

NEWS AND VIEWS

JUNE 2013



The Old Bakehouse, West Lavington

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd June 1st after Trinity	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30 am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
9th June 2nd after Trinity	11.00 am United Service At St Barnabas, Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service With Trinity	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
16th June 3rd after Trinity	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
23rd June 4th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
30th June 5th After Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Communion				

* 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

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Dear Friends,

This week (13-14 May) Mary and I attended the HTB Leaders Conference in London. There were over 5,000 delegates from around the world in the Albert Hall and in Holy Trinity Church itself (for late-bookers like us). We listened to some inspirational speakers – a number from the USA, two Roman Catholic - there was an interview with the new Archbishop and we went to seminars. Through it all emerged a huge sense of optimism and hope amidst the many challenges that society faces.

We heard from Shane Taylor. He had been one of the country's most violent offenders. At one time, even when he was in solitary confinement, prison officers would only approach him dressed in full riot gear. His life was changed completely after attending an Alpha Course and he now works with ex-offenders.

One of the seminars was about living in community. We heard from some who open their homes to people who are homeless, often with related alcohol or drug-dependant issues. They do it as an expression of Christian compassion, modelled on the behaviour of Jesus who spent much more of his time with those on the margins of society than with the affluent and powerful.

Then at our Guest Evening in Easterton the next day we heard from three young people in their early 20s who live in Bristol. Two of them live in a house with six other young Christians. They too are seeking to live more authentic Christian lives within the community – including inviting those who are struggling with life to meals and to stay.

Experiencing the reality of dynamic Christian living for ourselves is a much better guide to the health of the Christianity in Britain today than to be too worried about the latest census figures published this week which suggest that Christianity continues to be in long-term decline. The evidence from certain quarters suggests that the reality is rather different.

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell

The Vicarage, Market Lavington

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From the Rectory

GUEST EVENING

Wednesday 12th June
Easterton Church

7.30 p.m.- Supper; 8.15 p.m.-
Talk; 9.30 p.m. - end

**Peter & Miranda Harris
will speak about the
work of 'A Rocha'**

Peter and Miranda have lived in West Lavington for the past two years. They set up A Rocha 30 years ago. It is an international Christian organisation which, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects. The name 'A Rocha' is Portuguese and means 'The Rock'. The work began in Portugal and now has national organisations in 19 countries. Visit www.arocha.org

If you would like to some hear about this inspiring work, please contact the Benefice Office 01380 816963

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE FETE AND DOG SHOW

13th JULY AT 2.30 p.m.
AT THE PAVILION

PLUS EVENING EVENT
HOG ROAST AND ROCK CONCERT

A HYMN TO THE VIRGIN

In Edington Priory Church
Saturday, 8th June at 7.30 p.m.

The Anselm Singers

Directed by John Bernard
Organist: Christopher Totney
Music by Byrd, Victoria,
Brahms, Bach Bruckner,
Rachmaninov, Grieg and Poulenc
Entry is Free, with a
Retiring Collection

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

For Cancer Research UK

With donations, the sum raised at the coffee morning held on 11th May, was £1,199.33p.

This is an excellent amount of money and I am indebted to those who helped to run the event and, to those of you who attended and helped to raise this sum.

Thank you

Mary Diccox (813319)

RETURN OF NICOLA FARNON

Nicola Farnon and her fabulous Quartet will be at Market Lavington Community Hall again on Sunday 16th June. Doors open at 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets @ £10 available from Beth Warren (818252), Jackie Clark (813233) or at Market Lavington Post Office.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!

ROGATION SUNDAY SERVICE ST PETERS CHURCH, GREAT CHEVERELL

On 5th May spring arrived just in time for our Rogation Sunday service - and if you saw a group of people walking down Great Cheverell High Street, stopping, talking, listening and was that singing?Then you were part of an ancient tradition where we give thanks for the earth's abundance, ask for God's blessings on the crops and the parish and walk the parish boundaries. We ducked out of that last bit, starting in St Peter's Church and walking to The Green, then by car to Common Farm. Our pauses were at the church gate (with its lovely outlook); also at "Ridouts" yard; "Wildings" Garage (looking over to the post office) and at "Kerrow" down at The Green.. These stops reminded us of the beauty of our surroundings here, of the work in the parish and elsewhere, of our homes and gardens and we remembered too those whose share of the earth's resources is pitifully small.



At Common Farm we were greeted by the Pearce family, who turned out in force from Chris and Kath to baby Archie. We walked to the fields and learnt something of dairy farming before returning to a splendid outdoor lunch. We were able to talk, meet old friends or newcomers like me and saw in the barn a calf only a few hours old, on its feet but still not quite able to control all four legs at once. These village events don't happen without a great deal of hard work and we would like to thank the Pearce family for their hospitality, Pat Strowger for leading us, Gill Wilding for pitching the open air hymns, those who read for us and John Spear for all the unobtrusive hard work and organisation which made it such a joyous and relaxing morning for the rest of us.

Vanessa Reburn

What's on this month

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WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS NEWS

Over the next few months I would like to tell you about local provision for specific issues, such as Alzheimers, arthritis and Parkinsons.

Alzheimers Support We are very lucky to have the fantastic Alzheimers Support group locally. They can provide Support at Home and a counseling service, run a day centre in Devizes, Singing for the Brain in Rowde, have an Alzheimers Café in Melksham and Movement for the Mind in Bowerhill, Melksham.

The Support at Home service provides trained support workers who can visit and provide support at home. The Sidmouth Club is a day centre for those suffering from Alzheimers and memory loss, in Devizes. Recent activities have included photography, painting, cooking and trips to the shops. Visitors come in to lead singing and drama therapy.

An Alzheimer's Café runs in Melksham. Guests can find out more about dementia, find out how and where to get help, meet others in a similar situation, share ideas and enjoy tea!

Singing for the Brain is in Rowde on Wednesday afternoons. Singing together in the round is a stimulating and uplifting social activity designed to enhance the wellbeing of people with dementia together with their carers. Through the music, confidence, mood and self-esteem are boosted. Movement for the mind is a gentle physical activity club for people with dementia and their carers to enjoy together. The group meets at Bowerhill Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information about any of these things, or any other issues, please contact me.

Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour Co ordinator for Devizes villages
on 07557 922027 or email devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

Editor's Notes

Our cover picture may be familiar to some of our older inhabitants. It was painted by Marjorie Judkins in the days when a bakery operated in West Lavington, run by Ted Webb until stringent regulations from the European Union (no, this is not a UKIP notice) and his impending retirement brought about a closure. There was too a happy shop, supplying not only bakery products but grocery as well. Many years before, it had been the home of Nigel Balchin, a very successful and well known novelist in the 1940-60 era, and a plaque on the front wall, presented by the Old Dauntseians Association testifies to this fact. Our thanks anyway to the Judlins family for the use of this picture.

I am relieved and pleased to say that my comments on the lack of distributors have been invalidated by several offers which have relieved the situation in West Lavington and Great Cheverell for which many thanks. In the latter case all of us who knew her have been shocked by the sudden death of Viv Pearce who not only served us in her role as a distributor but also was a much valued member of the Great Cheverell community. A lovely person. Our sympathies go to her family at this sad time.

Jim Hodges

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARIES !
West Lavington Fete is on Saturday, 21st September

THEMED COFFEE MORNING
Great Cheverell

Thank you so much to all those who helped at or donated produce for the Easter themed coffee morning held at The Old Rectory Great Cheverell in March. The event raised a wonderful £870 for St Peters Church Great Cheverell.

Anna Gunnerud

JUNE AT TRINITY CHURCH

2nd June 10.30 a.m.	Locally Arranged Service
9th June 11.00 a.m.	United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton
16th June 10.30 a.m.	Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin
23rd June	Rev Chris Cory Holy Communion
30th June	Rev Chris Cory

Tots@Ten meet on Wednesday 12th June at 10.00 a.m. in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall. The theme will be Fathers. We will be making something for Father's Day (16th June).

Silver Linings Playbook is the film for 22nd June. Light relief and humour after the drama of Les Miserables, which was well attended in May. Look out for further details elsewhere in the magazine.

Films being shown in June and July. Doors open 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. and a licensed bar is available.

Sat 22 Jun	MARKET LAVINGTON	Silver Linings Playbook
Sat 13 Jul	MARKET LAVINGTON	Lincoln

Tickets are still £5 and available from Market Lavington Post Office

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Hi, Youth Club Members. It could be that summer has arrived! So we are able to get out on to the playing field more often. The staff are working hard to put together external activities in line with what you have asked for. Come on and enjoy the fun. Do not forget The West Lavington Manor Garden opening on Saturday 15th June. We will be providing Tea Coffee and Cakes for the visitors; ask the staff how you can help.

I am sure you are aware but do remember that days have changed in line with what you want so note the changes below.

Monday	7pm – 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6pm – 7.30pm	Younger Members at West Lavington
Thursday	7pm – 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7pm – 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Eric Freeman

Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

ONCE WAS ENOUGH

There are some experiences in life that inevitably remain in your memory, however much you may prefer to forget them, and the presence of the Rolling Stones at Glastonbury this year brings to my mind the occasion, nearly fifty years ago, when I attended one of their performances. It was, and is, and ever will be the only occasion that I have undergone such an experience, in this case largely out of a sense of duty. A small group of Dauntsey boys had obtained tickets for this particular occasion and it was of course necessary that a responsible adult should accompany them, though it was not a task with much appeal for most of my colleagues. Nor was it for me, but the leading member of the party pleaded with and prevailed upon me to make the expedition possible.

Not all the details of the visit are clearly remembered but it was held in a large auditorium, either the Bristol Hippodrome or Colstons Hall before an excited audience, predominantly female. If the word "excited" seems rather lukewarm, it is necessary to allow for more fulsome language to describe the later developments. There was in fact a series of performers through the evening, graded apparently according to their popularity and moving towards the climax of the finale, to be provided by the Stones themselves. The response therefore grew from fervour to frenzy and, inevitably, fever pitch at the end. The names of the preparatory acts I have long since forgotten – possibly in keeping with the talent displayed by their unmemorable performances.

But then came the moment that everyone had been waiting for as the final item began. One by one, with a well-timed flourish, Messrs Jones, Wood, Richard, Watts – and whoever else – were introduced, to be greeted by a crescendo of hysteria, preparatory to the arrival of the Jagger himself. Using the interminable pause in the manner of television talent competitions nowadays, finally he appeared - at which point all self-control in the audience was utterly lost as a tsunami of yearning wailing girls swept out of control from all corners of the auditorium down the aisles to the front of the stage, leaving in their wake the drowning and helpless theatre attendants, after which, though you could no longer hear it, the performers began. Oddly enough, one of my party – who had themselves not quite been so demonstrably ecstatic – pointed out that if you put your hands over your ears, the screams were deadened and it became possible to hear what the performers were playing. This was marginally less unpleasant and at least we could go home having heard what we had come to hear.

It goes without saying that I shall not be at Glastonbury this year, but I wonder how many of the audience that night will once more be present. I hope at least that, despite the high cost of admission, their Old Age Pensions will have made it possible to repeat their youthful experience.

Jim Hodges

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

One of the unexpected pleasures for me of an election campaign is the stimulus it provides to visit parts of this Division that I do not often see. Of course, over the past four years I have frequently been in each of the seven villages that are encompassed by the Division boundary. For those who do not know, they are (in alphabetical order), Erlestoke, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, West Lavington and Worton.

Each of these parishes contains byways and back lanes that are off the beaten track. Some roads lead to remote farms on the Plain from which breathtaking views can be enjoyed, not just to the north but to the south, east and west as well. Other routes took me to parts of the vale that seem equally isolated. Considering we are in southern England, one of the most densely populated regions in Europe, much of our countryside is as idyllic and tranquil as it is possible to imagine, or at least it would be but for the occasional thuds of artillery practice and the passage of helicopters and other military aircraft. I can live with that!

Our villages too are all delightful and all very different, despite being close to each other. They are not cute in a chocolate-boxy way so we are saved from the hordes of visitors that can swamp such places but they all have real charm. In a similar way, our communities are neighbourly, friendly and reasonably prosperous. You could say that this area is well-balanced in almost every sense.

This rather idealistic picture, however, can hide the fact that, for some, life in this area is not bliss. If you do not have a car, for example, it can be hard to get to a place of work if that work is in Salisbury or Swindon. An evening at the cinema can be an expensive luxury if a taxi is required. For an A level student, just getting to school by bus takes time and money, which are burdens that are not required of children who live closer to schools with 6th Forms. A young person who wins a place at university does not have the economic choice of living at home as no universities are within reasonable daily travel from here.

Similarly, if you are sick or injured, the nearest general hospitals are in Salisbury or Swindon or Bath, which are all nearly an hour away. That's a long way in an emergency. Even for a scheduled visit, the distance can pose a logistical challenge. The various Link schemes provide a wonderful service for non-emergency patients but such journeys ask a lot from a volunteer driver. Visits to more distant specialist units at hospitals in Bristol, Southampton or Oxford can demand the best part of a day from patient and driver alike. I applaud all those people who generously give so much time and effort for the benefit of others.

As in most aspects of life, therefore, living here is a compromise. Deepest Wiltshire has immeasurable attractions but at the expense of easy access to the bright lights and the sophisticated services of the cities. It is good to know, therefore, that some enhancements to life are ahead. The prospect of better broadband will improve life for some. Minor injury services may return to Devizes if the new Clinical Commissioning Groups agree. A railway station in the area may one day be possible. I live in hope.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Following the election on the 2nd of May there is now a vacancy on Little Cheverell Parish Council for which the Council are seeking to co-opt a new councillor. The Council meets once every two months, deals with planning applications, small grants for local organisations and liaising with the parish steward on repair and maintenance around the village. The Parish Council also works with Wiltshire Council on issues affecting the village such as large lorries using the narrow lanes.

If you would like to contribute to the work of the council and village life by being a councillor, and have time to attend one meeting every two months, please contact the clerk Liz Read at littlecheverellpc@yahoo.co.uk or on 01380 813 294.

The Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 16th of July at 7.00 p.m. in the Little Cheverell Village Hall.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Summer 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 (£2.27 per swim)

£25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.14 per swim)

Annual Membership Fee Available

Summer Term starts **TUESDAY 16th April**

& ends Sunday 7th July, 2013

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 26th May; Tues 28th May

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting: This was held on Thursday evening, 25th April in the Pavilion, Great Cheverell and was very well attended. We were delighted to welcome PC Peter Lawson, Community Beat Manager, Devizes Rural South, who gave a very interesting talk on *Beliefs and Expectations*. This of course was in respect of our contact with the police.

Questionnaire: Several issues were raised during the Open Forum and this resulted in the decision being taken to prepare a questionnaire for distribution around the village in order to gather parishioners' ideas for projects that they would like to see started in the community.

Chair's Report: Cllr Lynda Wearn highlighted several areas of her report. If you do not have a copy of this please contact me.

Finance Report: The Clerk reported that the accounts were in a healthy state and that Council had remained within budget for normal spending over the past year. The very successful Diamond Jubilee Event held in June had incurred expenditure amounting to £958.15. However, with income from the Event of £369.02, plus a Jubilee Grant from Wiltshire Council of £300, this meant that the amount actually spent came to just £289.13. The cost of the new bus shelter at Victoria Park (£4,704) has been covered by an insurance claim and will be shown in the 2013-14 accounts. Our total balance at 31st March 2013 was £38,361.07. Parishioners are requested to indicate in the above-mentioned Questionnaire when it is distributed how they would like to see part of these funds utilised which would provide a long-term benefit to the village as a whole.

The meeting was followed by refreshments.

The evening concluded with the Annual General Meeting of Great Cheverell New Pavilion Trust.

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the first meeting of the newly elected council we were pleased to welcome: Mr Robert Oglesby, Mrs Pat Baxter, Mr Steven Coxhead
Council members re-elected were;
Mr David Wood, Mr Trevor Jones, Mr Mike May, Mrs Wendy Collins
Mrs Julia Ford, Mrs Sandra Gamble
Mr Mike Page (Vice Chair), Mrs Liz Evans (Chair)
Mr Peter Baxter, clerk to the council

It is a good team, and we shall endeavour to do our best for the village with your support.

We have had two incidents reported to us of thoughtless parking this month. The first concerned street parking on Sandfield. A parent from the school prevented a taxi from parking close enough to pick up a disabled child from their home. A bump occurred and the taxi firm withdrew its service. The child was therefore unable to attend his school. The council fully support D A P S in its travel plan and parents have been repeatedly leafleted asking them not to park on the approach road to the school.

The second was thoughtless parking outside the hairdressers on the main road, causing a resident from Russell Mill Lane to have their car written off whilst trying to turn out onto the road, their sight obscured by the parked car. I have asked before that clients for the hairdressers do not park near to the corner of Russell Mill Lane.

We have written asking for an occasional Police presence at both sites. Litter is also an issue, especially outside Costcutters shop. The bin is owned by Wiltshire Council and emptied by them fortnightly, but seems to fill very quickly. We are looking at the cost of buying a larger bin or an extra one for recycled cans but, until we can achieve this, could people please take rubbish home if the bin is full. The second bin in the passage between the shop and Eastfield is owned and emptied regularly by us, the Parish Council, but again is often overflowing with cans.

I regret my first report from the new council is one of complaint but I can only comment on the letters we receive and ask that we are all a little more thoughtful in our parking, and that we take a pride in our village and keep it tidy.

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.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Lavington Pre-school last week we enjoyed a 'cooking week' and the children and staff all had a great time making pizza, scones, fruit salad and crispy cakes. We really enjoyed all the yummy things they produced. Before that, we organised a craft week in which we painted balloons, decorated plates and did printing with vegetables, cars and our feet! The children also did some amazing paintings of themselves on our fantastic Perspex wall in the garden. As we have had some sunny weather we also managed to get the children out on to the school field and in the infant playground, playing and balancing on the play trail. We have been using the school hall for PE on Friday mornings and we joined DAPS reception class for their singing assembly last Thursday afternoon, which was great fun.

BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO – we are having an 80's disco on Saturday 8th June starting at 8:00p.m. and finishing at midnight at Lavington Community Hall. Tickets are £7.50 and are available from Lavington Pre-school, Market Lavington Post office or Cindy on 07974 659012.

For any further information you can visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk or contact Vici Knott, Pre-school Manager on: (01380) 812551 or email us at lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

80s DISCO	
Saturday, 8th June	
8 p.m. – Midnight	
Market Lavington Community Hall	
Tickets £7.50	
Available from Lavington Pre-School,	
Market Lavington Post Office	
Or call Cindy 07974659012	
A Range of Beers and Other Drinks	
Snacks provided	Cocktails



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

Academy Conversion Update

The conversion to Academy continues to progress well. We are well on track for a conversion date of August 1st 2013. I am now able to confirm that our new name will be **Dauntsey Academy Primary School**. Tracing the roots of 'primary' aged education in West Lavington has direct links to William Dauntsey who in 1542 bequeathed funds to ensure the village children had access to an education. Therefore we are proud to continue the legacy in our Academy name as very few other schools have such a long history.

Tree Planting - I would like to thank all the adults that came in to support our tree planting on 23rd April. The children dressed in red and white had a thoroughly enjoyable morning celebrating St George's Day. Thank you to Mrs Wiltshire for organising the morning.



Neil Griffiths Workshop for Parent - The internationally acclaimed speaker and children's author Neil Griffiths came and worked with children, staff and parents. The parents' workshop provided valuable strategies for supporting children with reading at home and explored storytelling techniques.

DAPS Choir Summer Concert - DAPS welcomed The Buccas Four (a male quartet) who performed a variety of sea inspired songs, plus the choir had the opportunity to perform alongside them. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to be able to perform with highly experienced singers.

Textile Recycling - The PTA do regular textile recycling which raises money for the school. Please bring any bagged items to the village car park between 8:30 and 9:00 on any of the following dates.

10th June

15th July

We can't recycle pillows or duvets but can take shoes, wellies, boots, slippers, clothes, coats, curtains etc. and bedding – in **any** condition. Thank You

Michel Tietz, School Business Manager
Dauntsey's Aided Primary School Tel: 01380 813373



GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Taylor Pre-School: 01380 812121

At the preschool we have been through some exciting changes - a new manager and this month a new chair person and a new logo. Look out for our latest signs and posters.

Through the changes staff and committee have remained dedicated to providing a welcoming environment and an exciting curriculum based on the children's interests and next steps in learning.

The Summer term started with planting and talking about vegetables but as we worked in the garden the children's interest turned to the small creatures we found - worms, snails, caterpillars and spiders.

We set up a wormery to study how worms move and help the soil and have a small pot of caterpillars who are about to create cocoons. The children explored this idea further by making sock caterpillars then taking them to the woods to find a place away from birds and rain to create cocoons.



Outside we have a role-play garage based on a visit to a local garage; this has encouraged cooperative play, a wide use of language, early writing and maths skills. We would love some more props for our garage - real spanners, steering wheel, spark plugs, foot pump If you have any to donate please drop them in or contact the preschool.

We are now registering children for September; if you wish to arrange a visit, or gain more information about the preschool, contact Karen Dwyer on 01380 812121 or email: greatcheverellpreschool@outlook.com

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

(VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vacancy for School Governor

The Governing Body of St Barnabas Primary School has a vacancy for an individual who is passionate about the education and welfare of children and is willing to take an active role in contributing towards the school's strategic development.

The role is varied, involves working within a tight team of enthusiastic and like-minded individuals, whose key focus is on enhancing the school's provision and educational outcomes.

This is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in the school community, develop additional skills, a better understanding of the education system and to assist in the progression of a diverse and vibrant school. Excellent training and support is provided.

For further information about this voluntary position please contact the school by email: admin@st-barnabas.wilts.sch.uk or telephone 01380 813436.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

New Chair and Vice Chair of Governors

We are delighted to announce the election of our new Chair of Governors, Mr David Graham-Wheeler and a new Vice Chair, Mr Jeremy Shatford. Both are experienced governors with huge commitment to the continued excellence of provision in our school and a deep understanding of the role. We are very fortunate to have such skilled individuals prepared to take on these roles. We say farewell to Diane Gilpin (previous Chair) and Annabel Brooks (previous Vice Chair) who have served in their roles so faithfully and with such outstanding impact for many years. Our sincere thanks to them for all they have done to promote excellence in all areas in our school.

Residential Trips

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have spent a night away from home at the Oxenwood centre, where they took part in activities such as canoeing, fencing, cycling and fossil hunting. So many great learning opportunities arise during these residential trips - not just through the activities themselves, but through the opportunities to develop independence, skills at team work and resilience. And they have great fun! We are always grateful to our parents who support these trips so strongly - our committed and supportive families help to ensure that we can continue to provide outstanding education at our school.

New children in September

We were delighted to welcome the parents of our new Foundation Stage children (due to join us in September 2013) to our school for their first meeting with the class teacher and other staff. We always enjoy finding out about the new children and look forward to having them in school for some sessions through the summer half term to introduce them to some of the routines and rhythms of school life. Mrs Abbott (the Foundation Stage teacher) and I have already spent time in the local nursery and preschool to ensure that children are familiar with us - transition into "Big School" is very successful in our school because we make sure that children are given lots of support through the transition time.

Tribute to Vivienne Pearce from all of us at Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Viv Pearce. She has been a Midday Supervisory Assistant for many years in our school and was at work here until a couple of days before her death. Her children and her grandchildren have been, and are, pupils in our school and her husband was a Chair of Governors here. The contribution of this family and of Viv in particular to our school life has been enormous and we are going to miss her terribly. She was always wonderful with the children, calm, understanding and thoughtful. She would always work above and beyond the call of duty - she was one of the volunteers who came with us on our trip to London recently and looked after her group with all her usual tenderness. Our thoughts and prayers go to Amber and Avril and to all her family at this time of great grief.

Do visit our website to see photos, newsletters and other information from our school. www.holy-trinity.wilts.sch.uk



We were full of admiration at the work done in the Women's Refuge in Salisbury on our visit there. It was extremely good

of the Manager to take the time to explain her duties, from welcoming the women and children, to settling them in, and eventually finding schooling and individual counselling for the families. Every family has its own needs, and every race and spectrum of society is cared for. We were able to give them some vouchers – very necessary when you arrive with nothing. Liz Thom donated some charming Teddy Bears she had knitted for the children. It was a very rewarding visit.

On June 10th Mrs Mary Fisher will speak to us about her experiences as a Street Pastor. If you are interested in any of the meetings you are always welcome. Do contact me on 812467.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our last fund raising event held at Market Lavington Secondary School was a Skype video link-up with our friends in France. It was a joint quiz evening and there was much merriment on both sides of The Channel.

We are now looking forward to our visit to France in July. It is the weekend of Bastille Day! If you would like to join us please contact me as soon as possible.

We have now held two 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)



WEST LAVINGTON WI

You may have read about the WI group that dressed up as pirates for a speaker who unfortunately had spent several months as a prisoner of Somali pirates. Well we had a slightly different dressing up evening. We were taught how to tie and wear saris. Sue Robson had the dressing-up box and amid much laughter and wine, we proceeded to cover ourselves with brightly coloured, Asian fabrics. It has to be said that some attempts were more successful than others and that even on a dark night, we would not be mistaken for the lovely, elegant Asian women you see in the Bollywood movies! However, we tried something different and finished off the evening with a delicious range of curries from our own Zeera Curry House in Market Lavington.

Continuing with the international flavour, we were transported to an African safari for our May meeting. The animals looked a rather strange shape, slightly squashed and thin. We subsequently discovered that this was not down to famine, but rather the IT settings on the projector - the aspect ratio wasn't set correctly. It certainly gave us an intriguing view of the varied lions, zebra and other exotic wildlife, especially when we were shown them drunkenly staggering about the bush after eating fermented fruit!

We then had a spirited discussion about the way forward for the group. The WI organisation takes such a large proportion of our subscriptions, it leaves us very little to pay for speakers and activities. The way the WI is set up militates against the small village groups such as ours. So, if you are a talented speaker and have something interesting to say (and you're not too expensive) your local WI needs you!

We need to fund raise and we have therefore decided to have a jumble sale in the Autumn. Please ring Janet Stamp (01380 818 370) if you have spare, good, clean stuff that needs collecting or storing.

Annemarie Seager



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

It is a very frustrating end of season for the Club with the 3 Cup Finalist teams all braving it to the end, but losing to better opposition. However, it is a proud moment for this small Club to have achieved this level, and all those involved need to be congratulated.

The Adult team lost 1-4 to Lacock, who were a more experienced team.

The Under 17/18 team, many of whom have been with the Club since the age of 7, are in their final season as a team in what is perhaps one of their greatest achievements to date. However, losing 2-3 to Trowbridge in the last minutes of the Cup, was tragic, whilst also coming runners up in the League meant they could not finish the season on a high note. We would like to thank the dedication of the players throughout the season for their commitment, but also a big thanks to the support of the parents and coaching staff. Well done and we wish you all the success in your future development.

Equally, the Under 12 team lost 0-3 in their respective Cup Final, but again achieving this level for a small Club is fantastic. The team are now in the final stages of planning their **international appearance**. After many months of fund raising, the team and parents will be making a trip to **Holland** during the May half term period to take on Dutch opposition in various matches.....we look forward to seeing their tour report in the next edition.

Note: CLUB FUN Day and Presentation event to be held Saturday 8th June, at 1.30 pm, at West Lavington Village Hall pitches

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-72797

BOOKMARK

On May 8th we met at Bernie Maltby's house to discuss our two novels, one with DVD viewing. Anne Tyler's *The Beginner's Goodbye* was enjoyed by all. It was found to be a moving novel, peppered with pertinent humour; an easy read, but one which covered full-size topics. Annemarie added that it was a story of ordinary people who were made extraordinary by the author, although she did feel that it was not Anne Tyler's best novel.



Now, at Bookmark we pride ourselves on our reading material being suited to both sexes, even though we are an all female group (no chaps signed on so far) but just this once, *Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim was definitely a novel for 'Ladies'. A period piece of a more gentle era which was thought both eloquent and amusing – or alternatively 'boring', as Wendy Wilshin quite rightly pointed out, and all members agreed to the novel's predictability. But once the 1992 DVD began, with its beautiful Italian scenery, fabulous 1920's costumes, and superb dialogue with spot on casting – we all thought, what's not to like? Well, maybe just one thing – Miranda Richardson favouring Jim Broadbent over Michael Kitchen!! I don't know what goes on 'below stairs' in Italian castles, but surely someone spiked the spaghetti

We would like to thank Bernie for her warm hospitality this month and we meet again on June 12th back at Great Cheverell's village hall at 7.30 p.m. to discuss *Carry the One* by Carol Anshaw and Janet Davey's *By Battersea Bridge*. If interested in our Book Club please contact Hild Marrow on 01380 - 812399 (hildward@tiscali.co.uk)

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The weather intervened for the May meeting which was to have been a wander round members' gardens. The evening was cancelled when the rains came down and all that hard work of preparing their gardens for visitors was

not to be enjoyed by enthusiastic visitors, a great disappointment for everyone. On June 11th the meeting is a walk on Pear Tree Hill to hopefully see orchids. We will meet at the village hall at 7 for a 7.15 leave. It is an hour and half walk so wear sturdy shoes.

The Annual Plant Sale which was on Saturday 18th May offered a wide selection of plants from herbs and vegetables, to annuals and plants for hanging baskets with many perennials too.

There was something for every gardener, including advice from the experts from the club who could tell customers how each plant would grow, flowering periods, where to plant to plant etc.

Coming up in July, a Visit to the Mead Nursery.



BAPTISMS

At St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 28th April 2013 Rev Ann Cocking baptized **Daisy Anja HICKTON** of Market Lavington, and her three cousins **Rhys Lloyd, Tobias James and Imogen Poppy HICKTON** from Trowbridge.

On 5th May 2013, Rev James Campbell baptized **Finlay James THOMPSON** at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

Also on 5th May, Rev James Campbell baptized **Jacob Allen ANDREWS** at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell.

FUNERALS

George Brendon BEALE died on 23rd March, aged 87 years. Following a funeral at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Devizes on 18th April he was buried at All Saints' Church, West Lavington.

Joan Mary COLES died on 26th March aged 82 years. Her ashes were interred in St Peter's Churchyard, Great Cheverell on 1st May 2013.

Emily Rose PEARCE, formerly of Great Cheverell died on 22nd April aged 75 years. A service and burial at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell was on 9th May 2013.

WEDDINGS

Rebecca WELLS and **Nicholas Andrew BARKER** were married by Rev James Campbell at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on Saturday 11th May 2013

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 first prize was Jeannie Gye of Littleton Panell, and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Pamela Baker of Erlestoke. The draw was done by Glyn Evans of West Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

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The World Turned Upside Down

Things don't always turn out as expected. Who could have thought that Wigan Athletic would win the FA Cup Final 1-0 against Manchester City, only then to be relegated from the Premiership? Who could have predicted that Ukip, a party dismissed as 'clowns' and 'closet racists' would have done so well at the recent Council elections? Strange stuff happens. But perhaps the strangest thing of all is how a small band of followers of a travelling preacher from Nazareth came to have such a powerful impact on the world. It's not as if they had a message that the masses were longing to hear. What they said concerning the death and resurrection of Jesus provoked widespread ridicule, hostility and vicious persecution. Yet nothing could stop them proclaiming that the crucified Jesus was the world's true Lord and King.

When the apostle Paul and his friends visited Thessalonica they didn't exactly get a warm reception. People complained, 'These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.' This provoked a mini-riot and Paul was run out of town. But his opponents were on to something. The Christian message overturns some of our most deeply held assumptions. If people believe in God at all, they perhaps think of him as a powerful, yet remote Being. But according to the Christian faith, the all-powerful God embraced human weakness, becoming one of us in his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus came to die for our sins on the Cross that we might be forgiven. Who could have thought that God would do that?

Jesus scandalised the people of his day by not calling the righteous, but sinners to follow him. He pronounced blessing not on the high and mighty, but on the poor in spirit and promised that the meek will inherit the earth. No wonder people complained that Christian preachers were turning the world upside down. That's exactly what happens when someone believes in Jesus and follows him. Everything is turned on its head. Are you ready to have your world turned upside down?

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