



NEWS AND VIEWS

March 2018

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd March Lent 3	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30 am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Communion by Extension	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
10th March Mothering Sunday	11.00 am United Service With Trinity Community Hall	9.30 am Moth- ering Sunday Service	11.00 am United Service at Community Hall	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
17th March Lent 5	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	9.30 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
24th March Palm Sunday	9.30 am Palm Sunday Service (Communion)	9.30 am Palm Sunday Service (Communion)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	Palm Sunday Walk from The Churchill, West Lavington at 2.15 pm to Erlestoke for Family Service at 4.00 pm Followed by tea and cakes.	
28th March Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm Agape Meal At St Barnabas Church				
29th March Good Friday	12 noon Good Friday Service	2.00 pm Good Friday Service	4 pm Cross Walk from The Royal Oak, Easterton to the top of the hill. Followed by tea		
31st March Easter Day 6.30 am Sunrise Service at top of Lavington Hill	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Family Com- munion	9.30 am Family Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	11.00 am Family Communion (Trad)

* 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.

Dear Friends,

At the end of this month we celebrate the greatest events in the Christian year: the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ; events that lie at the heart Christianity being good news because of what God has done for us in Jesus.

For many Easter will however mean no more than increased chocolate consumption and a couple of extra days' holiday. We live in a largely secular society. Traditionally secularism has encouraged open debate within which all views can be explored freely and in safety. However in recent years we have seen the rise of a more aggressive approach in this country. Atheist humanists and others have sought to challenge the West's Christian foundations and heritage and even the rights of Christians to have a voice in public debate.

Examples of this more intolerant and aggressive 'new secularism' increase. For instance, it is reported that the Scottish Government and a number of English Councils have promoted a 'Winter Festival', highlighting the main events of the winter holidays – but Christmas was not included. Meanwhile the vocal atheist Richard Dawkins has suggested that 'being raised Catholic is worse than child abuse.'

Every generation brings its own challenges to people of faith. Those of us who are Christians should not retreat into a ghetto, clinging to our traditions. Rather we need to counter these developments with calm, courage and conviction; to assert with confidence the values of the great Biblical truths that make the Christian Faith what it is.

James Campbell

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VILLAGE CARE

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2013

See Calendar of Services for full details.

PALM SUNDAY – 24th March

Palm Sunday Walk: This year we are planning a shorter walk – with plenty of food!

Meet either at the Churchill Arms, West Lavington for a snack lunch at 1.30pm; or gather outside for a prompt 2.15 p.m. start.

Walk via Little Cheverell and Great Cheverell to Erlestoke (c. 1½ hours) for a short family service (not Evensong) at 4.00 p.m., followed by tea. For those worried that they might be stranded, there will be non-walkers who will be able to provide transport back to the Churchill/home after tea.

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March

12 noon: Service at Market Lavington (half an hour)

2.00pm: Choral Service at West Lavington

4.00pm: Walk with the Cross on to the Plain. Starting at the Royal Oak and ending for tea with David and Carol Part.

EASTER DAY – 31st March

6.30am: Sunrise Service at the Vedette, Market Lavington (c. 20 minutes) followed by refreshments

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP, half an hour), St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington

9.30am / 11.00am: main morning services in each Church.

During Lent – Join us for Lunch

12.30 p.m. on Wednesdays

All welcome for Soup and bread and time to chat
Donations to a charity chosen by the host.

Wed 27th Feb: Easterton @ Ann Cocking's, High Acre, Eastcott.

6th March: Market Lavington @ Sally Reynold's, Parsonage Mead, The Spring.

13th March: West Lavington @ Lavender Davy's, Holly Cottage,

20th March: Great Cheverell @ Village Hall



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March, 2.00 pm at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.
Followed by tea and cakes.

All Welcome.

Service written by the women of France 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

At The Old Rectory, Great Cheverell

Saturday, 16th March,

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Cake Stall, Flower Stall, Bring

and Buy, Easter Gifts

Donations Welcome!

In aid of St Peter's Church!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Social & Fund Raising Committee of All Saints' Church have organised another "Progressive Dinner" in aid of Church Funds.

This will be on Saturday May 18th.

For those who don't know, a "Progressive Dinner" is when about 50 people all meet in one or two houses for "starters", then move on to somebody else's house in groups of 6 to 10 and have their main course. We then go on in different groups to a third house where we will have our puddings and finally all meet up at one house for cheese/biscuits and coffee. It is great fun and one gets the chance to meet lots of different people. The cost of a ticket this year will be £25 per head. This includes all your food and wine and you don't need to bring another penny with you.

We need Hosts and hostess' for various courses - i.e. starters, main course and puddings. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

If you would like tickets for the event, also please contact me. We do hope you will participate - it is great fun!

Lavender Davy 01380 813782

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The West Lavington youth club hereby gives notice that its Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 28th March, at 7.30 p.m. at the Youth Club itself. Anyone is welcome to attend.

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

On Monday 11th March at 7.30 p.m. there will be a Bingo evening. There will be a wide range of prizes many with an Easter theme and also a raffle. Why not come along for an evening's enjoyment. The money raised will go towards upkeep of the village hall. Donations of prizes will be welcome.

LITTLE CHEVERELL'S SPRING WALK

Get fit for the Spring and join us on Sunday 14th April, starting at 11.00 a.m. from the Village Hall in Little Cheverell. Return there after a good walk for hot food and drinks at approximately 1.00 p.m. Please bring your own wine and beer and we will provide the rest.

Everyone is welcome (not just those from Little Cheverell) including children, and well behaved dogs on leads. The reduced cost of £8.00 per adult and £4.00 for children 12 and under, is to reflect the continuing financial pressures on everyone. Dogs are free. If the walk is too much then please join us for lunch only. To book your place please telephone Helena Warnock on 813487 or e-mail helenawarnock@btinternet.com We can only fit so many into the Hall so please book early. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Village Hall Committee

FOUR COMMANDMENTS LEFT!

This course, which started in January, has one more month in which to complete a study of the Ten Commandments. It is open to anyone interested.

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 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

ABC AIRPORT SERVICES

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PLANT FAIR

Barbury Racecourse, Barbury,
Wiltshire SN8 1RS
(By kind permission of
Mr & Mrs N Bunter)

Sunday 28th April
10.30 to 4 p.m.

Adults £3, Children (under 12 yrs)
FREE
Plants planters and garden sculptures
tea tent, lunches

In aid of Kennet Valley Carriage
Driving Group RDA
Reg. charity no. 1074359

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 10th, in the Giles room. Apart from the formal business, there will be an opportunity to learn about progress on upgrading/redeveloping the hall. It is an open meeting, and anyone is entitled to attend.

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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

This year the Electoral Rolls have to be completely revised – this happens every 6 years.

Everybody who wants to be on the Electoral Roll must complete the application form. Copies are available from your Electoral Roll Officer or from the back of church. Rolls should be updated by the end of March and forms returned to the ERO, Church or the Rectory.

Electoral Roll Officers:-

Market Lavington	Gwenda Fletcher
West Lavington	Michael Page
Easterton	Carol Part (Acting ERO)
Great Cheverell	Wendy Wilshin
Little Cheverell	Lynda Alcock



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

Cost £45

Enrolments and Enquiries to Rosemary Winckley

PUTTING A BRAKE ON SPEEDING?

Are you concerned by the excessive speed of traffic through your village? We are looking for volunteers to man the speed watch sites in your village. You will be trained by the police in the use of the speed camera and the code of conduct and procedures that you are to follow. Support will be offered by the Littleton Panell village CSW team to get you started. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact by E Mail your details to: admin@westlavingtoncsw.org

VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

As many of you will know, we have recently conducted a survey in West Lavington and Littleton Panell to gauge the response to our proposals for the Village Hall. We had responses from over 30% of the village, and would like to thank all those who returned the form. There will certainly be households who for many reasons did not have the opportunity to reply, and although we have analysed the results to date, we would welcome any additional returns from those who missed out. Please contact Mike May (Michael.may1@btinternet.com) (Tel 812574) if you would like a blank form.

In general there was overwhelming support for our ideas, and a range of new suggestions which will go into the melting pot. We hope to present the detailed results in next month's News and Views, together with news on how the project is developing.

Michael May

EDITOR'S NOTES

So what, you may ask, is an article about Archery doing in this issue? Well, the answer is simply that I realized last month that progressively we have become more and more just a notice board for forthcoming events and that there is little invitation to read anything apart from most of the very good society reports and the Rector's letter. So I asked Neil Lockhart, who does all the hard work in preparing our layout, to write about an interest of his, as a consequence of which he has provided his article on *Archery for All*, which is informative, interesting, inviting and personal.

Incidentally the cover photograph of a Yew Tree provided by Bill Parish is particularly appropriate since it is from the wood of the yew tree that long bows were traditionally made.

From now on, therefore I shall be trying to persuade someone or other from our villages to write about something that might be of general interest. Indeed, do not wait to be asked. I am happy to consider any offerings that you would like to write about, whether it is local, worldwide, personal or simply instructive, even with an illustration. I cannot promise certain or immediate publication, but I will try, provided it is not about such matters as the X Factor, Arsenal's new striker, GCSE results, Nigel Farage or complaints that should have been addressed to the Parish Council. Anyway, thank you, Neil.

Jim Hodges

NEW FOR DEVIZES – EXERCISE AFTER STROKE

If you or anyone you know has experienced stroke, they may like to attend our group sessions to further improve their mobility, fitness and well-being. Specialist instructors will provide the opportunity to exercise in a safe, enjoyable environment. The activities can be adapted to suit individual needs.

Starting 10th April – the class does require a referral from a GP or health professional.

Cost £2.50 per session including refreshments afterwards. For more information contact Paul Needham 07823536256 or paul.needham@wiltshire.gov.uk or Pat Baxter 07725753422 – patbaxter@sky.com

SUPPORTING HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Holy Trinity PFA is hosting a Boden event with the new Summer range of Womenswear, Johnnie b, Mini and Accessories for us to see and try on; the event is being held to raise funds for the school.

At The Pavilion Great Cheverell, Witchcombe Lane
On Friday 15th March 1.30pm – 7pm & Saturday 16th March 9.00am – 12pm

If anything takes your fancy, you can place an order with an exclusive offer of 15% off all categories plus free postage and free returns.

There are goodie bags for the first 40 orders.

Get ready for Spring, spruce up your wardrobe, support this event and school.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Spring 2013



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

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

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Half Term Closure: No Swim

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Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00

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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.



WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS NEWS

Providing information for the
over 60s in rural Wiltshire.

This month I am writing about issues concerning carers. Carers are those who look after an ill, frail or disabled family member or friend. Carers can help with personal things like getting someone dressed, helping them move about or giving medicine. Carers also help with shopping, laundry, cleaning, cooking, filling in forms or managing money.

Carer's allowance is the main benefit for carers. If you look after someone who gets a disability benefit, for at least 35 hours each week, you could qualify. Carer's Credit is available to people who provide care for a disabled person for 20 hours or more each week, where they do not currently receive Carer's Allowance. It is a National Insurance credit which helps carers build up qualifying years for the basic State Pension and additional State Pension.

The Carers Emergency Card is an initiative run by Wiltshire Council. It will identify you as a carer in the event of an accident or emergency. It is a credit card size so it will fit in a wallet or purse.

If you would like to find out more about these things, or anything else, please contact Caroline Culley on 07557 922027 or email : devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

NOTICE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

PC Pete Lawson from The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be available on March 2nd between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. outside the Pavilion in Great Cheverell for residents to visit and discuss any community issues they may have regarding the area.

In the meantime, should you like to speak with a member of the team you can contact either PC Lawson, PCSO Fiona Marno or PCSO Oliver Nash either via 101 or

devizesnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY – DATES AND TIMES 2013

Tuesdays

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

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Good news! the drop-in session at West Lavington that started in February has proved to be a great success. Did you get your free Hot-Dog? If not, never mind - come along and enjoy anyway. This is a less formal session for 14-17 year olds taking place on Wednesdays.

We would like to thank all those who sent us their dead printer cartridges for recycling. We have just received £103 for these. That is a brilliant way to boost our income, and help the environment, so please continue to let us have them.

As the weather starts to improve we need to plan activities come along and tell us what you want from the club.

Get Mum or Dad to put a note on the calendar for you of our current openings:

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.

We will be holding our AGM on 28th March, 7.30 p.m. at The George Baker Youth Centre, Sandfields, West Lavington. All are welcome to attend.

Eric Freeman -

Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

Volume 2 of Ros Hooper's Photographic History of West Lavington is now available. It covers from the Ebenezer Chapel to Rickbarton, including Duck Street, Stibb Hill and White Street. This is £10.

The History of Houses in Church Street should be ready by the time you read this. This is a detailed history of who was living where in the 19th century. It covers from Duck Street to the outlying farms, and includes Stibb Hill, Rutts Lane and White Street and Rickbarton. This is £10.

The Wire War of 1909 should be available very shortly. This is a new edition, containing more information than the previous home-made edition. If you purchased the original home-made edition, you will be entitled to a discount on this new improved model. Pricing isn't known yet, but if you would like to pre-order, please let me know.

If you would like to order any of these, please contact me on 01380 813943 or by e-mail at lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk. All the earlier books produced in this series are available. I try to keep a small stock, but they can usually be received within a week of ordering.

All profits do of course go to the West Lavington Youth Club. I am hoping that by the end of March we will have made enough money from these books to pay for youth club sessions for one night a week for the following year, or to pay for some really good character building trips and events for the young people of West Lavington and Market Lavington, and surrounding villages.

Thank you for all your support.

Lyn Dyson

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ARCHERY FOR ALL

The sport of archery may surprise some with its humble origins. As one of the main forms of warfare it was encouraged by the English monarchy, enabling armies to be mustered to defend their realms in a feudalist society. As opposed to the time and expense required to forge a sword, the archer's bow was an ideal weapon to equip even the poorest in society. Although its construction from wood may suggest it is a lowly weapon, its resonance with the natural world of the forest empowers those who use it. Henry VIII did much for the profile of archery, rescuing it from the murky annals of medieval England. He threatened to impose a fine of 6s 8d on any men under the age of sixty who

did not equip themselves with a long bow, made from yew, with a minimum of four arrows. Perhaps this was my father's incentive to encourage me as a young man to take up archery: a sport in which I discovered some natural ability. After some years of practise, I managed to become the County Champion, win a bronze medal in the National Junior Championships and be invited for an Olympic trial.

Henry VIII wasn't the only man besides my father who had a desire to impose the practise of archery. It was first vested in English law in 1252, by King Henry III through what is termed the "Assize of Arms", the law required all Englishmen between the ages of 15 and 60 to swear to bear arms and gather in their hundreds, when required, to preserve the peace. In keeping with the medieval feudal system, choice of weaponry was dependent on wealth and status. Higher-ranking subjects were expected to arm themselves with a coat of mail, a sword and a horse, whereas those with little or no wealth to their name were to arm themselves simply with bows and arrows, among other weapons. Over the next century, the practice of archery took on a more curious, sporting character. In 1363 King Edward III decreed that archery must be practised on Sundays and holidays, and should be supervised by the local clergy!

This curious law was recently invoked. In 2010 the Reverend Mary Edwards, of Collingbourne Ducis, called residents to the village recreation ground to take up their bows and arrows, as it seems she was entitled to do, with the residents being rewarded with a bar-be-que, live music and drinks to make merry!

However, some of the stranger laws surrounding archery may meet a less favourable reaction if called upon today. For example, I doubt very much if you would still get immunity from prosecution if you killed someone while practising archery as proclaimed by King Henry I, nor would you be able to shoot a Welshman inside the city walls of Chester after midnight, with impunity!

As the techniques of warfare changed and the conflicts of the Dark Ages dwindled into history, the practise of archery declined and risked dying out altogether. Games such as cricket and football became more popular pastimes. This was not seen to be in the interests of the English monarchy and in 1511 King Henry VIII decreed that: "All sorts of men under the age of forty years shall have bows and arrows, and use shooting" and "unlawful games shall not be used." Just four years later this law was made "perpetual." Indeed some, including the Reverend Mary Edwards, would argue that this law is still in force today as it has not specifically been repealed.



Despite the best efforts of my father and King Henry VIII, over time my interest in archery declined. I began studying for my degree and found other "unlawful games", such as the pursuit of girls, resulted in my losing touch with the sport.

Just about every year since that time, especially when watching the Olympics, I have chastised myself for not keeping up archery, dreaming of what might have been if I had. A visit to the London Olympics last year inspired me to start shooting again and this time I had no excuse not to. So, 35 years since last shooting competitively I went along to Devizes Bowmen seeking some advice on how to get back into the sport. I found a lot had changed, especially in equipment terms: compound bows; carbon arrows; magnified sight lenses; aerodynamic carbon stabilisers. The list of choices seemed daunting and made Henry VIII's laws seem modest by comparison. However, there are still many traditionalists who continue to shoot only a simple long bow and wooden arrows, without sights or any other technical aids.

Having equipped myself with a new compound bow and started shooting again, I participated in my first tournament in August 2012, when the Dorset & Wiltshire County Championships were held in Devizes. I found myself sharing a target with a lady shooting a long bow. She pitched her bow at almost 45 degrees to hit the target, which was only 60 metres away, and often missed. But she had a big smile on her face every time we went to collect our arrows.

I suppose what really struck me that day, and ever since, is the diversity and inclusivity of archery as a sport. Although the skill of shooting a bow and arrow is about the individual and their relationship with their bow, archers gather to simply enjoy participating in the event. Regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, we relish socialising and testing our skills against one another. Perhaps it's the humble, earthy origins of the bow and arrow, or the medieval call to arms, which makes archery such an inclusive sport. But one thing is for sure: the only way to find out is if you try.

An archery tournament is a spectacle that has to be beheld, a truly magnificent sight: lines of targets and archers loosing flights of arrows through the air. Henry VIII would have been truly proud to experience such an event today. So if you feel like experiencing the atmosphere of such an event please feel free to come along. Devizes Bowmen will be holding their 43rd Annual "Top Ten Tournament" on Sunday 26th May 2013 at the Devizes Sports Club grounds. Additionally, if you find yourself inspired to try out this wonderful sport, you would always be welcome at any GNAS affiliated local club. There you can get some friendly advice and the opportunity to try shooting. Most clubs run courses for beginners and no equipment or investment is required to join. Devizes Bowmen is home to two England Team archers, as well as a number of county team archers. So, like me, you could be shooting next to some very capable archers yet still be made to feel at ease with your own level of attainment.

Neil Lockhart (www.devizes-bowmen.co.uk)

WASTE NOT WANT NOT

Waste Not Want Not (WNWN) is a furniture recycling project where the primary aim is to help those 'in need' to furnish their homes with good quality second-hand furniture, at low cost.

Sadly, owing to some Charity Shops now selling second-hand furniture, WNWN is suffering from a lack of donated goods. This not only affects the disadvantaged (those on benefits or low income – and Senior Citizens, who are also able to avail themselves of this service), but it also means that the future of WNWN is questionable?

In order that the superb charitable work of Waste Not Want Not can carry on, it is important that more donations of furniture and household goods are received. So many people/families have been thankful for the Charity's help in furnishing their homes over the past decade, in fact Waste Not Want Not has an excellent showroom displaying quality furniture and household goods (for every room) at: 303 Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham.

So please, when disposing of your furniture think of WNWN, your contribution will be so greatly appreciated.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I wrote last month about some of the wonders and pitfalls of technology. To continue this theme, I can report that one of the most wonderful inventions of the modern era, in my view, is GPS (aka sat-nav).

The little gadget in my car is smaller than a cigarette packet yet it not only knows exactly where I am but it knows every road in this country and, indeed, every country in Europe. Better still, it can calculate in seconds how to get from here to anywhere and it knows every road junction or roundabout on the way. Most miraculous of all, there is a sweet lady somewhere inside it who tells me exactly what I should be doing without fuss – which cannot always be said of another sweet lady whom I sometimes ask to navigate for me.

The sad fact, however, is that sat-nav is also the cause of a great deal of annoyance. Anyone who lives in this area will have seen large lorries trying to navigate our narrow roads. Quite often, I'll wager, you will have seen them get stuck at the railway bridge or in a narrow lane or face to face with another large vehicle coming the other way with no room to pass. On several occasions in the past few months, when I have been caught in the subsequent jams, I have taken the opportunity to ask the lorry driver where he had come from, where he was going and why he was using a manifestly unsuitable route.

At this point I admit to being a bit of a geography fanatic. After all, I have a degree in the subject from the University of Durham (and I note with some interest that the new Bishop of Salisbury and the new headmaster of Dauntsey's are both similarly qualified). Thus it is a matter of interest to me that a huge, modern HGV travelling from Liverpool to Devizes should have chosen a route via the M25, M3, A303 and A360 before finding itself unable to reach its destination from the south side of the Littleton Panell railway bridge. Even a cursory glance at a map would show that Liverpool is to the north of Devizes and that there are much shorter and more suitable routes to approach the town from that direction.

Similarly, a Romanian articulated lorry was stuck on the B3098 heading from Felixstowe to a Westbury trading estate. I had to inform the unhappy driver that he not only faced many more miles of narrow road but, when he reached Westbury, he would be unable to cross the railway by the station bridge owing to a weight restriction. Neither the driver nor I could understand why he had not travelled via the more direct and more suitable M4 and A350.

These are just two of many examples I have recorded. Big lorries are a fact of life and we cannot live without the goods they carry. Road freight transport is an essential aspect of our economy. But it is relevant to note that none of the lorry drivers I spoke to when the traffic was stationary were based locally. Local drivers know the hazards and avoid them. In fact the angry, miserable drivers I met wanted nothing more than to be somewhere else. Their downfall and ours was caused by sat-nav and the drivers' slavish adherence to that siren voice, often to the exclusion of all common sense. Dramas such as I have witnessed occur all over the country as a result of sat-nav. It is a subject that deserves far more attention than it has received.

No Messages will appear in April or May in view of the so-called "purdah" before the local elections on 2 May.

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

At our meeting in February the community police asked us to beware of shed and garage crime. There have been several break-ins reported, so do make sure you have a good padlock on all your outdoor sheds.

A reminder: Following last month's *News and Views* report that elections will be held in May and we do need new Parish Councillors, so if you can spare an evening a month and would actively like to help your local community then please do ring me on 813929 or contact the clerk on our website; www.westlavington.info. You would be warmly welcomed.

The beautiful displays of snowdrops show us that spring is on its way. I know we cannot cut our hedges until the birds have nested, but please do try to keep vegetation overhanging our paths and footpaths under control.

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

Elections: Polling Day for Parish Council Elections is Thursday 2 May. A Notice of Election will be published on notice boards by 26th March. All nominations must be received by noon on Friday 5th April. A Statement of Persons Nominated will be published by 9th April followed by a Notice of Poll by 24th April. The result of elections will be published as soon as possible after 2nd May.

Who Can Stand for Election?:

Candidates must be at least 18 years old on day of nomination and be a British citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of European Union and meet at least one of four additional qualifying criteria as follows:

- 1) Registration on electoral roll.
- 2) Occupation of land.
- 3) Main or sole place of work.
- 4) Live within 3 miles of parish boundary.

If you require further information on the above please contact me (see details at bottom of page).

Traffic Issues: The Parish Council continues to press Wiltshire Council for a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order to confirm the 20 mph limit through the village. We are also still campaigning to make Great Cheverell the subject of additional study as a main step in further reducing the volume of HGVs using this route.

Val Noviss, (Parish Clerk) 01380 813227
cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk
 Website: www.greatcheverell.org



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

We are always very proud of the behaviour of children at our school and recently we have had several lovely comments from visitors to our school about how polite and kind our children are. The school and the family work together to ensure that each child is cared for and learns to care about others, so

that the school is a kind and loving environment in which to be educated. Happy learners are good learners.

The snow gave us the opportunity to have longer playtimes and the children were encouraged to take turns sledging down a little hill on to the playground and to build snow models and structures. It was lovely to see the older children looking after the younger ones and to see how they worked together to make sure everyone had fun.

We are re-visiting the values that make our school so special and have asked the children what they think are the defining values of our school. Silbury class (10 and 11 year olds) felt that aspiration, reflectiveness and confidence were the most important.. Avebury class (9 and 10 year olds) highlighted relationships, honesty and caring. For Sarum class (8 and 9 year olds), honesty, caring and courage were the most significant. In White Horse class (6 and 7 year olds), they felt that forgiveness, love & relationships, and cooperation were most important and for Stonehenge (5 and 6 year olds), kindness, respect and forgiveness were at the top of their list. We are interested in finding out what everyone in our community thinks about our school so if you have any thoughts you would like to offer, please do write or phone in and let us know.

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WEST LAVINGTON WI

A last minute change of plan to our WI annual meal saw us gathered at The Bell, Seend, where we had a most enjoyable evening: good venue, company and food – with liquorice ice-cream to die for!

For our February meeting we were treated to a well researched presentation of the Mitford Sisters; in house entertainment at its best. Representing Nancy, Pamela, Diana, Unity, Jessica and Deborah were, Sue Robson, Anne Janes, Helena Warnock, Wendy Wilshin, Annmarie Seager and Anne Welford. The production concluded with personal letters written between the sisters, which members found very interesting.

Caroline Parker is kindly stepping into Sue Thomas's 'Skittle Shoes', holding the fort with enthusiasm; much appreciated. And the next WI session to be held in the Giles Room at the Village Hall will be on March 14th - our AGM. Business concluded, Liz Bord and Anne Janes will speak to the group on our continuing theme, 'How I came to be here'. And this year the competition for the Kate Lye Rose Bowl will be 'A Spring Photograph'.

Meanwhile, the Federation's Campaigns and Communications Committee is arranging a visit to Cricklade and North Meadow on Thursday 18th April at 1.30 p.m. – closing date for tickets to the Fritillaries and a cream tea is March 21st. (contact no.01249 716298). Members £7.50p and non-members £9.



We owe a great debt of gratitude to Terry and Jeannie O'Flynn for "hosting" our Pancake Party on Saturday, 9th February. It was a huge success as friends right

through the Benefice came, and it was wonderful to have such support. £546 was raised and this means we can pay for 160 plants to be given to the ladies connected to all the churches in the Benefice on Mothering Sunday. £200 will enable us to buy some equipment for Lavington Pre-School and another £200 has been sent to the Mother's Union Overseas Literacy Fund.

I cannot thank enough everyone who was involved on that morning. On March 9th the Mothers' Union Festival will be held in Salisbury Cathedral. Four of us will be going on the Urchfont coach which leaves the Churchill Arms at 9.45 a.m. Liz Evans will be enrolled (along with the Bishop himself!). Those who have joined during 2012 will also be welcomed. Ann Cowburn is decorating our banner with our art work with the prison and Jeanette Giles will be carrying our banner. It should be a very uplifting occasion.

We have our next meeting in April

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next fund raising event is on April 17th at 7 p.m. in the Market Lavington Secondary School.

It will be a repeat of our successful Skype video link-up with our friends in France when we shall hold a joint quiz evening. A light supper will be included. Further details to follow.

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)

WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'



Cup Quarter Final results:

Under 12 - Devizes Town – 3 Worton & Cheverell – 6
Under 16 - Westbury Youth – 2 Worton & Cheverell – 4
U17/18 - Worton & Cheverell – 3 Larkhall Athletic – 2

Great result for the Club representing the Villages in the area, with 3 teams through to the semi-finals for the first time ever, and potentially to be joined by one of the Adult teams who are in the Quarter Finals of their competition (match yet to be played at time of going to press...)

At Adult level, the Club field two teams in two leagues. In the Trowbridge & District League, we recently suffered a 3 – 0 loss against league leaders Steeple Ashton (Division 2), but the Badgers who are currently in mid-table have 5 games in hand and can easily creep up to second in the table.

At Junior level, we now have 3 more Class 1 qualified coaches, who will now develop the children in the 5-6-7 age group ranges, having completed the necessary course organised by the F.A. – well done.

An early date for your diaries is the Club Fun/Presentation Day which is currently being pencilled in for Saturday 8th June - TBD

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

BOOKMARK

It was a dark and stormy night when Bookmark members met at Great Cheverell's Village Hall for their crime session. At 7.30 p.m. we pulled the blinds, turned up the heaters, opened the wine, nuts and chocolates – and we were ready to begin. Amongst the crime writers discussed were Elizabeth George, Jo Nesbo, P.D. James, Peter Robinson, Val McDermid, Kate Morton and dear old Agatha Christie. It was a very lively meeting and comparisons were often made with characters' screen interpretations. Our next session will be on Wednesday, March 20th when we will be reviewing *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce and *Alys, Always* by Harriet Lane. Our complete reading list can be found on the Parish Council's website; follow the link under 'What's On'.



Several members have booked to see events at The Bath Literature Festival (1st – 10th March) beginning with 'Iceland and Antarctica', featuring Sarah Moss, author of *Night Waking & Cold Earth*, and 'Gossip from the Forest' at the Mineral Hospital with Sara Maitland, part folklore, part travelogue on her journey through 12 British forests. And to conclude, an enactment from the court scene of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Guildhall, complete with Gospel singers. On Saturday, March 16th four members will attend a 'Bloomsbury Group' literary day course at Urchfont's village hall as a follow up to the most successful Victorian Sensation Literature Day. May 1st will feature our novel with DVD viewing; home venue to be announced.

Hild Marrow hildward@tiscali.co.uk

THE CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

It was a very welcome return of Marion Dale to the Cheverells' Garden Club for the February meeting. Marion is a lecturer at New College Swindon and is the winner of a Silver award for garden design at the Malvern Show.

For this meeting, Marion took us on an illustrated journey through the history of 'Arts and Crafts' garden design and she recommended several West Country gardens for us to visit. These included Hidcote, Buscot and Hestercombe, where we would be able to enjoy typical 'Arts and Crafts' features. She also gave us ideas for ways to introduce aspects of the designs into our own gardens.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March at Great Cheverell Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30. John Adams will be talking to us about *Vegetable Growing*.

John has years of experience as a grower of vegetables and he has often been a judge at shows, including our own!

John will be bringing some garden tools to sell as well as some plants.

Visitors are very welcome for a charge of £2 for the evening.



BAPTISMS

On 27th January 2013, at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington, Rev Ann Cocking baptised **Mollie Olivia, Ewan Christopher** and **Fearne Elizabeth RODGER**.

FUNERALS

Mary GREENING formerly of Market Lavington died on 16th December 2012, aged 88 years. A memorial service was held at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 21st January 2013 followed by cremation.

Raymond "Ray" Reginald John CHARLES of Little Cheverell died aged 77 years on 8th January. A service and burial took place at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on 24th January 2013.

Reginald Francis BEARDSMORE of Market Lavington died aged 83 years on 20th January. His cremation and memorial service at St Mary's Church Market Lavington was on 30th January 2013.

Don Maurice Edwin BAKER of Market Lavington died on 18th January aged 81 years. His funeral at the crematorium was held on 31st January 2013.

Beatrice "Bett" Edith Annie COCKINGS of West Lavington died on 20th January aged 93 years. A service and burial took place at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 4th February 2013.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the first prize for February of £40 was Dick Purdum of Easterton; and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Angharad George-Carey of West Lavington. The draw was done by Sue and Gordon Somerville of Easterton.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

So this is Easter

Something to do with chocolate eggs, fluffy bunnies and maybe bonnets isn't it? Well, yes. But there's a bit more to it than that. A lot more in fact. At Eastertime Christians pause to reflect on the central realities of their faith. Without the events that happened on the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday there would be no Christian faith at all. Not to speak of anyway. Apart from Easter it's possible that Jesus would have gone down as one of the world's great religious teachers. People may have handed down his sayings like, "turn the other cheek", "love your enemies" and stuff, but that's about it.

What makes Jesus so special is that he didn't simply come to tell us how to live, or give us an example of the good life. That would have been nice, but the problem is that knowing what we should do and actually doing it are two different things. If we're honest we all fall short of our highest standards of behaviour. We are sinners. Jesus said so. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. And that means us.

That's why Easter had to happen. On Good Friday Jesus Christ died on the cross that we might be forgiven and put right with God. On Easter Saturday his body lay lifeless in the tomb. But on Easter Sunday morning Jesus rose again from the dead. He gives all who believe in him the hope of everlasting life. Come along to one of our special Easter Meetings to find out more:

Palm Sunday (24th March)

11 a.m. at the Chapel

6 p.m. Easter Praise at Hedges House Lounge

Good Friday, 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Easter greetings,

E-mail: pastor.davies@blueyonder.co.uk

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