



NEWS AND VIEWS

April 2011

Dear Friends,

Easter arrives this year at a time of national gloom, amidst grave concerns about events in Libya as well Japan and, closer to home; the repercussions of the recession, cuts in government expenditure and job losses.

For most readers the account of that first Easter morning is very familiar. But have you ever noticed that in Mark's account (Chapter 16) the women who arrive at the tomb are told to go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter (verse 7)? This is the same Peter who, just hours earlier, had denied Jesus three times in the courtyard scene before Jesus' trial.

Seldom in life do we get a second chance. For a long time I was very keen on cricket – and a very poor batsman. The firm I worked for had an annual cricket match. I was given a once-in-a lifetime opportunity of playing at Arundel the week before the West Indies touring team played on the ground. I was out first ball.

*"we are each offered
a second chance"*

Peter though did get a second chance. Part of the good news of the Christian Gospel is that we are each offered a second chance, each day – and all because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At an Easter Service in Bangladesh the congregation wept at the crucifixion scene in the Jesus film. Suddenly a little boy at the back jumped up and said, "Don't worry, he gets up again. I've seen it before!" Easter is a time to rejoice: he got up again so that we might each be given a second chance.

James Campbell

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

In this issue they have been moved to the centre pages so that you can see what services there will be during the remainder of Lent and Easter – and where and when.

FRONT COVER

The front cover has no special significance except that the combination of bluebells and a Springer Spaniel gives a sense of our long-awaited Spring. We would like to receive more such photographs from our readers so if you have any that you would like to share, or are part of an article you have written they would be very much appreciated. Please submit to the Editor, Jim Hodges.

The photograph is of "Archie" belonging to Neil Lockhart, who is responsible for the attractive presentation and layout of the contents of this publication each month.

2011 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS IN THE 5 PARISHES

EASTERTON – 5.45pm on Sunday 27th March after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong (BCP)

MARKET LAVINGTON – 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 3rd April (Mothering Sunday) after the 9.30 a.m. Half Hour Service & refreshments

LITTLE CHEVERELL – 5.45 p.m. on Sunday 3rd April after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong (BCP)

GREAT CHEVERELL – 5.45 p.m. on Sunday 10th April after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong (BCP)

WEST LAVINGTON – 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 17th April (Palm Sunday) after 9.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service & refreshments.

Do come and support those involved in your local Parish Church – find out what's been going on, what is planned and ask awkward questions!

James Campbell

VILLAGE CARE

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

LENT 2011

Lent Book Club:

'Respectable Sins' by Jerry Bridges
Come and discuss over a soup lunch at the Rectory at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesdays 22nd March & 12th April, or over a simple Supper at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th April.

Sunday 3rd April: Mothering Sunday
Special services at Market Lavington (Half Hour Service) at 9.30 a.m. & West Lavington at 9.30 a.m.

Further details and to sign up or buy the book, please contact the
Benefice Office on ☎816963
Email: lavingtonrector@gmail.com.

GREAT CHEVERELL PAVILION Friday 29th April - 4.00 p.m.

Join us in celebrating The Royal Wedding. Free glass of bubbly and afternoon tea to be served from 4.00 p.m., alongside a paying bar also from 4.00 p.m. and B.B.Q. from 5.00 p.m. Fancy dress with a "Prince and Princess" theme, Children's games, Tug of War and lots more. To finish the day off there will be live music from local band "All Funked U" from 7.00pm. Your free tickets are available from Cheverell Stores. So please do come along and enjoy a Right Royal Knees Up. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. please contact Jane Andrew (812439) or Amber Hayward (818545) if you are able to help with this. Thank you and hope to see you there.



BOWOOD CHARITY DOG SHOW AND SUMMER FAIR

Sunday June 12th from 10am
At Bowood House Calne SN11 0LZ
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CANCER RESEARCH UK The Annual Coffee Morning will take place At West Lavington Village Hall on Saturday 14th May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Join us for coffee/tea, cake or bacon butty and look at a variety of stalls including plants, bric-a-brac, produce books, crafts. There will also be a raffle.

I shall be grateful for toys, bric-a-brac, produce, plants, crafts etc. and if you wish me to collect, please phone 01380 813319 or deliver to village hall on 14th May from 9 a.m.

Mary Diccox

LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH

There will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration by the National Demonstrator, Michael Bowyer at Lavington School on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets are £8. There will be a raffle, stalls, refreshments and sundries available.
Tickets can be obtained from 813625 (Sally Bullock) or from Market Lavington Post Office or Devizes Books.

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7.15 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall when Mr J.Sibley will speak on Lawn Care. The subject of this month's competition will be a Vase of Spring Flowers.

ARCHERY ON THE SPORTS GROUND

West Lavington Youth Club has arranged three archery sessions for members on Wednesdays 4th May, 11th May and 18th May, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

As a safety precaution the sports ground, the bike track and the seniors play equipment will all be closed to the public during these times.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we hope you will agree that this is a great opportunity for our young people.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 17 who would like to join the youth club (membership is free) and take part in this exciting event, should get a membership form from the youth club on any Wednesday or Thursday evening between 6.30 and 8.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th May 10am to 12 noon At Wyneshore House, West Lavington In aid of West Lavington Youth Club
The Youth Club Management Committee are grateful to Terence and Jeannie O'Flynn for hosting this event.

GREAT CHEVERELL CHURCH FETE

Great Cheverell Church Fete will be held on Saturday, 25th June.
Anyone wishing to be involved in the planning and running of the fete or feel they could help on the day should contact Terry Froud (812634) or Ian Christie (813940)

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SLEEPING WITH A PURPOSE

You might wonder why a middle-aged man would want to give up a night in bed at home in favour of lying in a sleeping bag on the floor of a church in Devizes surrounded by strangers. The reason is simple. He did it last year. The idea of sleeping in church attracted me about 45 years ago when church attendance was compulsory at my school and the chance of an extra half an hour or so of sleep was very attractive. How things have changed! If I fell asleep in church now, I could not look the officiating clergy in the eye. So, getting back to the point, it was all about raising funds for Devizes Opendoor, a Christian based charity in Wiltshire that provides opportunities for the homeless and vulnerable adults to access specialist agencies concerning issues such as housing and legal advice, as well as companionship and food, hot drink and washing facilities. I was lucky, or pushy, enough to be sponsored to the tune of just over £300, and I am most grateful to all those who contributed so willingly. The night went fine - a cold weather sleeping bag on top of a long pew cushion on top of a sleeping mat ensured I had an excellent nights sleep, lulled by a group of teenagers singing to a guitar (fortunately at the other end of the church) and woken by the sound of a kettle boiling at about half past six. Perfect. And in an excellent cause.

Richard Matters

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Nearly 30 volunteers have put their names forward to help at Market Lavington Library. A briefing session for them will be held at the Old School on Monday 11th April from 11a.m. to 12 noon.

If you would like to volunteer and have not already put your name forward, please contact the library on 818358 or email jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk .

LAVINGTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The society is looking for a treasurer to support three to four shows per year and deal with members' subscriptions. Please call chairman Kim Pearce on 01380 726980 for details.

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH 17th

Plant Fair

Sunday, May 2nd,
10.30 a.m.-4.00 p.m.
Great Chalford Manor,
Broughton Gifford
Specialist nurseries and gardening
sundries Refreshments and teas,
Grand Cake Stall

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

We are pleased to announce that Jeannie O'Flynn has offered to allow us to have a Coffee Morning at Wyneshore House, White Street, West Lavington, on the 7th May 2011. Full details can be found on page 7.

Once again can I remind you that our Recipe Book is still available, please buy yours now and support The Youth Club.

Our thoughts go out to George Baker following the sad loss of his wife Louie Ramsay. Louie has always supported us alongside George and will be sadly missed by us all.

Eric Freeman - Chairman

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee are very grateful to all those who supported the Valentine's Dance and raised an amazing £2500, and we hope had an enjoyable evening too! Many thanks to Jo Wadman and her organising group for all their hard work.

The floor at the Hall has been stripped and re-sealed and is looking very good. Some internal and the external lighting has been improved and there has been general tidying up. Please will users of the hall and meeting room ensure that, after use, tables are stored either under the stage (large tables) or small tables in the trolleys, and blue chairs are stacked in the storage area leading to the meeting room. (Meeting room blue chairs in the far storage room). We seem to be missing one of the new small tables – if you have “borrowed” it, could you please return it – no questions asked !

Paperwork has also been updated and new Booking Forms have been agreed and will be sent out to all regular hirers shortly, along with new Terms and Conditions Hire Charges and an Information Sheet. The Committee have also reviewed overheads and have concluded that hire charges, which have remained unchanged for some time, have not kept pace with rising costs, and therefore the hire rates will be increasing from the 1st June 2011.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th April at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room and all are very welcome to attend. We would like your thoughts about how you would like YOUR village hall to develop in the future – “the Big Plan” – so please come along and let us know your views!

The next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 10th May.

Julia Ford, Chairman - Village Hall Committee

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

If we are lucky, we can look back on childhood with pleasure. It was an age of innocence when everything was a new experience. It was an age of discovery and an age of irresponsibility. Someone else took charge of the basics in life. Mum and Dad provided a home, food, money, love. At school, authority was imposed by "them" and each one of us just had to look after ourselves.

Growing up, we may remember, was challenging. Adolescence and early adulthood brought responsibilities. How to earn money? What to spend it on? Who to spend time with? Where to live?

Most of us made it through OK and took on responsibility for our own lives. In due course, we have probably taken on responsibility for others either in our families or in our jobs.



The transition we are now seeing in the process of government in this country could be likened in some ways to a family growing up. No longer can we depend on the parental State to provide our every need, nor should we.

The problem is that an adolescent is not always ready to take on responsibility. In a similar way in this country, some local authorities are not handling well the reduction of pocket money provided by government. Wiltshire, on the other hand, had to learn to be responsible at an early age and is now handling the budget cuts more effectively than almost any authority in the country.

At the next level too, town and parish councils and local communities are learning to accept responsibility for providing services that previously were delivered from on high. The future of Market Lavington Library looks assured owing to an excellent local response of volunteers. CCTV in Devizes will be financed locally. Elsewhere, some leisure centres will be run by people of the area they serve. If it all works out, local accountability will rise. Local taxes may rise too but central taxes should fall.

There is a long way to go on this journey and some elements of localism may not go smoothly but, in due course, we should all benefit if we take responsibility for ourselves as individuals and as a community.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 01380 813619.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

20mph Speed Limit Experimental Order 2011 was made by Wiltshire Council on 8th March under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, advertised in the Wiltshire Times on 18th March and implemented on 26th March. A consultation period will be open for a period of six months. This Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months, during which time consideration will be given to introducing a permanent Order. Copies of the Order and relevant details of the roads affected are displayed on the notice boards in the village. Details of the proposed scheme may be seen at Devizes Library, Sheep Street, Devizes, and also on line at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/troconsultations.htm

It would be appreciated if parishioners could give their support to this project by keeping to the 20 mph speed limit in order to maintain a safe environment in the village.

Police Report:

- 1.Theft of Jewellery:** A burglary took place from a residence in the High Street in February involving jewellery. The Police advise the public to photograph all items of valuable jewellery and make a note of serial numbers.
- 2.Theft of Roof Tiles:** There have been two episodes of theft of roof tiles from St Peter's Church. An alarm system and security camera is being installed to deter thieves from repeating this vandalism.
- 3.Suspicious Vehicles.** A suspicious looking van loaded with scrap metal has been seen. Parishioners are urged to report any suspicious vehicles to the Police on 0845 408 7000 giving details if possible of the registration number.

Green Lane: We are delighted that Green Lane has been resurfaced. We would ask people, especially motorcyclists, to respect the fact that this is a byway and not a main road and to be used accordingly.

Royal Wedding Celebratory Events: Two separate Royal Wedding celebratory events are planned in Great Cheverell for 29th April at the Pavilion and The Bell Inn. A Royal Wedding Reception Party will be held at the Pavilion on 29th April to celebrate this special day. The event will commence at 4pm and continue into the evening with outdoor and indoor entertainment planned. Volunteers would be most appreciated and also donations of cakes. If you would be able to assist in any way please contact Jane Andrew on 812439 or email her at janeandrew6@btinternet.com A notice appears on page 6.

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)
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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

New Council Member: As many of you will be aware, the Council has been looking for a new member to join us. Since Trish Watts left we have been one "light", but we have had two interested villagers come forward, which was excellent. The council discussed at great lengths and the decision was taken after a vote of hands to offer the post to Mrs Juliet Lee of Littleton Panell. This does give the council a much better representative balance of the two villages. We will look forward to welcoming Juliet who I am sure will be another great asset to the council and village.

Wiltshire Street lighting initiative: The council discussed a proposal from Wiltshire Council for a scheme to turn off some street lights as part of its commitments to reduce environmental impact and to make cost efficiencies. The Clerk explained the criteria for selection of lights and public consultation. All agreed that the scheme should be requested for the parish. This will result in our carrying out a survey of all the street lights in the village, discussing with the relevant adjacent house owners and reporting back our findings to Wiltshire. If we adopt this for our village, the street lighting will be switched off after Midnight. If anyone has any specific questions then please do forward them to Peter Baxter - clerkcpc@sky.com and we will discuss them and reply.

Census 2011: By now you will all have had and completed the 2011 Census; may the council thank you all for completing and posting off.

West Lavington Website; The website is now live, so if you haven't checked it out please do, www.westlavington.info The site is full of local news and links to many organisations both local and County wide.

Mark Wadman, Chairman

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Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

We have had an exciting start to this term with our new project. The whole school has been joining in as 'Art Detectives' with the topic *Take One Picture*. We revealed sections of our 'secret' picture daily to the children. On Friday 4th March Orinoco class revealed the whole picture to the school. The children really enjoyed the role of Art Detectives and exploring sections of the picture. The picture we are using is *The Family*

of Darius before Alexander. This is a National Gallery project and the picture is on show at the National Gallery in London.

The children are all busy with their learning, swimming, celebration assemblies and after-school clubs. The gardening club has recommenced, indicating spring is arriving at last! After such a cold winter it is a wonderful sight to see all the daffodils blooming.

Children have had the opportunity to design their own 'Royal Wedding Mugs' and so far we have seen some really creative designs. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products!

Our wonderful netball teams have had recent matches, with DAPS A playing 'The Mill' and at the third quarter it was 6-6 a very close game indeed, but Team A came through and won 9-7!

DAPS B played 'Seend' and drew 3-3. Both teams remain unbeaten in the league; well done to both!!!

Our fantastic footballers in Orinoco class will be playing in a football tournament against 9 other local schools on Saturday 19th March at Dauntsey's School. We wish them the best of luck!

To celebrate Red Nose day on the 18th March, our children are dressed as either Pirates or in red clothing to support Comic Relief. Parents have kindly donated funds that will go to those that need it the most. Thank you for the continued support. The children all look great and it is lovely to see them all really enjoying being part of red nose day. We know that a little bit of effort on our part can have a huge impact on less fortunate children all around the world.

In addition to this, our cookery club will be running a cake sale after school today and we hope to raise even more money to donate to this good cause. We will let you know the final amount raised in next month's issue.

Please don't forget to check out our fabulous website, where we will be able to keep you up to date with the entire goings on at the school, the address is:

www.dauntseys-pri.wilts.sch.uk

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY

WEST WILTS FLY FISHERS GUILD

Keen on River Fishing?



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Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of the month at a comfortable local venue, where we normally have guest speakers or other organised activities

For further information please contact:
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Our Key Stage 2 children (those from Year 3 to Year 6) are preparing for their residential trips which take place towards the end of this term. The Year 3 and 4 children go away for one night each to Oxenwood, in Wiltshire, and the Year 5 and 6 children have a longer trip – this year to the wonderful Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. These trips help our children develop independence, courage and confidence whilst engaging in a variety of adventure activities such as climbing, caving, canoeing, shelter building and other similar events. Children love these trips and we are glad that we are able to offer them.



On Shrove Tuesday, we had pancake relay races in school. Children competed in their sports teams and the points gained will be added to the total for the year accumulated through swimming galas, athletics, games and other events. The pancake races were great fun and helped us to mark the Church's liturgical year, as we like to do, with child-friendly celebrations. We also like to explore other faiths and cultures and we have had a Chinese day, where we learnt about Chinese new year, Chinese music and other aspects of Chinese culture.

We are very fortunate to have many people who volunteer to help in school and to support clubs – we have volunteers running Gardening Club and Monday Club, and helping with Art and Craft Club and the sports clubs. We also have volunteers who help with swimming, cooking, music and design technology lessons, and a dedicated band who come in regularly to support reading and other programmes in school. Many other support roles are undertaken by members of our community and we are enormously grateful to them all.

The children enjoy working on projects which culminate in some event to which their parents are invited – one class invited parents to share the sandwiches they made after a term of working on healthy eating, another class are preparing a museum of artefacts, music and other interesting items from Britain since 1948. Older children work hard on a restaurant in the final summer term and the youngest children share their learning journeys regularly with parents. It is a very good learning experience



Pancake Races

for children to research, prepare for and present work to a standard that is high enough to invite people formally to share. Many important learning and life skills are acquired through these projects.

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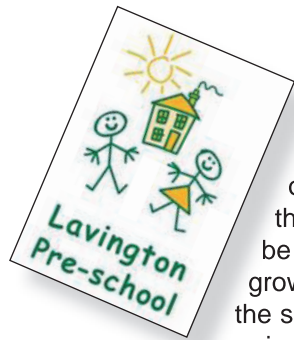
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Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton - April 2011

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
Sunday 3rd April Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Half Hour Mothering Sunday Service	9.30 am Service for Mothering Sunday	11:00 am Matins (Prayer Book)	11:00 am Simple Celebration (Communion)	5:00 pm Evensong (Prayer Book)
Sunday 10th April Lent 5	8:00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book) 11:00 am United Service at The Community Hall	9.30 am Parish Communion & Sunday School	11:00 am United Service at The Community Hall with Trinity & St Mary's	5:00 pm Evensong (Prayer Book)	11:00 am Parish Communion (Traditional language)
Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday	9.30 am Palm Sunday Service	8:00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book) 9.30 am Palm Sunday Communion	11:00 am Palm Sunday Service	9.30 am Palm Sunday Communion	11:00 am Parish Communion (Prayer Book)
Palm Sunday Walk from Easterton to Erlestoke ~ everyone welcome to join at any stage or just for the Service and Tea – inc. well-behaved dogs on leads. Leaves Easterton Church 1.30; then approximately - West Lavington Church 2.30; Great Cheverell Church 3.15; Erlestoke Church 4.30 Evensong & Tea.					
Maundy Thursday Thursday 21st April	7pm Benefice Passover Supper at Easterton Church – All Welcome. Sign up to come &/or help at the back of Churches or contact the Benefice Office.				
Good Friday Friday 22nd April	12-12.30 pm Service of Reflection	2:00-3:00 pm Service of music & readings Choral selection from Handel's Messiah		11-11.30 am Service of Reflection	
4pm Good Friday – Way of the Cross Walk from Royal Oak, Easterton to the Plain; returning via Clays Farm for Tea & Hot Cross Buns. Dogs welcome.					
Sunday 24th April Easter Day	6.30 am Sunrise Service the Vedette 8:00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book) 9.30 am Family Service & Easter Day Egg Hunt & Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion	11:00 am Easter Communion	11:00 am Easter Communion	11:00 am Easter Communion (Traditional language)
Sunday 1st May Easter 2	9.30 Half Hour Service	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11:00 am Matins (Prayer Book)	11:00 am Extended Communion	8:00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



At the start of Term 2 we welcomed a new family to our setting. We have also started our new topic which is based on the book *The Window*. The book looks at how a boy sees things differently through the window as he grows up. We will be looking at how we may see things change as we ourselves grow up and change, how things change when day turns to night, the seasons changing and how things may look different outside a window in different countries. This has led to some wonderful artwork which can be seen in our classroom. The children have made daffodils, woolly sheep and some feathery chicks. We joined Reception Class with one of their PE lessons to introduce "Fizzybet Pets" to both pre-school staff and children. 'Fizzybet Pets' introduces a new dimension to phonics where every phonic sound is linked to a particular animal and exercise, building on the 'Jolly Phonics' which we already use at pre-school.

We will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 29th March at 7:30 pm and we will be giving a small talk on "Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy".

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

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY



There is nothing like an Ofsted visit to get the heart pumping but the results are back and a huge congratulations goes to the pre-school staff and committee for a great success.

We achieved some "outstandings" in the way we engage with parents, and in the way the children take part in the planning and execution of their activities, and "goods" across the board for everything else we do. I tried to find out a better way of describing an Ofsted "good" and could only find "strong" in the Ofsted vocabulary but actually that is probably a better word.

It's not all fun and games though; there is the serious business of organising fun and games and last month we had a wonderful trip out to the Hope Nature Reserve whilst within the pre-school we have been celebrating Chinese New Year complete with our own dragon dance in the school hall, noodles for lunch and fortune cookies.

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

Great Cheverell Pre-School and Nursery is a charitable pre-school. Based in the grounds of Holy Trinity School and enjoying close links with the school and community. Reg. Charity No. 1037654



8pm – 12midnight
Saturday 7th May 2011
Market Lavington
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We were delighted to welcome Anji Scofield back for a return visit on Monday, 14th March. Anji gave a very interesting talk about her visit last year to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

This famous event takes place every ten years in the village of Oberammergau (population 5,300) in the Bavarian Alps. The story of how it all began dates back to the year 1633 when the plague or 'black death' was spreading like wildfire and large areas of Germany were devastated. The village had managed to keep it at bay by its position and also strictly enforced quarantine. However, one night one of the inhabitants, Kaspar Schisler who had been living and working away from the village returned secretly to visit his family not knowing that he was carrying the plague with him. This act resulted in his own death and also the deaths of all his family and 84 other members of the community. Some people believed that this disaster was sent as a punishment from God. As a result of this conclusion in July 1633 the village Council, in a desperate act of faith, called a meeting in the church and made a solemn vow before the altar to perform every tenth year a Play about the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, if God would deliver them from the plague. From that day on no further deaths occurred from this disease in Oberammergau.

The Passion Play was first performed in 1634 by 60 or 70 performers on a stage erected over the graves of the plague victims. In 1674 it was decided to bring the performance to the beginning of each decade. There are only two occasions since then when it has not been performed and that was in 1770 when there was a ban on passion plays and in 1940 due to the Second World War. The location of the Play was moved in 1830 from the cemetery to a field on the northern edge of the village, which became known as 'Passion Meadow' and it has been performed on that site ever since.

Preparation for the 2010 performance began in April 2009 when the village solemnly renewed the original vow in the Parish Church. In order to take part in the Play people must have been born in the village of Oberammergau or have lived there for at least 20 years. The cast for last year amounted to 2,400, including 630 children. In addition to this number there was a chorus of 48 singers, including soloists and an orchestra of 55 musicians. Anji played us some excerpts of the music and choral pieces performed which were truly stirring. We were also shown pictures of the various scenes portrayed in the Play.

Anji concluded her talk by saying that it was a wonderful experience and we were very grateful to her for sharing her memories with us.

Val Noviss



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Quote of month:

Reporter: "Ian, have you got any injury worries?"

Ian Holloway (Blackpool Manager): "No, I'm fully fit, thank you"
Bad luck for the Under 11's who were narrowly beaten by Chippenham 2-1 in the Cup Semi-Finals. A good performance, but the opposition were first to the ball too often.

Roundup of the various Club teams at this latter stage of the season:

U9s Wizards: mid-table 14 points, now playing friendly matches as the season now finished

U9s Badgers: similar position in separate league, with 15 points.

U10: 19 points, with recent 2-1 win against Bishops Cannings, with goals from Charlie and Henry, but all credit to all the team.

U11: first year at 11-a-side, with change of leagues for seeding purposes half way. In 2011 looking for first win in this more difficult division.

U12: Top of the league, with 30 points, 10 ahead of 2nd placed Castle Combe. Looking good!

U13: a very difficult year in this League.

U14: 2nd so far, with 21 points, but long way behind Warminster. Recent win 3-0 against Trowbridge.

U15: mid-table 15 points, recently lost to Trowbridge 3-1

U16: mid-table, with recent 6-0 win against Melksham.

Adults: in division 2 they are holding on well, in mid-table with 24 points, recently lost to Calne 2-1.

At the younger age groups (U7/U8 levels) in the Club, the teams continue to play well in their respective friendly league games.

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

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MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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on second Saturday of every month

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In aid of a different charity each month

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For more information, contact

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THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

There was no shortage of ideas for any members with shady areas in their gardens when Alan Edmonson gave his illustrated talk on Tuesday March 8th. Alan is a garden designer, who has created two gardens for himself, one in Oxford and the current one in Lymington which both have backdrops of trees making areas of the plot quite shady. There was a lot of advice, and questions were answered after the presentation and at least one member sounded as if some experimenting with rhododendrons might be on the cards.

Next month, on Tuesday 12th April The Cheverells' Garden club will be welcoming back Diana Guy who will be telling us The Tale of Two Gardens. Doors open at 7.15 for a 7.30 start and visitors are very welcome for a charge of £2 on the night.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL
 SUNDAY 5.15pm to 6.45pm,
 TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Childrens' Fun with floats--Sunday 5.15pm to 6.00pm,
 Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £50 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.50 per swim)
 £25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.25 per swim)

Summer Term starts Tuesday 26th April 2011
 & ends Tuesday 10th July 2011
 (20 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure:
 Sun 29th & Tue 31st May

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00
CHILDREN:- £1.50

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Michael Russell. 01380 818110, or 07836 515677.
Email: michaelrussell3735@btinternet.com

Come along for a "taster" – Guest Fee charged (£5 per family) which will be deducted when you join the Club for a term



WEST LAVINGTON WI

On March 10th West Lavington's WI members met for their AGM. Everyone thanked Liz Bord for all her hard work and commitment as President of our branch during the past few years. We then welcomed Janet Stamp as our new president and wished her well in the coming years ahead.

Our programme committee has put together an exciting range of talks and outings for the coming year – so watch this space. And Federation events include the return of The History Wardrobe on 1st June, this time performing in the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill (7.30-9.30pm) with their *Votes for Women and Razzmatazz* show.

Members were sad to learn that after 20 years, our valued and informal association with Taylor's of Harrogate (a family run business providing Yorkshire tea) has come to a close; the NFWI now protecting the WI brand with commercial contractual agreements!

However, there were huge smiles and a lively turnout for the limerick competition, which was won with a multi-versed limerick about dentures (too long to be printed here) but here's the 'tongue in cheek' runner up - if Jim lets it through:

There was a young lady from Skye
 Who baked for the WI
 Her buns were inviting
 Her cherries exciting
 Said the vicar, one day with a sigh!

All in good fun – and a change from contests of lemon drizzle, strawberry preserve or flower arranging. On April 14th the subject of Mr. Dawson's speech will be *WWII & the Prisoner of War Diary* and the 12th May will be the Resolutions Meeting and a topical debate. The WI meets every second Thursday in the month at West Lavington's Hall, in the Giles Room. Guests and new members always welcome. There's more to the West Lavington WI than just Jam & Jerusalem!

Hild Marrow

From The Parish Registers

FUNERALS

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

Gwendoline May JACKSON of Easterton died on 7th February 2011, aged 92 years. Her cremation was followed by a memorial service on 22nd February at St Barnabas Church, Easterton where she had been a loyal member for many years.

Marion May WATKINS of Great Cheverell died on 25th February 2011, aged 82 years. Her funeral and burial at St Peter's, Great Cheverell was on 8th March.

Michael Raymond PRESSLEY of Market Lavington died on 25th February, aged 73 years. His cremation on 14th March was followed by a service of Thanksgiving for his life at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The draw was done by Bridie de Burgh of West Lavington. The winner of the first prize of £40 was Peter Parmee of White St. In Easterton. The winner of the second was Dennis Alcock of Great Cheverell.

Quentin Goggs,
Administrator of the 200 Club

BENEFICE EVENT

ROGATION SUNDAY
29TH MAY 2011 10.00 A.M.
THE PAVILION (CAR PARK)
GREAT CHEVERELL
A SHORT WALK – TO SEEK GOD'S
BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY
AND FARMS

WORSHIP IN OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Trinity Church, Market Lavington (United Church):
Services each Sunday in the Community Hall 10.30 am
St. Joseph's, Littleton Panell (Roman Catholic):
Mass with Sunday School. 9.00am. Confessions before Mass.
Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington:
Sunday 11 am and 6 pm (Secretary J. Coxhead 01373 823038)

MARKET LAVINGTON OLD SCHOOL DAY CENTRE

We need your help!

The Day Centre can only function because of a dedicated group of volunteer helpers and drivers.

At the moment we desperately need more **DRIVERS** to bring members to the Centre for 10 am and take them home at 3 pm — not much more than an hour of your time once a week — and if we could attract enough volunteers to enable us to have a rota of drivers it might only be a commitment of once a month!

The work is unpaid but drivers do receive 'out of pocket' expenses and the gratitude of all our lovely members!

PLEASE DO HELP US IF YOU CAN:

Just telephone either

Diane on 812204 or Janice on 818533.

We look forward to hearing from you.

MARKET LAVINGTON OLD SCHOOL DAY CENTRE

Message to Senior Citizens

Do you sometimes feel a bit lonely and isolated and would just like to get out of the house and be with friendly people in warm, welcoming surroundings?

If so the Day Centre at the Old School, Market Lavington might be the solution. We meet on a Tuesday from 10 am till 3 pm. We chat over tea and biscuits, play cards, scrabble, etc. , have lunch and then a talk or entertainment chosen by the members followed by tea.

If you are interested and would like to know more please telephone either
Diane on 812204 or Janice on 818533.
We look forward to hearing from you.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Easter Question

There are a number of questions we might ask with regard to Easter. Why, unlike Christmas does the date change every year? Why the association with bunnies, eggs and bonnets? Answers on a postcard please. On second thoughts, I'm afraid that no prizes will be awarded for correct answers, so save yourself the postage.

The biggest Easter question is, "Is Jesus alive?". After all, the Christian Church was founded on the claim that after being put to death by crucifixion and buried in a tomb, Jesus rose again from the dead. It was seeing Jesus alive that convinced his followers that he really was the Son of God who had come to save the world from sin.

Some people might be tempted to dismiss the claim that Jesus rose from the dead as little more than an old myth. But the Christian faith is based on fact and there are good reasons to believe that Jesus is risen. On Saturday 16th April we will be holding a meeting on the Easter Question at Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington. This is the programme:

- 4.30pm General knowledge quiz – all ages welcome, max 6 people per team.
- 6.00pm Buffet Tea
- 6.30pm Talk: Jesus Lives! Reasons for the Resurrection (Guy Davies)

You can simply come along for the quiz if you like, but you would be welcome to stay and listen to the talk. If quizzes aren't your thing, then join us for the buffet at 6.00pm and stay on for the talk.

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		Hall		Meeting Room	
		Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 1	Rate 2
Rate 1: Village Organisations	Mornings (8am - 1pm)	£10.00	£17.00	£6.00	£11.00
Rate 2: Private hire & Non Village Organisations	Afternoons (1pm - 6pm)	£10.00	£17.00	£6.00	£11.00
	Evenings (6pm - midnight)	£20.00	£30.00	£12.50	£18.00

GEORGE

More or less on the day that you receive (and even read!) this issue George Baker will have reached his 80th birthday. That I do not use the phrase "will be celebrating" is due to the series of unhappy events during the last few weeks during which his wife, Louie, died after a very short illness and George himself suffered a series of strokes which have left him in a frail condition.

A congratulation upon reaching his 80th birthday would therefore be untimely but at least a tribute is due to him for the way he has used his fame and his energy during the past twenty years to the benefit of the community in general and West Lavington in particular. Ever willing to attend the opening or the celebration of a new enterprise in the Devizes area, his main contribution more locally has been the establishment of a Youth Club in the village. It is easy of course to instigate such a project but, far from withdrawing once it has started, he has sustained his enthusiasm throughout the fifteen or more years of its existence, raising money, arranging activities for the members and visiting it week by week. For what he had done in this respect he was awarded three or four years ago the M.B.E. For the rest of us, our gratitude for what has done and our sympathy for his present plight is all that we can offer.


Jim Hodges

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