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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>7th September 12th after Trinity (Proper 18)</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
<b>14th September 13th after Trinity (Proper 19)</b>	11.00 am United Service	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's, ML	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>21st September 14th after Trinity (Proper 20)</b>	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  <b>6.00 pm Harvest Communion</b>	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>28th September 15th after Trinity (Proper 21)</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  9.00 am JAM Club, Old School, ML	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Harvest Festival	

**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**  
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**Dear Friends,**

I was asked today – 24th August – “Did you have a nice holiday?” I wouldn’t describe moving one’s mother after 64 years in the same house exactly as a holiday. It is not something that I will ever do again, that is for certain.

Having filled up a hired van yesterday with all the things from the house that our family are keeping, I closed the back door behind me - only to discover that the keys I had in my pockets were not the right ones and that every set of keys was inside the house! Youthful memories of shinning up a ladder and getting into the house via the upstairs loo window were frustrated by possibly wiser but certainly less adventurous members of my family; the arrival of an expensive 24/7 lock-breaker beckons after attempted entry with an old credit card at 6.15am failed.

The episode reminded me how important keys are, what a significant part they play in our lives. Who hasn’t lost a set of keys at some stage, yet at the end of the day they are only pieces of metal?

In our Gospel reading this morning we heard Jesus say to Peter, “...on this rock I will build my church...I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...” (Matthew 16:18-19). Those of us with a firm Christian conviction would say that the key to life is Jesus Christ, that he provides hope and purpose in life that nothing else can.

**James Campbell**

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 We look forward to seeing you!

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

On behalf of the family I would like to thank the various contributors for the wonderful double page spread of tributes to mum (Lavender Davy) in the June edition of News and Views. It was a real tear jerker to read the memories that the different people had from their contacts with mum. We are so proud of her touching the lives of so many people and having been so active in such an amazing range of activities! The funeral, and subsequent donations given in mum's memory, raised a total of £1014. This was split between All Saints Church, Devizes Food Bank and the Parkinson's Association.

**Caroline Spinlow**

My thanks to all those people who provided Bric-a-Brac for the West Lavington Church Fete, a fantastic offering which resulted in sales of £480, certainly a record in recent years.

**Jean Morton**

Thanks too from the Mothers' Union Produce Stall for the various items received.

**Janet Hodges**

**HARVEST EVENSONG**

All Saints Church  
 Sunday, 21st September at 6 p.m.  
 Service of Readings, Hymns and Poems  
 followed by a Harvest Supper

**ALL WELCOME**

**BILL PARISH**

Among the many contributors to News and Views few have been more valuable than Bill Parish who has invariably provided a variety of cover pages with his usual blend of imagination and efficiency. Even more, in the days of Gestetners and mucky black ink he used to spend many hours producing month after month A4 sheets which had then had to be stapled by hand before distribution. With his recent death after a brief illness this magazine – and the community - has lost a valued member. His selfless actions too over many years in organizing the regular contact with drivers to arrange visits by the Care Group gave further evidence of his contribution to the community. Our sympathies go to Anne and their four sons and his seven grandchildren. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

**GREAT CHEVERELL OPEN GARDEN**

On Saturday 9th August Peter and Janine Fanshaw opened their garden to visitors. The weather was not brilliant but everyone who came enjoyed the garden, which included ducks. Tea and cakes were served, plants were sold and a stall selling garden scene items was successful; the silent auction for Peter's prize Agapanthus was hotly contested. We raised nearly £350 for the village hall redecoration . Thanks go to Peter Janine and Tom for all their hard work and to all who helped on the day and all of those who donated prizes.

**Wendy Wilshin.**

**GREAT CHEVERELL FRIENDS  
 AND NEIGHBOURS.**

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 3.00 p.m. We welcome anyone who is at home during the day and who would like some friendly company for a cup of tea and a chat. We are not a club; there are no membership fees, simply a charge of £1.00 which includes home made cake and tea. If you have not been before why not come along on Wednesday 3rd September and you will find people you know from the village. If you need transport please ring Wendy Wilshin on 813735.

**Wendy Wilshin**

**WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH CHOIR**

The church choir consists of 8 people at the moment, so you could say that we are small, but perfectly formed! Extras are parachuted in as and when the occasion demands. However, we are in desperate need of fresh blood! And preferably younger blood at that. The ability to read music is helpful, but not essential. More important is the ability to pitch a note and hold it. Choir practices are held on a Tuesday, usually once or twice a month, depending on the number of services and weddings. If you feel you would like to join us, (and we take anyone from 8-80 years old!), please contact Ann Walker on 812568 or email [ann6andy7@btinternet.com](mailto:ann6andy7@btinternet.com)

## WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL MUSICAL EVENING

As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage events at the Hall, a musical event is being held on Friday 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. The group HowdenJones are performing, as they did, with success, in Pewsey recently. Kate Howden and Paul Jones are acoustic musicians who have been travelling all over the country playing at village halls, arts centres and theatres, with their variety of instruments and good humour. If you go to their website, or to Facebook, you will see how popular and respected they are.

Tickets are £6, obtainable from Costcutter, or by ringing 812881, concessions £5 and children £3.

There will be a bar, and light refreshments, with individual tables set out throughout the Hall. For further information, please see posters around the village or contact any member of the committee.

**HOWDENJONES, VILLAGE HALL, OCTOBER 3rd. PLEASE COME**

## MUSICIANS WANTED

### Market Lavington Concert Band

The Band was formed in 2012 by the current Musical Director, Mervyn Smith (an ex military musician) and currently has 18 members ranging from novices to ex professional musicians. Mervyn's aim is to gently improve every player's confidence, technical ability and general musicianship by playing a wide selection of music .

Like most Bands we are looking for new players to swell our numbers so whether you're proficient, learning an instrument or returning after a long lay-off from playing, why not come along to one of our rehearsals? The band rehearsals are now held in Easterton Village Hall every Wednesday evening from 8pm - 9.30pm. so either simply come along to one of our rehearsals or contact Mervyn for further information on : 07985665417

## DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

Calling all Pink Floyd fans! Purple Fish are performing Dark Side of the Moon once more. After last year's tremendously successful event, for which we would sincerely like to thank all those who supported us, we have been constantly asked if we would do it all again? So, after many cups of tea and discussion the simple answer is yes, we will do it again on **Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm** at The Corn Exchange, Devizes this time, in aid of Dorothy House. We will update everyone with more details as the time gets closer, but for now this is a date for your diary, we would love to see you there. (Purple Fish)

## THE WHITE HORSE CHALLENGE 2014

For various reasons neither of us had thought much about entering The White Horse Challenge until we met for coffee the weekend before this year's event. We'd both had our own personal challenges to overcome this year but it felt strange as we had not missed this walk for six years. A spur of the moment decision and we'd signed up!

For those of you who aren't familiar with it, The White Horse Challenge is a sponsored walk over two days raising money for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. It is 55 miles long, and takes in the White Horses of Alton Barnes, Pewsey, Marlborough, Hackpen, Broadtown, Cherhill and Devizes.

We know the route off by heart now, only referring to the walkers' notes occasionally. The scenery is stunning! Absolutely beautiful! And when you're walking along the Wansdyke at 7 in the morning it is SO SO quiet! Conversation between us rarely stops. Constant discussions about what we are going to eat next, who will be at the next checkpoint, our kids,



sweets, politics, work, soreness of feet on a scale of 1 to 10 and back to food again! We completed the 55 miles in 19 hours - 8 hours on the first day and 9 on the second. Not bad, we think, for two women who hadn't done ANY training at all.

If any one wants to have a go next year, it's usually the first weekend in July. It's great fun, well organised and the Marshall's are fab! We'd thoroughly recommend it. After all, when you see it flying overhead to an emergency, the Air Ambulance is such a good cause.

**Di Gilpin of Great Cheverell and Hilary Stone of Littleton Panell**

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To get started complete an 'expression of interest' survey on our website by the beginning of October. If you qualify for a grant we will send you an application form to complete.

Find out more about funding for your community project by visiting [www.wscf.org.uk/grants](http://www.wscf.org.uk/grants) or call us on **01380 729284** to find out more about how we can help.



## The Nestling Trust (UK Charity No.1154431)

On behalf of the Nestling Trust I would like thank everyone who came along to the Opus One Swing Band concert on 7th June'14. It was a great evening and all tickets were sold. Through your amazing support we were able to raise just over £2000 towards the home for destitute and abused children of Nepal. Plans have been drawn up and we hope to start building at the end of the monsoon season at the beginning of October'14. To view pictures of the land and follow our progress, visit our website: [www.nestlingtrust.co.uk](http://www.nestlingtrust.co.uk) I am also very happy to come along to groups and talk about our work in Nepal.

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Sue Hamblin

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

As a mark of the Centenary of the outbreak of war, our cover page shows the first ceremony at the West Lavington Memorial in 1921 when it was dedicated. The lower picture shows a further dedication this year with the added names of James Harold Shore, William Hall and Percy Nash. Relatives of James Harold Shore and William Hall came to this service from various parts of UK.

Our thanks to Paul Rayner for almost exactly matching in the modern photograph the setting of each.

In each issue during the next four years there will be a record of those who died one hundred year ago on that month.

**Jim Hodges**

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## LAVINGTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### The End of a Venture

Lavington Amateur Dramatic Society has decided to close after a very long history stretching back to the 1960s when it was formed by Frank Drayton (former President) and other enthusiasts.

The group provided nearly fifty years of entertainment to West Lavington and surrounding areas - Plays, Pantos, musicals and murder mystery evenings, not forgetting the famous children's productions directed by Lavender Davy in her garden.

Amateur theatre productions need people: actors, backstage staff, front of house, set builders, set painters, prompters, costume co-ordinators and prop makers, children's chaperones, technical crew, committee members and an audience. Sadly all of these people have been in short supply over recent years, so, for now at least, the LADS will close.

I am sure all of those who have been part of, or who have enjoyed, the LADS productions will have fond memories of them and it is pleasing to see friendships made within LADS are ongoing.

The group were saddened to hear of the recent death of Lavender Davy, the Vice President of LADS. Lavender was a talented actress and director and was very supportive of all the activities the group undertook. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

Kim Pearce

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## WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

We had a fantastic day at Cotswold Water Park last week. The members had a really good day, and they were a credit to us! We had fewer members than expected but it would seem that holidays affected that. If you did not make it I am afraid you missed lots of fun. The members and staff took part in, wind boarding, kayaking, and canoeing and they all did really well. The day ended with sliding down a steep wooden slide in open kayaks into the lake; they all got wet and loved it !!! Make sure you come down to the Youth Club and join in the fun!

Monday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.30 p.m. Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30 p.m. DROP IN Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Seniors at Market Lavington

Thank you all for your continued support.

Eric Freeman - Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

### A Date for your Diary!

The fourth

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

### August 1914

When war was declared on 4th August 1914, many men from the Lavingtons were already serving in the Wiltshire Regiment. The 1st Battalion was stationed at Tidworth, and the 2nd Battalion was stationed in Gibraltar.

The 1st Battalion received their orders to mobilize on 4th August and immediately began their preparations for war, which included musketry drills and range practises, route marching, and inoculations against typhoid. There was also a church parade.

On 13th August they left in two trains, the first carrying 505 men and equipment departed at 7.22am, arriving in Southampton at 11am. They had some difficulty loading the vehicles on to the SS South Western, as they had to remove all the shafts and wheels from the wagons in order to get them through the hatch. All the horses had to be boxed and slung, and it wasn't until 4.30 pm that the troops embarked. They sailed at 7.15pm, but anchored in Sandown Bay.

The second train, which left Tidworth at 9.12am, containing 509 men, arrived in Southampton at 10.45. The troops embarked on the SS Princess Ena at 2.30pm.

They arrived in Rouen on 14th August, and on 16th August they travelled by train to Aulnoye. They then had several days of marching, during which they received an ecstatic reception from the inhabitants of Avesnes, where they were loaded with flowers.

On 22nd August they arrived in Ciplly. German planes passed over them as they arrived, and the next day, they were ordered to dig trenches to the north of Ciplly and facing Mons. They were shelled by the enemy until nightfall, but they continued to entrench throughout the night. The Battle of Ciplly began on 24th August and the Wiltshire's suffered their first casualties. A captain and three men were killed in the trenches, and 20 men were wounded. The Commanding Officer's horse was shot from underneath him.

The men now had some indication of what lay ahead, but they were probably still optimistic that they would be home for Christmas.

The 2nd Battalion received orders to return to the United Kingdom, from where they sailed to Zeebrugge on 5th October 1914. They were destined for the trenches at Ypres.

Over the next four years I hope to give a regular monthly report of what the men from our villages were doing a hundred years ago.

Lyn Dyson

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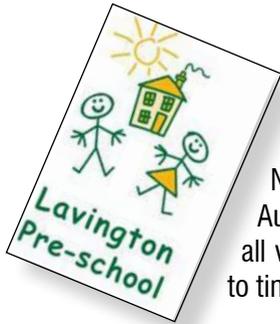
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### LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We hope you are all enjoyed a well deserved summer break. We would like to wish good luck to all our little leavers who are starting at big school this month; these are: Seth, Anwen, Noah, Delphi, Harry, Isabelle, Olivia, Florrie, Maddie, Bethany, Austin, Ollie, Isis, Emilia, Evie, Toby and Chloe. We will miss you all very much and hope that you will pop in and see us from time to time.

We hope everyone enjoyed our end of year trip to Finkley Down Farm on the 21st July, we certainly did and then our term ended on Thursday 24th July with our Sports Day and leaver's picnic and ceremony. Thank you for all the help and support we received from the Pre-school Committee and parents in helping us organise these events, the children get so much from them.

We will be starting our autumn term on Thursday 4th September and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again then. We would like to welcome several new starters and their families who will be joining us in September, these are: Rosie, Benji, Meg, Jack, Isabella and Milla. We hope you all enjoy your time with us. Our topic for term 1 will be 'The weather' and I am sure it will inspire some great investigations.

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website [www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: [managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com)

### WARMINSTER MOBILELIBRARY Timetable September-December 2014

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November 11,25    December 9,23

Great Cheverell	Lay-by near school	9.45-10.00
Great Cheverell	The old school	10.05-10.20
Littleton Panell	Lay-by in High Street	10.30-10.45
West Lavington	School	10.50-12.10

### A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

At a personal level, you may agree that relationships between partners should be a private matter. How the different members of a family get on together is generally not a subject to be discussed in public.

At a national level, however, family affairs are a matter of concern to us all. When a marriage between nations has been long and successful, the possibility that one partner may seek divorce is significant.

England and Scotland joined together in 1707. The couple had been engaged for over 100 years since the Union of the Crowns in 1603 and the intervening century had not been without incident but, by the early eighteenth century, the partners were ready for union and wedding vows were sealed willingly by the respective parliaments.

The early years of marriage were not without some problems, notably the Jacobite Rebellions of 1715 and 1745, but for most of the following three centuries the two countries have got on together pretty well. Indeed, there is probably no family of nations in history that has been more successful than the United Kingdom, Irish independence notwithstanding. The extended family of the Commonwealth continues to be the envy of much of the world. Even the rebellious child America, which stormed off in a huff in 1776, remains on good terms.

Three hundred years of marriage have bonded Scotland and England pretty closely together. Business links are deeply entangled. For example, our local electricity supplier, Scottish & Southern, is headquartered in Perth. South West Trains is part of Stagecoach, also based in Perth, while First Great Western and First Bus are headquartered in Aberdeen. Standard Life is Scottish, as is much of Lloyds Bank group and almost all of RBS.

Our former MP, Michael Ancram, is a Scotsman and now holds the title of Lord Lothian. James Gray, MP for North Wiltshire, was born and brought up in Glasgow and is the son of a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Personally, many of our friends and neighbours in Wiltshire are Scottish born and some of our closest English friends now live in Scotland.

Militarily, the countries of the United Kingdom are mutually dependent. Financially likewise. Disengaging Scotland from the UK will be challenging to say the least.

The referendum for Scottish independence is on 18th September. If the voters in Scotland chose Yes, the implications of the subsequent divorce will be momentous. I sincerely hope that a much-loved member of the UK family will decide to stay.

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

## Mothers' UNION

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We have had such a busy and exciting summer. Everyone was so generous with their time and donations, I am so grateful. The fête was a great success making money

as well as providing great fun and fellowship. A number of us went to Salisbury to meet our World Wide President and after a picnic lunch we met for a very lovely and encouraging service. A number of us met in the a'Beckett's Chapel for our Wave of Prayer.

Pat Strowger was all ready to take our Mary Sumner Day service when she was most unfortunately taken very ill with food poisoning. Father Robert Bailey stepped in, and we had a lovely service, attended by about 30 branch members and friends. This was followed by a delicious Ploughman's Lunch and a lovely chocolate tray bake, made by Andrea.

We meet again on the 8th September when we will be having a talk on Chernobyl by Teresa Wood. Please don't forget our Market Stall on Thursday 11th - our time 9.45-10.30 a.m. I cannot thank so many people enough for all the support they have given the MU.

Janet Hodges (812467)

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## BOOKMARK

In July, still reeling from the long winded and complicated *Luminaries*, we found our subsequent novel, *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt also a mammoth read - but one which the group thoroughly enjoyed. The story begins with a tragedy at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan – leaving a 13 yr old boy in possession of Carel Fabrities' painting 'The Goldfinch'. Because we felt this dark, but extraordinary, work of fiction would also benefit from editing (especially the Las Vegas & Amsterdam scenes) we only awarded 9 marks out of 10. All agreed this was a memorable novel which thoroughly deserved to win this year's Pulitzer Prize, but wondered if there was any value to be found in stretching modern fiction over 800 pages!

In contrast, Katherine Stansfield's *The Visitor* is set in Cornwall's Skommow Bay (Newlyn?) between two time frames, 1880 & 1936. The relationship between fishing communities and the sea feature strongly in this debut novel, as do the role of women in the earlier period and tourism in the latter. This novel was deemed to be atmospheric and visual with a strong structure; the group score given was 8 out of 10.

Several members chose to read The Sunday Times best seller, *Alan Johnson: a Memoir of a Childhood* for our biography/classic session in August. This vivid portrait of a bygone era appealed to all and is now a well thumbed paperback doing the rounds of our nearest & dearest. Andrew Marr's, *A History of the World* was found to be a fascinating, though unfinished read and the BBC's, Frank Gardener's *Blood & Sand* was considered an 'eye opener' on the rise of Islamic Fundamentalists in the Middle East. Two members read Clare Balding's *My Animals and other Family*; one found the book a light, warm and natural read; the other thought it boring. That's Book Club for you! And finally, Daphne du Maurier's classic, *Hungry Hill* was deemed a bit of a thorny read. We meet again at the village hall (7.30 p.m.) on Wednesday September 17th to chew over *The Aftermath* by Rhidian Brook and Margaret Forster's *The Unknown Bridesmaid*. New members always welcome.

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There had to be a last minute change to our advertised programme for August. Luckily some of our members volunteered to open their gardens for a tour instead. Threatening storm clouds and holidays conspired to keep numbers on the tour lower than usual. However, for those

of us that were able to take part the tour around the four gardens proved delightful. And the weather was set fair for the evening. Underlying the apparently effortless beauty of an English garden are hours of planning and problem solving and sheer hard work. The four gardens that we visited demonstrated this fact perfectly. No wonder there were so many places to sit down in the gardens. We saw only magazine perfect gardens. Then we learned from the owners about the storm damage, flooding problems, diseases and pests that had played a part in the evolution of their gardens. When we heard that there were over 200 pots of plants dotted around one picture perfect garden we realised that this was not a low maintenance model. In the four gardens we saw the potting sheds and glasshouses and garden sheds needed to keep everything shipshape. We also saw some pretty impressive compost making and some great examples of recycling. And there were ponds and habitat piles and homes for beetles and bumble bees, and nest boxes and bird feeders, and even a hatch that is opened at night to give badgers a way through a perimeter fence on their foraging expeditions.

On Saturday 6th September we have our 'Fun' Show. Judged entries can be viewed (50 pence at the door unless you have entered the competition) in Great Cheverell Village Hall between 11 a.m. and noon. Teas, coffees and cakes will be available.

On Tuesday 9th September Robin O'Neill, recently returned from a trip to Japan, will be giving a talk entitled *Six Gardens in Japan*. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. New members are always welcome. The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Preparation for the following season starts with training for the younger age groups as follows:

Reception Year – Starts Saturday 6th Sept at 09.00hrs at St Barnabas Primary School in Market Lavington – new members both boys and girls are welcome to come along.

Under 7s (year 2) – as above – same location, but starting at 09.30 am.

Under 8s (year 3) – Friday 5th, at 5.30 pm, at St Barnabas'

For all other age groups please contact the relevant coach

This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/assistants, and represents all of the Villages in the area (Seend/Keevil to Urchfont), and the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

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Under 11 - Ian Cook 01380-848437

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The draw was done by Glyn Evans and Mike Page, both of West Lavington.

The winner in August was Nan Saunders of West Lavington. She gets the cheque for £40. Second in line was Doreen Turner of Lower Green Farm, Great Cheverell. She wins £20.

The draw was done by Ann Walker on behalf of Little Cheverell.

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer



### FUNERALS

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

**Elizabeth "Betty" Gilbert**, formerly of Easterton, died aged 82 years on 25th June 2014. Her funeral at St Barnabas Church Easterton and cremation was held on 14th July 2014.

**Sir Alexander John Dickson STIRLING** of Littleton Panell died aged 87 years on 16th July 2014. His funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington took place on 28th July 2014.

**Jean Anne Austin** of Market Lavington, died aged 76 years on 24th July 2014. After a service at St Joseph's Church Littleton Panell she was buried in All Saints' Churchyard, West Lavington on 7th August 2014.

**John Alfred WILDING** of Great Cheverell died aged 77 years on 25th July 2014. After cremation a service was held at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 13th August 2014.

### WEDDINGS

**Phoebe Susan LOMAX and Steven Paul William WELLER** were married at All Saint's Church, West Lavington, by Rev Pat Strowger on Saturday 14th June.

**Sally Louise CROSS and Richard Edward BROOKS** were married at St Barnabas Church, Easterton, by Rev James Campbell on Saturday 19th July 2014.

**Jennifer Jane HERNIMAN and Jonathan KINGSLAKE** were married at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, by Rev Ann Cocking on Saturday 19th July.

**Ruth Muriel BAKER and Stuart James BISHOP** were married at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, by Rev James Campbell on Saturday 2nd August.

### BAPTISMS

**Maggie Rose CHANDLER** was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 22nd June 2014.

**Johnny Arthur Christopher JELF** was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 6th July 2014.

**Ava Louise GREW** was baptised by Rev Ann Cocking at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 26th July 2014.

**Jei and Neisha ROGERS** were baptised by their grandfather Rev J Andrews at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on 27th July 2014.

## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

### Back to School

The summer holidays will soon be over. Lazy days spent making sand castles and paddling in the sea will shortly be nothing more than a hazy memory. Ah well. It was good while it lasted. For some children September will mark their first day at school. Can you remember yours? Others will be making that big step from primary to secondary school. Education is important. Too important to finish with it when we leave school. We are all life long learners. Whether that means studying for a university degree as a 'mature student' or simply when we find ourselves remarking, "Well, you learn something new every day."

Jesus was a teacher, the greatest of teachers. His words, preserved in the Bible, still influence people's lives all around the world. He invited those who listened to him to 'learn from me' as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God. Education is of great value in providing students with the knowledge, skills and values they need to get on in life. But Jesus offered even more than that saying, "learn from me... and you will find rest for your souls". That's a remarkable statement. Jesus is offering to fill the God-shaped gap in our lives. As Augustine of Hippo once prayed, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

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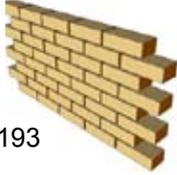
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