cigarettes, 5. The Duke of Edinburgh, 6. John Travolta, 7. Henry VIII, 8. George V, 9. Princess Alexandra of Denmark, 10. All portrayed Queen Elizabeth on screen, 11. Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, 12. The Duchess of Windsor, 13. George VI, 14. The Prince of Wales (Edward VII), 15. Real Tennis, 16. Valerie Singleton, 17. The Queen, 18. William the Conqueror, 19. The Prince Regent (George IV), 20. Nine.

OLYMPICS 1. Coca Cola, 2. Paris 1900, 3. Cricket, 4. Constantin Henriquez de Zubiera (1900), 5. Liverpool, 6. London 1908, 7. Croquet, 8. Football/Soccer, 9. Chamonix 1924 (3), 10. Tug-o-war, after a team from the Met Police competed in their work boots, 11. Larisa Latynia, 12. USA, Soviet Union and Germany, 13. Three, 14. Greece and USA, 15. Tuvalu and the Marshall Islands, 16. Monaco 28 games, 17. 6, Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, UK, USA, 18. 6.5kg, 19. Robert Korzerowski of Poland, 20. Michele Frangilli of Italy.

FISH AND SEA FOOD 1. Shrimp, 2. Jelly fish, 3. Kipper, 4. Mullet, 5. Perch, 6. Sprat, 7. Mussel, 8. Ray, 9. Bass, 10. Carp, 11. Cod, 12. Pike, 13. Flounder, 14. Plaice, 15. Sturgeon, 16. Shark, 17. Smelt, 18. Herring, 19. Marlin, 20. Skate.

HISTORIC HOUSES 1. Holkham Hall, Norfolk, 2. Saltram, Devon, 3. Osborne House, Isle of Wight, 4. Penshurst Place, Kent, 5. Harewood House, Yorkshire, 6. Dyrham Park, Gloucestershire, 7. Castle Howard, Yorkshire, 8. Raby Castle, Durham, 9. Windsor Castle, Berkshire, 10. Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, 11. Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire, 12. Highclere Castle, Berkshire, 13. Chartwell, Kent, 14. Leeds Castle, Kent, 15. Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, 16. Hampton Court, Surrey, 17. Petworth House, Sussex, 18. Bodiam Castle, Sussex, 19. Polesden Lacey, Surrey, 20. Knole, Kent.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The December winner was Judy Page of West Lavington. She won £40. Sue Stacpoole of Market Lavington won the second prize of £20. The draw was done by my daughter, Mem Broughton, who is staying with us.

The winner in the first draw of 2013 was Norah Wells of West Lavington. She wins £40. Second was Pauline Froud of Great Cheverell. She wins £20.

The draw was done by Pam Powell, a friend from Urchfont.



BAPTISMS

Jack Nathan Michael REID was baptised by Rev Ann Cocking at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Sunday 4th November 2012.

Hannah Louise Rachel HADLEY was baptised by Rev Pat Strowger at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 8th December 2012.

Wolfgang Alexander James EDWARDS was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 16th December 2012.

MARRIAGES

Charlotte Louise BODMAN and **Lee Michael John MARTIN** were married at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington, by Rev Robert Bailey on 1st December 2012.

FUNERALS

Malcolm Richard Edward FIELDING of Great Cheverell died aged 78 years on 20th August 2012. His funeral was on 7th September 2012.

Kathleen HAYHOE died at BUPA, Market Lavington. Her funeral at the crematorium was held on 14th September 2012.

Joan ISAAC died on 7th October 2012, aged 86 years. Her funeral at All Saints' Church took place on 26th October 2012.

Pat HAYTER of West Lavington died early in September. Her funeral at All Saints' Church was on 17th September 2012.

Stella Valerie JONES died on 16th November, aged 84 years. Her funeral at St Mary's, Market Lavington and cremation took place on 4th December 2012.

Ivy LADD formerly of Little Cheverell died on 12th November, aged 99 years. Her funeral was on 29th November at St Peter's Little Cheverell where she had played the organ for many years.

James ROBERTS died on 18th November, aged 34 years. His funeral was held at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 29th November 2012.

Miles James WEBBER aged 13 years, died on 12th November 2012. A memorial service was held at All Saint's Church, West Lavington on 6th December 2012.

Colin George Frank SOANES of Market Lavington died on 10th December, aged 82 years. A service at the crematorium took place on 19th December 2012.

Terry BOLTON of Market Lavington died on 15th December, aged 80 years. A service at the crematorium was held on 28th December 2012.

Jack WEARN died on 14th December, aged 91 years. A service was held at the crematorium on 4th January 2013.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship

Human beings are worshippers. Some worship the great god 'Money'. Others worship the beauty of nature. Still others worship footballers, pop idols, or film stars. The list is endless and I'm only allowed so many words per article, so I'm sure you get the idea.

Our lives are shaped by what we worship. Should that be money, then we will become greedy and grasping, always looking to maximise our profits, whatever the cost. Should that be career, we will stop at nothing to climb a little bit further up the greasy pole.

The trouble is that whatever we worship in this world will not satisfy us, even the stunning beauty of nature. We will always end up feeling short changed. That is because we were not made to worship anything in this world, but the One who made this world. According to the Bible, human beings were made in the image of God. As such we were made to worship nothing and no one else but God. When fail to do that we not only dishonour him, but debase ourselves

God is seeking those who will worship him. That is why he sent his Son, Jesus Christ into our world to die on the cross that we might be forgiven our sins and be reconciled to God. The Christian church is a community of worshippers. We are called to worship and serve him in all we do. It is especially our joy to gather each Sunday to hear the good news of God's word proclaimed, call upon him in prayer and sing his praises. We believe that our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit is worthy of the highest worship our hearts could offer. What are you worshipping?

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