



News and Views

December 2011 &
January 2012

*Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
December 2011*

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
Sunday 4th Advent 2	9.30am * Half Hour Service	9.30am Parish Communion (Traditional)	11.00am Martins (BCP)	11.00am Simple Celebration	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 11th Advent 3	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Parish Communion*	11.00 am United Service With Carols	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (Traditional)
Sunday 18th Advent 4	6.00 pm Carol Service	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00am Parish Communion	4.00 pm Carol Service	6.00 pm Carol Service
Tuesday 20th	6.30 pm Real Nativity (see details elsewhere)				
Wednesday 21st		6.00 pm Carol Service			
Saturday 24th Christmas Eve	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Midnight	9.00 pm "Midnight"	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Midnight	11.30 pm Midnight	4.00 pm Crib Service
Sunday 25th Christmas Day	10.00 am Family Service*	9.30 am Family Communion*		11.00 am Family Service & Communion	9.30 am Christmas Communion

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1st January	9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Benefice Communion			
8th January	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am United Service at Trinity Church	9.30 am Parish Communion*	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Church	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (Traditional)
15th January	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd January	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 7.00 pm Prayer & Praise	9.30 am Half Hour Service*		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
29th January	10.30 am Cluster Parish Communion at Erlestoke Parish Church				
<p>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* 11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.</p>					

* An asterisk indicates services where children's activities are provided.
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January 2012

VILLAGE CARE

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

Dear Friends,

As the shops have been reminding us for some time, Christmas is coming again. The following angle on a familiar story comes from *The Word for Today*.

The Christmas story goes like this: *'There were...shepherds...keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them...The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger"'* (Luke 2:8-12).

Why did the angel first talk to a shepherd, a job considered the lowest of the low in those days?

- the angel could have talked to the religious leaders, but they'd have had to consult their books and formed a committee;
- the angel could have consulted a group of celebrities, but they'd have had to scrub up and check who was watching;
- the angel could have appeared to chief executives, but they'd have had to turn on their blackberries and open a spread sheet.

Rather the angel gave the greatest news story in history to those with no axe to grind, no reputation to protect and no ladder to climb; people with humble hearts and open minds; people with simple, child-like faith.

Outside Bethlehem there is a church marking Jesus' birth-place. Behind the altar is a cave with a symbolic star embedded in the floor. You can enter the cave, but there is one snag – you can only do so on your knees because the doorway is too low to get in standing up.

God still operates in that way. We find him amongst the commonplace – but to truly experience him, we have to be prepared to get down on our knees.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas when it comes.

James Campbell

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 Associate Priest:
 Rev'd Ann Cocking (01380) 812763

MUSIC IN ALL SAINTS, WEST LAVINGTON

All Saints' Church West Lavington Choir is preparing for the Christmas Festivities and hope you will make a note of the following dates :

Wednesday 21st December we will be singing at our annual CAROL SERVICE at 6 p.m. followed by a free supper. We will be singing such things as Jesus Christ the apple tree by Elizabeth Poston, many old favourites and lots of carols for the congregation to join in. Make a note of this date in your diary now!

Thursday 22nd December the choir will lead the "SINGING CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE". Everybody is welcome to join in with us and we will be finishing at 8.30 at Wyneshore House, White Street, the home of Terry and Jeannie O'Flynn home who are kindly hosting us.

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve. Our "MIDNIGHT MASS" will be at 9 p.m. in the Church

Sunday 25th December 9.30 a.m. We will be having our usual CHRISTMAS DAY service.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to any or all of these events. if you have any queries, please do ring me. **ALL ARE WELCOME**
Lavender Davy, 813782

From the Rectory

Come and join us at
**St Mary's Church,
 Market Lavington**
Tuesday 20th December 6.30pm
 as we go on a journey to see some local folk in the
REAL NATIVITY!
 Sing Carols together & Listen to the
CHRISTMAS STORY...



Please wear warm outdoor clothes & don't forget to bring a lantern or torch. Mulled wine, soft drinks & mince pies will be served in the Community Hall afterwards. More details from Beth Warren 818252

What's On this month

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Want some local Christmas Cards?

Christmas cards of West

Lavington Church in the snow

Available @ 10 for 4.99

Set of 4 blank cards of the four stained glass lights @ 4 for 2.50
Notelets of the 1810 painting of All Saint's Church @ 10 for 4.99
All proceeds to All Saint's Church.

Available at Costcutter in West Lavington

And Reading Matters in Devizes

CINEMA NIGHTS AT GREAT CHEVERELL

Great Cheverell Pavilion

Tickets £5.00 available from Cheverell stores or on the door. Pay bar available, doors open from 7:00pm

Saturday December 10th

MR POPPERS PENGUINS

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

White Horse Opera

St John's Church, Devizes

Tuesday, 13th December at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8 (Under 16 - £5) (inc.

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine)

Available at Devizes Books

or Call 725944

MARKET LAVINGTON

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 2:00pm -7:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 5:00pm

PRE-CHRISTMAS WALK - LITTLE CHEVERELL

Please join us for a pre-Christmas walk on Sunday 4th December, starting at 11.00 a.m. from the Village Hall in Little Cheverell, returning there afterwards for hot food, mulled wine or soft drinks. Please bring your own wine, beer or cider and we will provide the rest. There will also be a sales table of food goodies for you to buy ready for Christmas eating or to give as presents.

Everyone is welcome (not just those from Little Cheverell) including children, and well behaved dogs on leads. Cost £10 per adult and £5 for children 12 and under. Dogs are free. If a walk is too much, then please join us for lunch only at 1 p.m.

Telephone Helena Warnock on 813487 or Greta Taylor on 812409 to book your place. Seating for lunch is limited so do please book early. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds.

Village Hall Committee

EARLY MORNING SWIMMING

restarts on Thursday 8th September: Monday and Thursday mornings, term-time only, from 6.45 - 7.55 a.m. at Dauntsey's pool,

contact Julia Ford, tel 01380 812365



The Alpha Course

LIFE IS WORTH EXPLORING

The Alpha Course is open to everyone interested in discovering what Christianity is all about. It is a place where people can relax, eat, share thoughts and explore the meaning of life.

Starting at St Barnabas Church, Easterton

Wednesday 11th January, 7.30 pm - Alpha Supper

Wednesday 18th January, 7.30 pm - Session One

and on subsequent Wednesdays

Each Session begins with a meal at 7.30 p.m., then a short talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith each week. This is followed by a time of discussion, when guests can ask questions and contribute their opinions. Each session ends at 9.30 pm.

There is no charge to attend the Alpha Course.

If you would like to take part contact

Rev James Campbell 01380 816963 lavingtonrector@gmail.com

Rev Chris Cory 01380 724264 christopher@coryc.freeserve.co.uk

The Alpha Course is being run jointly by the Anglican churches and Trinity Church.

For more information look out for leaflets or visit ALPHA.ORG

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Tel: 01380 813314

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**MICK JOGGER AND THE ROLLING ZONES
"CHRISTMAS PARTY"**

**Devizes Corn Exchange, Weds 21st December
Doors open 7.30pm. Bar from 7.30pm.**

Get into the Christmas spirit with a fantastic evening of fun and entertainment on Weds 21st Dec at The Corn Exchange, Devizes, when Mick Jogger and The Rolling Zones will be performing their classic Rolling Stones Tribute show.

There will be a special Christmas party feel to the event with other acts of very different kinds supporting, and there is also the opportunity to dress up in Fancy **Dress to a "Rock" theme!** This is purely optional but there will be a prize for the best outfit as judged on the night!

Tickets, at £10, will be available from Devizes Books Tel: 01380 725944

**REMEMBRANCE
QUIZ NIGHT**

The Devizes Constituency Conservative Party would like to thank all those who attended the Remembrance Quiz Night. Their support enabled a donation of just over £100 to be made to the Royal British Legion.

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT
GARDENING CLUB**

There is no meeting in December but at the January meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th at 7.15 p.m., Mrs M.Carmichael will speak on Another Look at Compost. The subject of the monthly competition will be *Flowers in Your Garden.*

**BLOOD DONING
SESSION**

At Market Lavington Community Hall on Friday, 17th February
Sessions from 1.30-3.15 p.m. & 5.00-7.15 p.m.

New/returning donors are always needed and welcome
Any queries, please contact Julia Ford (812365) or National Helpline (0845 711 711) for further information

**BEFORE YOU THROW
THEM AWAY**

The profusion of cards and letters at this time of year brings with it a similar profusion of used stamps. These can in fact be of use as they can be sent to CLIC, the charity which supports Children with Leukaemia and which can make profitable use of the stamps. If you would like to help, please leave them in your local church from where they will be collected, or contact Sally Bullock (813625).

**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: £55 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.30 per swim)

£27.50 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.15 per swim)

Autumn Term starts Sunday 11th September

& ends Sunday 11th December, 2011

(24 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure:

Sun 23rd & Tue 30th Oct & Tue 25th Oct

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00

CHILDREN:- £1.50

Stephen Read. 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington.

Tel: 01380 816280.

Email: indulge.two@googlemail.com

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

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What's On this month

News & Information

WEST LAVINGTON, ERLESTOKE AND THE CHEVERELLS POPPY APPEAL

This year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised the record amount of £2830.33p.

The Royal British Legion Branch Committee would like to thank all those who contributed and of course particularly thank all local businesses who supported the Appeal, plus All Saints Church and the Conservative Quiz Night. Last, but definitely not least, very many thanks are due to the house to house collectors who collect close to half the total.

Well done everybody. A great result. Thank you.

Steve Barr, Poppy Appeal Organiser

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For more information call Jo Loring-Fisher Good Neighbour Coordinator on 07557 110417,

gncarea09@communityfirst.org.uk

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

I've been sharing my home with a Schnauzer
A truly peculiar Hound,
Mostly Hair and long whiskers
And her body is just - sort of round.

She can't bear the rain on her torso,
Hates getting mud on her feet,
She's awfully posh - and
loves all her nosh
Yet would lay all day long in the heat.

Yet, Schnauzers are feisty wee Doggies
She'll chase away Pigeons and Cats,
So, I've come to my final conclusion ~
THIS Dog is totally bats.

Now - my Lodger's gone
back to South Yorkshire,
She made many Dog
friends whilst here,
So farewell to Wiltshire - from Martha
She'll see you again, next year.

Kathy Wilson

A JUBILEE EVENT

A Date for your Diaries

It is the intention of the Village Care and Link Group for West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell to use June 4th 2012, the day of the Diamond Jubilee, to hold an event, in West Lavington Village Hall and its surrounding area, which highlights the range and variety of activities that regularly take place within these villages. All known organisations – for example the Youth Club, the WI, the Lads etc. will be invited to participate in displaying their activities so that everyone is made aware of what goes on throughout the year.

Fuller details will appear in the February issue of News and Views and in succeeding months. This event will be of a different nature from the West Lavington Fete, which is due to take place on June 23rd and which also hopes for your support.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

As you will have seen in the local press it has been agreed, with his family, that we will name our youth club building, in honour of our founder, 'The George Baker Youth Centre' it is hoped that the naming ceremony will take place during January 2012, so look out locally for more information.

The Youth Club and Jeannie O'Flynn would like to thank all that supported the coffee morning on Saturday 19 November at Wyneshore House, thanks also goes out to the helpers that gave there time, especially the young members that made and sold those delicious cakes. Thank you all.

Hi Youth Club members just a reminder on openings:

Monday at West Lavington Youth Club for members up to 14 years

Wednesday at West Lavington Youth Club for members up to 17 years

Friday at Market Lavington Old School for members up to 14

The Youth Club committee wishes, members, staff and all News & Views readers, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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WEST LAVINGTON

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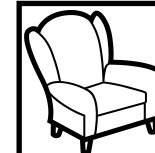
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COVER PICTURE - LAVINGTON STATION

If the Cover Picture strikes you as being hazy and a little out of focus, then it is perhaps appropriate, for in the mists of time it has become, for those of us who remember it, a dim evanescent memory. I am most grateful to John Sainsbury who worked there and who is seen in his short sleeves, presumably next to the Stationmaster, for the photograph. Like so many small country stations, Lavington was dealt a mortal blow by the Beeching axe in 1966 and thus had lasted a mere 60 years, having been established there on the demand of the owner of the land, whose name I have forgotten (was it Lady Warrington?), that if her land was to be used for a section of the railway, then a station should also be built.

My most abiding memory is of a ritual that I encountered at the end of my first term at Dauntsey's. In those days many of the boys returned home by train on the last morning (8.52 to Paddington, 8.57 going West). I was prevailed upon to accompany them to the station by senior members of staff where I not merely witnessed but also participated in a tradition, long established. Before the boys boarded the train, still dressed in their school uniforms (fawn shorts, socks and sweaters), members of the staff would shake each by the hand and wish them a good holiday. I was much impressed by the dignity and propriety of the occasion. However, in the course of time I discovered that no sooner had the train left the station with its load of paragons than off came the uniforms, on went the t-shirts and jeans, out came the packets of Woodbines and, if it happened to be a non-smoking carriage, then all the better for the spirit of anarchy.

Perhaps the feeling of irresponsibility was catching, for at a later date, returning to my own home in the Midlands I accepted a lift from a friend in his car to catch the early evening train from Lavington. Now in those days, where there are now private dwellings there was a public house; some may recall it as the Chocolate Poodle, but even before that it boasted the bare, unpretentious, commonsense name of the Railway Hotel. It was not a place that you normally spent long in, with a not very welcoming landlord and with the characteristic appeal of the 1950s version of a gastropub – sweets, packets of crisps and the inevitable jar of pickled eggs. Nonetheless on this occasion my friend and I spent so long there that we failed to notice the arrival and departure of the train. The mists of time referred to earlier have also taken over, so I cannot remember whether it was then to the Wheatsheaf, The Churchill, The Horse and Jockey or The Bridge that we adjourned but I felt that my holiday had already started, even though it would, for the time being, be spent in Lavington.

It was said that the engine drivers did not like stopping at Lavington anyway as it was an interruption to their downhill progress all the way from Pewsey to Westbury, and the axe inevitably fell. I fear that we shall never see a rebuilding of such a convenient station, though our County Councillor clings to the hope that some kind of station/stop might one day be established in the Lydeaway area. And what fun we shall all then have, some demanding a larger car park, and then others objecting to having one at all; even Great Bedwyn will pale in comparison.

Jim Hodges

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

“Necessity is the mother of invention” goes the ancient proverb and it is true that difficult situations have inspired innovative solutions on many occasions in the past.

War, in particular, has stimulated invention but, although the initial purposes may have been belligerent, there are many wartime technologies that proved helpful in the subsequent peace. For example, the Second World War spawned jet engines and radar. Caterpillar tracks were much developed in the First World War. The American civil war saw the rapid growth of telegraph as a means of communication. The Crimean war established the principles of nursing.

On the other hand, some surviving wartime innovations may seem less welcome. Income tax was first introduced to finance the fight against Napoleon and, as you may have noticed, it is still here nearly two hundred years after that war was won.

The current economic turmoil may not be as life-threatening as war but I am optimistic that some good may come of it. One area rich with opportunity, in my view, is the burden of red tape. The public sector is weighed down with unnecessary regulation and, far too often, the process in dealing with an issue can take on more importance than the final outcome. I hope the current pressures will stimulate reform. For example, road management would be much easier if painting yellow lines, which cost little, did not require Traffic Regulation Orders, which cost a minimum of £5,000 each time. Certain road signs would be much cheaper to install and maintain if they did not require illumination, which is unnecessary in these days of reflective paint.

Where regulation is not an issue, Wiltshire Council has pioneered innovation. Pot hole repairs are now much more efficiently managed than a few years ago and, if we have another cold winter, our salt stocks should go much further by using more efficient spreading techniques.

Wiltshire is also pioneering leaner management structures and is saving money on offices. Councillors and staff alike are getting used to hot-desking. Services will be increasingly grouped on campuses, which should be more convenient as well as cost efficient.

If you are planning a frugal Christmas, I sincerely hope it will still be merry. As for the New Year, I hope it will be happy and as prosperous as present circumstances permit.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 01380 813619.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the November meeting the Council supported the proposal by Mr Wood of Littleton Panell to recruit volunteers for the establishment of a Community Speedwatch scheme for the village. The scheme is run by the Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police, using local volunteers trained to survey the speed of passing traffic. Details of drivers who are in excess of the speed limit are passed to the police who may then use enforcement action. Look out for further information when recruiting starts.

The Devizes Area Board has announced that grants of up to £300 can be made to local people coming together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. Seen as an opportunity to promote community life, the scheme is supported by the Parish Council which has been asked to co-ordinate any applications made. If you would like to run a celebration event for the village, such as a street party, you can obtain the grant application form from our website www.westlavington.info (The Hub Page) or the Clerk to the Council on 01380 816183 or email clerkpc@sky.com

Can I please remind dog owners using our network of footpaths to clean up after their dogs. There has been an increase of dog fouling in the footpaths in the last few months and it does spoil the enjoyment for everyone.

Lastly, on behalf of the Council I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas, and let's hope that 2012 is a good year for our community.

Liz Evans, Chair (01380 813929) esevans@hotmail.com

West Lavington Website; The website is www.westlavington.info. The site is full of local news and links to many organizations, both local and County wide.

CHRISTMAS DAY EMERGENCY?

Christmas Pudding, but
no Brandy? Forgot Aunt
Edna was coming?

Bought the dreadful Slimline
Tonic by mistake? No c*g*r**t*s?

Have no fear.

COSTCUTTER (West Lavington)
will be open on Christmas Day
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

20 mph limit: The Parish Council now has the results for the latest speed test. These show a slight (less than 1 mph) increase over the May results, although they are noticeably better than before the 20 mph trial started. There is a greater concern over speeds outside Holy Trinity School where, despite the recent signage improvements, the average speed is still nearly 30 mph. This is totally unacceptable, and the Parish Council will be discussing the need for vigorous and well-publicised enforcement action with the Police and Wiltshire Council. The final speed check will be in the middle of January, after which a report will be made to Wiltshire Council in April/May. Hopefully, after that, the 20 mph limit will be confirmed. The final decision is likely to be informed by a Residents' Survey which, it is hoped, will be delivered to all houses in January.

HGV'S: The Parish Council has been in close contact with the Devizes Traffic Management Group and the Devizes Area Board, and there are indications that this pressure is now having an effect. New signage has gone up in Devizes indicating that the preferred HGV route is now down the A342 through Upavon to Salisbury, rather than the A360. If followed, this will be a great help. However, the Parish Council reminded the Traffic Group that:

- This change needs to be widely publicised, and existing signage over a wide area needs to be reviewed and updated, with the existing signage referring to the HGV route through Great Cheverell being removed.
- Similar action also needs to be taken with regard to northbound traffic coming from Salisbury and Westbury along the B3098.
- HGV's still travelling down the A360 need an alternative to avoid Great Cheverell and the Chocolate Poodle bridge.
- Ultimately, there should be *Unsuitable for HGV* signs at all entrances to Great Cheverell, and a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village (excluding delivery traffic).

The Traffic Group has accepted all these points. Results should not be expected overnight, but they are promised, and the Parish Council will continue to press for improvements.

To help, residents are asked to make a note of any haulage companies seen driving through the village, so that Wiltshire Council can write to them and propose the new preferred routes, in a spirit of helpfulness rather than accusation. Please send this information to the Parish Clerk.

In summary, the Parish Council is reassured by the actions being taken by Wiltshire Council, and is confident that a resolution to this long-running saga is in sight. The position will remain under constant review, though.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012: Just a reminder to let us have your ideas on how you would like to see this special event celebrated. Please contact the Clerk. (details below.)

And finally...we wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

Christmas is nearly here again and we have been busy as usual! November is also Movember – as Mr Lakin and Mr Rutter are growing moustaches to raise money for Cancer Research.

We are having two Open Days this year. Everybody will be on welcome on these to visit the school between 9:30 and 3:00.

On Tuesday 8th all the KS2 children walked up to Dauntsey's

School to see a performance of *Rude Rodney and the Roaring Radishes*. They were treated to a hilarious performance and had a fabulous time.

Thanks to everyone who attended the family Totem Pole Workshop. It was lovely to see so many parents and children working together. Children and parents are now working together to make lovely lanterns and will be joining others in the Devizes area on Friday for the annual lantern parade.

This month we have had a Remembrance Assembly and an Anti-Bullying Assembly. We also dressed on spots and raised over £250 for Children in Need. The P.T.A. had a spooky disco and are now busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre on the 9th December.

The school now has an Eco Group. We meet once a month and have so far installed recycling bins in all class rooms. Recycling at DAPS now includes paper, cardboard, batteries, food, tins, glass and clothing (which is collected and taken to Tex-Recycling). We are taking part in 'Switch Off Fornight' at present and have been awarded with the Eco-schools Bronze Award. Well done Eco-warriors!

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

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HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY, GREAT CHEVERELL

We asked our children recently what their favourite season was – and by a huge margin, they voted for winter. And the favourite term for the majority of children was this Christmas term. So much is going on here, with the Christmas plays in rehearsal, themes of light and dark, pilgrimage, Diwali and many other things being studied, plans being made for the end of term celebrations, and the fun of the colder weather and shorter days energising everyone. As ever, there have been several class trips this term – including a visit to Salisbury Cathedral to experience pilgrimage, and a visit by another class to Salisbury centre to explore foods from other cultures and to have fun making some of these foods.

Our school council has helped me a lot with ideas for improving the school experience for our children – their ideas on making lunchtimes more fun, new equipment for playtimes, ways of canvassing children's opinions, themes that they would like to use as vehicles for study, ideas for Collective Worship and many other ideas and contributions have been incorporated into our improvement plans. The elected councillors are careful to represent the views of their classes and their comments are extremely useful in helping us see and feel school life as the children themselves experience it. Happy children are good learners and this is probably one of the main keys to the outstanding academic success of the children in this school – they enjoy being here and enjoy their learning.

If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, you will need to have your application for a primary school place submitted to Wiltshire Council by 15th January 2012. The application forms can be found on the Wiltshire Council website or your nursery school will have them. If you would like to look around Holy Trinity, as you consider the best place for your child to be educated, please phone to make an appointment at 01380 813 796. You can also see aspects of our school life shown on the website at www.holy-trinity.wilts.sch.uk.



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LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We began Term 2 by welcoming Gemma to our teaching staff. She is a great hit with everyone.

This term we will be looking at the "seasons" and "seasonal celebrations". We began with Halloween and some of the children came to pre-school dressed in their Halloween costumes and others made some spidery cobweb pictures. We talked about the history of Firework night and the children had immense fun creating some giant firework pictures. The children

helped Vici make a giant poppy for Remembrance Day. We talked about why we wore poppies and on the 11th November we walked up West Lavington Millennium Cross to lay our poppy and hold our minute silence at 11.00 a.m. This term would not be complete without some talk of Christmas. We have been practising our Nativity songs, and the children seem to be enjoying them.

This year we will be performing our nativity play on Wednesday 14th December in the school hall. We will be finishing our term with our Christmas Party on Friday 16th December, here at pre-school. All our children's families are welcome to both occasions, and we look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM. We truly appreciate your support. In the October Edition we announced that we would be holding a Christmas Shopping Evening on 1st December. **Unfortunately we now have to cancel this event.**

We continue to collect unwanted textiles. If you are having a pre-Christmas tidy-up please feel free to pop down to pre-school and we will take any unwanted clothes, blankets or shoes.

Finally on behalf of all the staff, children and committee I would like to wish everyone a **"MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!"**

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



GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

All of us at Holy Trinity would like to thank everyone in our community for their continued support of our school, and wish them a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It's time for the pre-school Christmas play once again and one of my fondest memories of previous years was the sad look on a king's face when he realised that the present that he should have given to baby Jesus, but had in fact unwrapped, was just an empty box.

Every year our dedicated team prepare the children by rehearsing songs, practising actions and making props. It might appear that all this effort is just so that our little ones can have their moment in the spotlight, but at pre-school everything, including the performance, is a learning experience. We are always very grateful to Holy Trinity for the use of their hall and the reception class who join the audience, and while the actual memory of standing on a stage with a sea of strange faces and overzealous staff jumping up and down doing the actions might fade, the experience will follow them forever, and the video evidence will be there to haunt them for years to come. Who knows, one day there might actually be some gold in that shoe box.

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

BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL

Bookmark members met in November to review *The White Woman on the Green Bicycle* by Monique Roffrey and David Mitchell's latest challenge, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*. The first, which appeared on the 2010 shortlist for the Orange Prize, was well received. However, no-one seemed keen to take on Mitchell's *tour de force* except Terri Parfitt, who felt it was a poor man's *Shogun* but bravely offered to read through to the end and tell us if the novel improved!

Bookmark's Christmas party is to be held on Wednesday, 7th December at the Village Hall, 7.30pm. Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies will be available and members are asked to bring along a plate of savouries. Festive and/or favourite readings will be shared; partners and guests are welcome.

Our Book Club aims to return to the village hall for future sessions as from January 11th 2012 with a yearly membership fee of £8 to cover costs. Our first two novels up for review will be *Night Waking* by Sarah Moss and *22 Britannia Road* by Amanda Hodgkinson. We would all like to thank Terri for hosting the November meeting.

Hild Marrow



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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Unfortunately, after 15 years our long standing relationship for the use of the playing pitches at Lavington School (which most of our Club members attend), has come to an end after the trebling of match fees for the use of the empty pitches over a weekend. As we are a non-profit making entity, and depend on match fee subscriptions from individual players, we have had to move location for those age groups using this facility.

On other issues, some Clubs in the League are discussing a limit or gap on the number of goals being scored by one side at Junior levels, as with headline results such as 17 - 2 , there can be a major impact on player motivation, participation and retention for the losing side. This can be achieved by making changes to the way the leading teams play, for example. On the other hand it is argued that this can also handicap talented players in their development, and that the 'game' should not be manipulated. Any comments ?

Many thanks to all those who helped raise £80 on an Air Ambulance fund raiser during the Under 13 County Cup match recently, with a cake stall run by Julie and Sam Bishop raising the funds from both home and away supporters, and those participating in the U11 match on the second pitch. Special thanks to Mandy, Cora, Caroline and Angela for all their help, and Steve Cox for his support.

Adult fixture: with the Club in 3rd position in the league, they will play Warminster Town Reserves (4th), on Saturday 10th December, K.O. 14.00hrs at West Lavington Village Hall. All support most welcome.

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk>
Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



We had an excellent "Murder Mystery Supper" on 18th November. Our thanks to all who helped and congratulations on the huge effort everyone made to dress and act their character parts.

More exciting events are being planned for next year including our 3 day visit to the Normandy Beaches.

The return visit to West Lavington by our friends from St Pierre d'Autils will be on the second weekend in June.

Finally may I remind you that 2012 Twinning Association calendars available from The Bridge Inn at £7.99? They make really good Christmas presents !

Membership of the association is open all in West Lavington and surrounding villages. To join, simply contact Mr M Johnson, 44 High Street, West Lavington, SN10 4JB or email or phone your details to blocker38@hotmail.com or 01380 818147.

Michael Page, Secretary

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

'Where do our plants come from?'

So, what did the Romans ever do for us? Well, they introduced many fruit trees and herbs which were used for culinary and medicinal purposes. In fact, before the Romans arrived in Great Britain there were very few of the plants growing that we probably thought were native to this country. But one plant they brought to our shores that was less welcome was ground elder!!

Marion Dale amazed us all when she told us the origins of a wide range of plants. She took us on a slide show presentation journey through the history of plant introductions, telling us how the choices of plants were affected by the taste in garden design that prevailed during each period.

The evening ended with a quiz; suffice to say we've all still got lots to learn!! We are hoping that Marion will return some time in the future to talk to us on another of her favourite topics, maybe The Victorian Garden. The raffle was won this month by Heather.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th December at Great Cheverell Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30 and it's 'Party Time' a festive end to the year with carols a quiz and much more.

It is also the time to pick up next year's programme and to rejoin the club, membership costs £8 for a single or £15 for a couple



WEST LAVINGTON WI

Our speaker for November was Marianne Dyer, whose interesting topic, *Building the Olympic Game*, was extremely well received. Marianne, the Director of the Park Health Centre leads a team of physicians and nurses specialising in occupational health, providing on-site treatment and screening for all employees. We were told how this health service, funded by the Olympic Delivery Authority, not only saves hundreds of man hours per year, but can also save lives with early diagnosis and screening. This is one of the dedicated team of professionals supporting the construction project, which now amounts to a village within the Olympic village; with its own health service, police force, chaplaincy and even on site ecologists. Fascinating facts – and countdown to the Olympic Games begins here – as from today (18.11.11) just 252 days to go! On December 8th members will welcome Sally Bullock with her Christmas Decoration Workshop. We shall be producing wonderfully festive table decorations worthy of WI fame (and hopefully no-one will notice the M & S label on mine). Our thanks to Sue & Rob Robson for their wonderful hospitality on November 5th this year, and our first session of the New Year will be on January 12th – resolutions discussions in the Giles room at 7.30pm. Meanwhile we ladies of the West Lavington WI wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

Hild Marrow



If you visit any of our Mothers' Union members during December you will be greeted by a festive wreath hanging on their front door. This was not purchased on the market or in the florists but was

made by the lady in question's own fair hand!

We all had a very enjoyable afternoon at Easterton Church Hall on Monday, 14th November, when Sally Bullock very kindly came along to show us how to make Christmas wreaths. When we arrived there was an array of foliage, baubles, cones, flowers, ribbons, etc. for us to be set loose upon with our creative skills under Sally's expert tuition. We were all delighted and proud of our creations and do sincerely thank Sally for coming along and will make sure that we book her again for next year!

Our next meeting will be a Communion and Bring and Share Lunch at Jeannie Gye's on Monday 12th December at 12.30 p.m.

Looking ahead to January, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday, 9th January 2012.

Val Noviss, (Secretary, West Lavington Branch)



Wedding & Blessings

Rebecca Claire MARTINDALE and **Matthew Thomas GRANTHAM** were married at St Barnabas Church, Easterton, by Rev James Campbell on Friday 21st October 2011.

The marriage of **Stacey Jane O'Keefe** and **Stacey Leslie Cooper** was blessed at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell by Rev James Campbell on Saturday 22nd October 2011.

FUNERALS

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

Lillian "Lily" Emily FIELDING, formerly of Market Lavington, died on 4th October aged 91 years. She was cremated at Salisbury Crematorium on 24th October and her ashes were buried in St Mary's Churchyard with her husband Richard.

George Morris BAKER, died on 7th October, aged 80 years. His funeral and burial were at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 24th October 2011.

John Charles MATTHEWS, of Easterton died on 14th October aged 86 years. His funeral at Semington Crematorium took place on 31st October 2011.

Harold William VEAR died on 1st November aged 78 years. His funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was on 10th November 2011.

BENEFICE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Once again we will be challenging you all with a quiz, ideal for solving over a Christmas drink! It will be available from the end of November in all the churches, village post offices etc. at the usual £2. Profits go to our Churches, so do please support it, and hopefully a lot of enjoyment too.

Henrietta Goggs

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The draw was done this month by Andrew Liardet on behalf of Easterton.

The winner of the £40 prize was Paul Hannet of Easterton; and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Stella Wilson of Great Cheverell.

Quentin Goggs,
Administrator of the 200 Club

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

LIGHT

Hey. I know that this is the "Baptist" bit of the News & Views that you might usually skip, but hang on a minute. "But I'm not interested in religion," you might object. Well, neither am I. What I'm interested in is finding light in this dark world. What with the bleak economic situation, the news filled with stories of death and destruction, things are pretty gloomy at the moment. Not to mention the added layer of gloom that comes with the clocks going back to the long dark age of GMT.

Will someone please switch on the lights! Speaking of which, a welcome sight at this time of year is to see villages, towns and cities bathed in the warm glow of Christmas illuminations. People also make the effort to light up their homes. For some this means a displaying simple Christmas candle arch that flickers away in the front window. Others go for more elaborate displays, covering their houses with the brightly lit icicles, reindeer, snow men, and, of course, Father Christmas. Nice. But I'd hate to have to pay their electricity bill!

It's no coincidence that Christmas is associated with light. Christians believe that with the coming of Jesus the light of God's love dawned in our dark world. His birth was predicted in these words, "the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78-79). By dying on the cross for our sins Jesus has broken the power of darkness and death. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).

Wishing you a very happy Christmas,
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18th December

11.00am Morning Worship with Carols
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Christmas Day

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