

NEWS

AND VIEWS



May 2011

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st May	9.30am * Half Hour Service	9.30am Parish Communion (Traditional)	11.00am Matins (BCP)	11.00am Extended Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
8th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am * Parish Communion	11.00am * United Service with St. Mary's and Trinity	6.00pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)
15th May	9.30am * Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00am Parish Communion	9.30am 'Welcome to Worship' (not communion)	11.00am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 7.00pm Prayer & Praise	9.30am * Half Hour Service		11.00am Parish Communion (BCP)	11.00am Matins (BCP)
29th May	10.00am Benefice Rogation Walk, starting at the Pavilion, Great Cheverell ending with a short Communion Service in Church and refreshments.				

* An asterisk indicates services where children's activities are provided.

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

Dear Friends,

We all live with deadlines – this is being written on the 19th April, just hours before the Magazine deadline; journalists live with deadlines all the time.

In 1954 a 30 year old family counsellor and writer Dorothy Law Nolte was facing a deadline for her regular weekly column on raising families in her local Californian newspaper. Under pressure, sitting in her kitchen, she wrote 'Children learn what they live'. It went on to be translated into 35 languages; this is a shortened version:

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

Over 50 years later, bringing up children remains as challenging as ever. In a society where children were definitely 'seen but not heard', Jesus had a very high view of them. When his disciples tried to send some children away, he rebuked, 'Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' (Matthew 19:14).

James Campbell

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VILLAGE CARE

West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell

The Care Group AGM will be on Monday 23rd May in the Giles room at West Lavington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. There will also be a short EGM to modify the Constitution in line with that of Link which needs to be accepted.

We therefore ask as many people from the village as possible to attend this meeting. You do not have to be a committee member or a driver, just interested in the Care group and its activities.

FLOWER ARRANGING EVENT

In Aid of Leukaemia Research

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the evening of The Flower Arranging Demonstration held at Lavington School on 6th April, in memory of James Bullock and Amy Pottinger.

I have sent a cheque to Leukaemia Research for the sum of £2,475. This is a marvellous amount and I have to thank friends and the community for helping in the way they did for making it such a successful event.

Sally Bullock.

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

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)

FOR QUIZ ADDICTS

There will be a quiz evening on Tuesday 17th May at The Churchill, West Lavington to raise funds for Christian Aid: an (optional) supper will be available. 'Brain-teasing' questions will be posed from 7:00pm onwards. We do hope that you will be able to come and support this event and have fun !!!

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.

GUEST EVENING

Easterton Church - Thursday 19 May 2011

'How can we grow the Church here?'

Supper 7.30pm...8.15pm Talk by Rev. Dr. John Rennie.

John, who was a surgeon based in London, will speak about the Alpha Course which has now been done by an estimated 16 million people worldwide in 164 countries. Since retirement four years ago he has worked in 14 small West Dorset villages and will talk about how the Alpha Course has enabled the churches there to flourish.

Welcoming 1,200 leaders from 77 countries to an Alpha Conference last year, Richard Chartres, the Bishop of London, said, "I thank God for this Alpha movement...it is a method which I have seen with my own eyes...So you can believe me when I say: I've seen it, it works..."

If you'd like to come please sign the list at the back of one of the churches, contact the Benefice Office (816963) or just turn up for 8.15pm.

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

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.

LAVINGTON DISCO

Saturday 21st May 7 - 9 p.m.

Market Lavington Community Hall

For school years 7 to 11.

Entrance £3 includes raffle ticket.

DJ, Raffle Prizes and refreshments.

Organized by Market Lavington Community Hall Trust and Parish Council.





YOU are invited to the
2011 WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

on Saturday 18th June 2011
from 12.30 pm with Barbecue or picnic!
on the Village Playing Field

The village event of the year - a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family!

This year's theme is, what else, Weddings, so if you've got that bridesmaid's dress or special hat in the attic, now's your chance to enter the Fancy Dress! There will be lots of exciting things to see and do, including riding on a Miniature Steam Railway, and Go Karts, and the return of the Family Dog Show by popular request! The fun starts at 12.30pm with a Barbecue, or bring your own picnic!

Plus: Grand Draw, Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Dolls Houses, and all your favourite stalls, Teas, Beer Tent and Ice Cream!

Can you help?

More helpers will mean that we can run more events and stalls, providing more fun for everyone. Why not take part in the village's big get-together? Please give us a ring if you can help in any way.

Our Stalls need YOU!

Don't forget contributions for the stalls and raffles!

The more you give, the more bargains there will be to buy!

We need your contributions to our fantastic Fete stalls. Make sure your books, bottles, bric a brac, chocolate, cakes, jams, jellies, fresh produce, and plants reach the following stallholders:

Book Stall: Contact Jason Bell on 816699 about collection/delivery of your unwanted great reads!

Bottle Stall: our collectors will be calling on YOU during the week before the Fete. Or contact Richard Matters on 816133 if you can deliver.

Bric a Brac: Jean Morton, Tel: 812107 We will collect, or please deliver your unwanted treasures to Dial House.

Chocolate Tombola: Lynne Rayner, Tel 812881 all contributions of anything chocolatey much appreciated.

Mothers' Union and Cake Stall: Lavender Davy, Tel: 813782 and Janet Hodges, Tel: 812467 would welcome jams, jellies, fresh garden produce and will collect cakes, biscuits, buns, scones, or bring your cakes to the stall on the day.

Plants: Debbie West, Tel: 813345 Deliver your plants to Parsonage House on Friday 17th, or bring to the stall on the day.

Teas: Mary Diccox, Tel: 813319 Cakes, tea and sugar most welcome. Mary can collect, or deliver to her on the day at the Village Hall after 9am.

If you would like to run a stall at the Fete, or have any other ideas to contribute, please contact Liz Evans on 813929.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15th TO 21st May

Christian Aid week is with us again and several events have been planned in our villages which we hope you will be able to come to, and support. The work of Christian Aid is so beneficial in supporting our brothers and sisters in deprived countries in the Third World. The organisation provides financial support and teaches development of skills and self-help so that the people may have better lives - and education for the children.

The following events have so far been planned:-

Tuesday, 17th May - evening. Quiz night at The Churchill, West Lavington 7.00p.m. onwards with an optional supper.

Wednesday, 18th May. Coffee morning with plant, cake and bring-and-buy stalls at The Grey House, Low Road, Little Cheverell.

Friday, 20th May. Midday to 2:00 p.m. Simple Lunch at High Acre, Eastcott. {Transport available if required - please phone 812763}.

Saturday, 21st May. 10:00 a.m. to Midday. Coffee morning with bring-and-buy stall/s at 27, White Street, Market Lavington.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

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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

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO SUMMER



With the arrival of late May and early June comes the Elderflower, the source of a variety of concoctions, ranging from elderflower champagne, elderflower wine and even elderflower fritters or elderflower cheesecake. We have at various times made the first two, with various results – refreshing non-alcoholic fizz, a delightful white wine, and occasionally an explosion in the outhouse that can blow a hole in the stratosphere, but the real joy, unless

you are an alcoholic, is the Elderflower Cordial.

For those of you who have never made it I humbly offer the recipe provided by the mistress of the house.

The ingredients are:

- 30 heads of elderflowers, to be gathered on a dry sunny, day
- 4 lbs sugar
- 3 oz citric acid
- Juice of two lemons
- 2 pints boiling water

Put the citric acid and the juice of the lemons in a plastic bucket, adding what's left of the lemons themselves and pour the boiling water over them, mixing well. Then add the sugar and stir until it has been dissolved. Add the elderflower heads, pushing them well down. Cover.

Stir every day for five days, at the end of which pour the contents through a sieve into a bottle, repeating the process if it seems to be too cloudy.

Using a plastic bottle you can freeze it but it will keep well in a glass bottle. A small amount added to water makes a delightful drink. I once even tried it with gin and, if nothing else, it was better than slimline tonic.

If it doesn't taste very nice, then you have either picked it when it was raining or you have picked cow parsley by mistake.

Jim Hodges

PORK FOR SALE

Free Range Traditional Breed Pigs
Quarter or Half Pig, Sausages and
individual joints available.

Prices start at £3.00 per lb.

Piglets also available.

For more information call Gary Hale
on 01380-813920

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.

NEWS FROM TRINITY CHURCH

Meeting Sundays at 10.30 a.m. at the Community Hall

1st May

Mrs Babs Cory

8th May

11.00 a.m. at St Barnabas Church, Easterton

Service for Christian Aid Week

15th May

Friends from St Andrews, Devizes and Tinhead Chapel will be joining us.

22nd May

Worship led by our own Group. Different and fun!

29th May

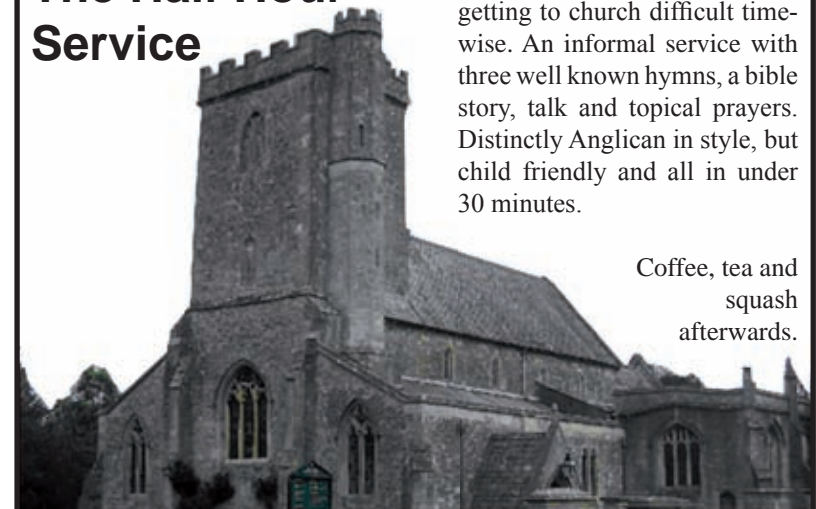
No service in Market Lavington, as we will be going into Devizes to celebrate the reopening of St Andrews Church following their alterations there.

Saturday 14th May Film Night 7 p.m. Tickets £5 from Market Lavington Post Office or at the door. Watch out for further details on posters round and about.

Wednesday 11th May 10 a.m. in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall

Tots@Ten for younger children and their carers.

The Half Hour Service



For busy people who find getting to church difficult time-wise. An informal service with three well known hymns, a bible story, talk and topical prayers. Distinctly Anglican in style, but child friendly and all in under 30 minutes.

Coffee, tea and
squash
afterwards.

9:30 am Sunday 22nd May
All Saints Church West Lavington

COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER

I am writing to inform you of a change to your local Community Beat Manager. With effect from 3rd April PC Gemma Rutter will no longer be the Community Beat Manager for Devizes South Rural. Gemma has completed over 2 years in this post and she has achieved some notable successes in her area. She will be taking on a response policing role at Devizes. I am sure you will join me in thanking Gemma for the work that she has done and wishing her well for the future.

I am pleased to announce that Gemma will be replaced by PC Gareth Milnes. Gareth joins us from Swindon. Gareth has wide experience in the Neighbourhood Policing field and I am confident that he will bring his skills to the fore in responding to your community concerns and policing issues. In addition to his duties on the South Rural area, Gareth will also be covering the North Rural area, a role which was also undertaken by Gemma. I appreciate that the Devizes North Rural area has been without its own dedicated Beat Manager for some time now. At present there are no plans for a replacement; however, I wish to assure you all that this is a priority for me and I will work hard to ensure that this area will not suffer from a lack of policing. I am sure you will join me in wishing Gareth the best of luck in taking on his new role.

If you would like further information on policing in your area please feel free to visit the Neighbourhood Policing pages at the Wiltshire Police website

www.wiltshire.police.uk

Ian Thomas, Police Sergeant 1331
Neighbourhood Policing Team, Devizes

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Do not forget we have arranged archery sessions! these will take place on the sports ground next to the Youth Club on Wednesdays 4 May, 11 May and 18 May, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. If you are between 12 and 17 years you can be a member of the Youth Club and join in with this event (Membership is free). You can still join by picking up a membership form from the club on Wednesday or Thursday between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

Please make a note in your diary of the Coffee Morning at Wyneshore House, White Street, West Lavington, on 7 May 2011. Full details are shown elsewhere.

Look out for future events at the YC, especially for years 7-8-9, the plans are to include Archery - Ultimate Frisbee - Girls Pamper Night - Football Challenge - and B.B.Q.'s

The Youth Club will hold an open day during the Village Fete, 18 June. There will be 'Fun & Games' with competitions; more detail in the June News & Views.

Eric Freeman - Chairman, West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

By the time you read this, you may have voted in the AV referendum. If not, and if there is still time, I urge you to do so.

National referendums are rare in this country. The first and only one I have ever taken part in was in 1975 when the question was whether the UK should remain in the European Economic Community. The answer then was Yes and that decision still underpins the status quo, although issues around our EU membership rumble on 36 years later.

About ten years ago, there was a spate of local referendums (37, apparently) in towns and cities on the subject of whether or not they should have an elected mayor with strong executive powers. 13 said Yes and 24 said No. Next year, we will be asked to elect a local police commissioner, which has some parallels to the election of a mayor, but that is an idea for which no referendum has been held.



Those of you who would like more referendums are likely to have that wish fulfilled. The Localism Bill, now before Parliament, will give people the right to suggest votes on any local issue that they think is important. Local authorities and other public bodies will be required to take the outcome into account as they make their decisions.

In addition, if a local authority proposes to raise taxes faster than a government-approved rate, local people will have the right to approve or to veto the rise in a referendum.

The Localism Bill also includes new provisions for the election of executive mayors, so that idea has not gone away. I don't think these measures are aimed at a town like Devizes, where Pete Smith has been an excellent mayor and where Sue Evans is about to take up the ancient, honourable but strictly ceremonial role. I wish her well in her post.

There is much else in the Localism Bill, particularly about the planning process. We are approaching the final phases of the Wiltshire core strategy where the planning rules apply, so I will probably write more about that in the coming months.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 16th May: This important event will be held on Monday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. You are warmly invited by the Parish Council to come along and hear what has been happening in your community during the past year and the plans proposed for the coming year. There will be opportunity to hear your views and discuss any queries you may have. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Inaugural Meeting of Great Cheverell New Pavilion Trust: We are delighted that Charitable Trust status has been granted to the Pavilion and we congratulate all those people who have been working so hard to achieve this result. The Inaugural Meeting will follow on immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, so we do invite you all to stay for that.

Annual Village Spring Clean Day, Saturday 14th May: Yes, it's that time of year again and at the time of writing it is the ideal weather to go out litter picking! Please come along at 10 a.m. to the Pavilion to collect your litter picking items. You will, of course, be rewarded afterwards with coffee/tea/cold drinks and delicious cakes! If you've never been before, why not come and join us? We see the same familiar faces each year, so they obviously enjoy themselves, including the children! It usually only takes about an hour as fortunately there is not too much litter in the village.

Plastic and Cardboard Recycling Skip Service Wednesday 25th May: This skip service will be available during the morning of 25th May outside the Pavilion. Please do **not** put in any items other than plastic or cardboard or they may not be taken; thank you.

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)
cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk

BLOOD DONING SESSION

At West Lavington Village Hall on
Thursday, 12th May

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

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on Thursday 7th April and a short résumé of notes of interest from it follows:-

New Member: The council welcomed Juliet Lee to her first meeting; Juliet replaces Trish Watts and will give us further representation on the council from Littleton Panell.

The Annual Parish Meeting: has been set for Thursday 19th May at 7.30 p.m. This is **your** chance to hear reports from all of our village's organizations. Also this year we have arranged for someone to come and give us a talk about the work that the charity *Help for Heroes* carries out.

Street Lighting Consultation: You will recall from my article in last month's magazine about our investigating the possibility of having some of the street lighting switched off after midnight. We have now received a definitive map from Wiltshire Council and will shortly be undertaking a "street" review of which lights could be switched off. If anyone has strong views on this, or lights that they would like included/excluded, then please do contact one of the council members or the Clerk.

New member requested: The council is looking for another new member. Mr Kevin Dyer has decided, with the many commitments that he has, to finish and resign from the PC. This is a real shame as he has been a great asset and will be missed! So if anyone would like to join us please contact Peter Baxter via email at - clerkpc@sky.com or ring him to register your interest.

Local Police changes: West Lavington/ Littleton Panell now have a new Beat Manager and he is PC Gareth Milne. if anyone has any concerns or Policing issues the number to use is 0845 408 7000; this is for non-emergencies. Naturally, the 999 number is to be used for emergencies.

Mini Motor bikes: It's that time of year when these "pesky motor bikes" start to appear. They ride on Bridleways and footpaths and they are illegal. Should anyone see or identify riders, then please contact the Police on the 0845 408 7000 number and report them; they are dangerous, they have no insurance and they cause damage!

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.

Mark Wadman, Chairman

Notice of
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEST LAVINGTON PARISH
 Thursday 19 May, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME - COME AND HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY – AND ASK QUESTIONS!

THINKING OF JOINING IN? DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK? – COME ALONG AND MEET THE ORGANISERS OF THE MANY CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN WEST LAVINGTON AND LITTLETON PANELL

GUEST SPEAKER FROM:

“HELP FOR HEROES”

HEAR ABOUT THE PHENOMENAL RISE TO SUCCESS OF THIS VITAL CHARITY, AND THEIR LATEST WORK AT TEDWORTH HOUSE
 Further info from Peter Baxter at clerkpc@sky.com or 07734 483883



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

As we write this the sun is shining and it really feels as if Spring has well and truly arrived. The tulips, planted by our gardening club, are looking splendid in our planters and really brighten up the front of the school.

This term our Power of Learning is Amber Power, which celebrates team work, listening and sharing ideas, using good questions and understanding the importance of taking turns.

Our learning detectives are looking for Powers in the classroom. Archie in Nile class witnessed the following Power Learning: “Grace did a lovely story and then shared it with the rest of our class”. Harriet from Ganges class, one of our many learning detectives, has witnessed team work in learning with James and Oliver working together in a group. More Power Learning has been detected by Sophie in Ganges class, a collection of children working together in science sharing ideas and listening to one another. Great learning!

Term 4 has been very busy with lots of sporting events. Our netball teams still remain unbeaten in the league! Recently DAPS A took on Bishops Cannings and won 20 – 0 and DAPS B had a very exciting game against Broad Hinton with them being 2 – 0 down at the third quarter and then coming back to win 3 – 2! What amazing netball teams we have!

Our rugby teams played in the annual Tag Rugby Tournament on Wednesday. Our two teams, both enjoyed a successful day, the green team finishing second in their final league and the white team winning 8 out of 10 matches played. We would like to congratulate all those children that participated in the Tag Rugby Tournament; we were really proud. Both teams played fabulous rugby; we were really impressed with the team work and collaboration displayed by all our children and as one child remarked – “We are really showing Amber Power today, Mr Lakin” – we wholeheartedly agree.

Last month we mentioned that we were supporting Red Nose Day and we are pleased to announce that we raised £169.30 from class collections and £165.40 from the cake sale, making a grand total of **£334.70!** Just think – if a mosquito net costs £5, we have helped to save over **60** lives. Brilliant!

We would like to congratulate our fabulous Year 3 Violinists, who recently performed to their parents and children from Nile and Thames Classes. They gave a fantastic performance; well done.

On Wednesday 6th April in the afternoon, we welcomed parents into the school to view some of the learning from this term. Learning was displayed around the school and classes shared elements of their learning through informal sessions in the hall. A lovely afternoon was had by parents and children alike.

Our new topic for term 5 is ‘Fit for Life’. To launch the topic, the whole school will start the term with a fun-packed day of sport. All children will have a taster session of some of the following activities; athletics, rounders, football, netball, parachute activities and multi skills.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Need to get to the RUH?
Live in west Wiltshire?

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Wiltshire

Book Connect2 for work, appointments or visiting.

To book call **08456 525255** option **2**
 For information **01380 860100**

To contact us from the hospital dial **1444** from any hospital extension.
Connect at Erlestoke or Great Cheverell to use this service.

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LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



During the month of March we enjoyed the warm weather and the start of Spring. We made a start on planting our vegetables and we are looking forward to finishing our planting and caring for the plants as they grow. The children have enjoyed playing outside; we have been practising our ball skills, playing football, rolling, throwing and catching balls. The children have also been balancing along beams and getting muddy digging in our 'digging area' looking for worms and bugs.

We held an Open Evening on Tuesday 29th March. The evening began with a short talk on *Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy*. Our parents then had an opportunity to look through their children's Learning Journeys, see their wonderful work on display and chat with members of staff.

We had our Sponsored Easter Trike Ride on Friday 1st April. The rain stayed away, and our children enjoyed 20 minutes riding their trikes, collecting stickers as they completed their laps. Afterwards we had an Easter Egg Lucky Dip for the children where all the children won an egg, and our Easter Raffle. We would like to thank all the parents and local businesses who supported this event, donating some amazing prizes. The raffle and lucky dip raised a fantastic £140 on the day. We are very sad to say that after nine years Annie has decided to move on to pastures new. We want to thank Annie for her hard work and we wish her the very best in her new post.

Royal Wedding 'Street Party' - We are holding our very own street party on Thursday 28th April, at 3.15 p.m. on Dauntsey's Aided Primary School playground. There will be Cakes, Stalls, Raffle and Games. Please come along and join us!!!

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



8pm – 12midnight
Saturday 7th May 2011
Market Lavington
Community Hall
£7.50
Fancy dress (optional)

In aid of Lavington Pre-school

Tickets available from Lavington Pre-school, Market Lavington
Post Office, Cindy 07974659012, Debbie 07793634543,
Anthea 07527184832 or Julie 07842586148

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY

We were delighted to receive a letter from Her Majesty's Inspectors (Ofsted) who have carried out an assessment of our school's performance, using data they can access without coming into the school. They are pleased to tell us that our Outstanding performance has been sustained, and they will not need to come into school to check on or verify anything further unless concerns are raised at or by Ofsted.

Although this judgement is based mainly on the outstanding academic performance of our children, we at Holy Trinity are just as proud of the values that our children live by, values based on the strong Christian ethos of our school. The children at our school are caring, generous, joyful people of integrity. These are the aspects of our school that make it truly outstanding, and these are the important things that will ensure our children become confident, fulfilled members of society as adults.

Our thanks go to our outstanding, creative staff and governors, our strongly supportive families and other members of the community who help us, and most of all to our outstanding children who all work together to ensure that this school community aspires to the highest standards in all areas.

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

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



Wiltshire Tree People

We invite you to enjoy a
Bank Holiday Picnic Lunch
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"Thanksgiving"... what does this word mean to us personally? What things can we be thankful for? At our meeting on 11th April we took time to reflect and share those things which we could and

ought to give thanks to God for. These include:

Our assurance of God's presence in our lives, our families, friends, good health, the beautiful area in which we live, food to eat, fuel to keep us warm, clean water to drink, freedom from fear of persecution, freedom to worship - and we could give many more reasons for being thankful. It is good to stop and do this exercise on a regular basis....especially if things seem to be getting on top of us and we can thank God for how fortunate and blessed we really are. We went on to read various verses from Scripture that talked about thanksgiving, including Psalm 95:2, Psalm 100:4-5, 1 Corinthians 10:16 and Philipians 4:4 and then discussed the different ways in which we could express our thankfulness. Our meditation was brought to a close with the reading of the Iona Community Prayer of Thanksgiving.

We do thank Jeannie Gye who was not able to be present, for preparing the above meditation.

There will be no meeting in May. At our meeting on 13th June we will be preparing items for the Church Fete.

Val Noviss

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



It's not too late to join our visit to St Pierre on the weekend of 8th 9th 10th and 11th July this year.

If you are not already a member why not join us and take advantage of exchange visits, brushing up your French, making new friends etc.

Membership is £15 per household or £10 per individual (£12 & £8 respectively for over 60's) per annum

St. Pierre is about the same size as West Lavington, and lies midway between Rouen and Paris. It has a thriving and progressive primary school, a butcher, a post office and a bar. At just 40 minutes from Paris it is growing fast with young families moving in who commute to the capital. It is just 10 minutes from Claude Monet's house and garden so there are strong links with art and gardening in the area. Parts of the village border the Seine and there are several Chateaux and other interesting places to visit.

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

As the Club move towards the end of the season, some teams have in fact already completed their fixtures, including the Under 12s.

The U12s became champions of their League, with a great performance by the whole squad, playing 14 matches, winning 10, losing 3, and drawing 1. Well done and many thanks to the

dedication of the coaching staff.

The Under 8s play with two six-a-side teams in a friendly League, but with a squad of 19 at times it makes it difficult on team selections. However, the whole squad have exceeded expectations this season and are developing well for the future. As we approach the 'tournament' side of the season, it is likely that this squad will be taking part in various events in the area over the summer.

The equivalent of the Chelsea v Man Utd game of the season took place recently when the Under 9s fielded 5 players from each of the two Under 9 squads to play against local rivals, Devizes. Despite being down by 5 goals to 2, the team put in a great 100% effort to level the score at full-time in a very exciting match.

Date for the Diary: Saturday 11th June, will be the Club's annual Fun Day event, which will take place at West Lavington Village Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Last year was a great success based on a World Cup theme, and this year's theme will be announced in the next publication.

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THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

A big thank you to Helen, who stepped into the breach when, due to a mix up with dates, our speaker was unable to attend. So.....

Instead of the published *Tale of Two gardens* members and visitors were treated to an illustrated talk given by Helen and husband Chris. They told how a plan to build a house on their plot of land in Madeira and designing the garden, taking inspiration from the amazing plants that grow there, became the reality of buying a house in Great Cheverell!

It was fascinating to hear how the garden in Great Cheverell is developing and now members are looking forward to seeing the garden for themselves in June.

Next month, Tuesday 10th May is the date for rejoining The Cheverells' Garden club, for collecting the new programme which runs until December 2011 and for hearing from the club's chair about Putting a garden design into practice – "trials and tribulations" And how Millie Carmichael helped her to create a new pond and garden. Members are invited to go into the garden to see the result!

The cost of joining until December 2011 is £6 per person or £11 for a couple.

Another important date for diaries is the Cheverells' Garden Club's Annual Plant sale, to be held in the Great Cheverell Village Hall on Saturday morning, 21st May.

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

The two books from our March session created a positive see-saw effect on the reading group, producing a good discussion. It was an interesting debate; especially as some members had attended the Bath Literary Festival to hear the authors talk about their novels. Andrea Levy's *Long Song* was a loosely based prequel to *Small Island* and Aminatta Forna's novel, *The Memory of Love* has just been short listed for the Orange Prize.

We are sad to lose Roz Ambler from our Book Club, but unfortunately the removal van is on its way; we shall stay in touch. But we are pleased to welcome two new guests into our reading group.

Our next session will be on May 4th. The two novels under review will be Noel Streatfield's *Saplings* and *The L-Shaped Room* by Lynne Reid-Banks. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to view a DVD of the 1960's classic for comparison. This should be a good nostalgic evening, to be held at Annemarie's house at 7.30 p.m.

Hild Marrow



WEST LAVINGTON WI

On Thursday 14th April Janet Stamp chaired her first meeting as President of our branch. There was an excellent turnout of members and guests.

David Dawson, director of the Wiltshire Heritage Museum in Devizes gave a fascinating talk, with slide show, on the *Women's Voluntary Service* role in the Devizes area

during 1944. One slide of the 1945 victory parade in the town square, besides showing members of the armed forces, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides etc., featured large tanks of water in preparation for feared incendiary bombs. Greta Taylor, who was a grammar school pupil at the time, remembers them well.

Amongst the work completed by the WVS was the issuing of ration books, organization of weekly dances and book drives; plus the making of camouflage nets, garments for the Polish Army and vests for children in occupied countries in preparation for 'D' Day. Some of our members can remember both the WVS and prisoners of war working on their family farms. A slide of a farm in Little Cheverell illustrated this; a thoroughly stimulating evening.

We shall be serving home made teas at The Manor again this year on June 4th and our next session in the Giles Room at West Lavington Hall is on May 12th, which will cover the two chosen WI resolutions: (i) 'The closing of libraries' & (ii) 'Factory Farming'. These topics will be voiced by Ann Janes and Hazel Jennings.

Our meeting closed with a well deserved presentation of plants to Liz Bord, the outgoing President.

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club has three events in May. The first is the Plant and Cake Stall which will be held in Market Lavington Square on May 15th, from 9.00 a.m. onwards. The second is the annual Plant Bring and Buy (including glass of wine!), which takes place in West Lavington Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th May, and the third will be an evening visit to Sharcott Manor at Pewsey on May 27th.



BAPTISMS

Edward Theodore Anselm DAVIES was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Sunday 3rd April 2011.

Adrian John GILDER of Market Lavington died on 25th March, aged 62 years. His cremation was on 1st April 2011.

WEDDINGS

Lianne Jean HUMPHRIES and **John BARTLE** were married by Rev James Campbell at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 9th April 2011.

Jane GREGORY of Great Cheverell died on 1st April, aged 51 years. A short service conducted by Rev James Campbell at the Crematorium was followed by a Service at St John's, Church, Devizes on 12th April 2011.

FUNERALS

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

Alan Godfrey JONES of Market Lavington died on 4th March, aged 83 years. Rev Ann Cocking took his funeral at Semington Crematorium on 17th March 2011.

The ashes of **Cynthia Ann BAILEY** of Devizes, who died on 20th February, aged 71, were interred at West Lavington by Rev Jonathan Triffitt on 18th April 2011.

Kathleen LOUIE BAKER of West Lavington and Market Lavington died on 6th March, aged 81 years. A private cremation was held on 15th April 2011.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 prize was Bridget Green of Littleton Panell, and of the second prize of £20 was Sandra Gamble of West Lavington. The draw was done by Linda Alcock on behalf of Little Cheverell.

Quentin Goggs,
Administrator of the 200 Club

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):
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Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington:
Sunday 11 am and 6 pm (Secretary J. Coxhead 01373 823038)

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

A Lesson in Forgiveness

A church member had fallen out with his grown up son. The fault was largely the son's. He had left home and made rather a mess of his life. However, realising the error of his ways, the son wished to be reconciled to his father. The father was having none of it. He turned his son away, refusing to have anything to do with him.

In desperation the son asked his father's pastor to see what he could do to heal the family rift. The wise old minister visited the unforgiving man. He knew just the Scripture that would speak directly to the situation. It was Luke 15:11-32, the parable of the prodigal son. The pastor began to read the passage to his church member, but he took the liberty of altering Jesus' parable. Rather than the father welcoming the prodigal son with open arms, his version went like this, "The father told his son that he was not welcome home, 'You have done wrong in wasting your share of the family inheritance. Now you must live with the consequences. Be gone!'" The pious church member piped up, "Hey, that's not what is says in my Bible." "Oh yes it is!" Replied the minister. The penny dropped. The unforgiving father had allowed his resentment at his son's behaviour to govern his life rather than the Bible. Thus rebuked, he forgave his son and they were reconciled.

It is all too easy to pay lip service to the Bible while failing to live out its teaching, especially when its teaching is hard for us to put into practice. Perhaps that is especially the case when it comes to forgiving others who have wronged us in some way. We ask God to forgive our sins and he does because Christ died that we might be forgiven. If that is the case, then we should be quick to offer forgiveness to others. Being a Christian is all about receiving and giving forgiveness, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32).

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MR MAC

...Or should it be Mr Mc? For He was indeed Eric McAbendroth who, along with Mrs Mac, held sway in the paper shop in the High Street of West Lavington for over forty years until his retirement in 1990. The shop served as a double source of news in the sense that it provided most of us not only with our daily papers but it (and he) also kept us abreast with all the more crucial – and indeed more interesting - events within the village. If Mr and Mrs Mac were involved in our lives we were as much involved in theirs to such an extent that on one occasion, when he was not well enough to do his daily round, people rallied round to do his deliveries for him. There were other reasons for visiting the shop, not least among them his competence at repairing our watches and clocks. But it was often simply a place you dropped into, if only to chew the fat with Mr or Mrs.

Less well known was his own war experience, especially the fact that, as the Flight Engineer on a bomber mission to Dusseldorf, at great personal risk he saved the lives of the crew by putting out a fire in the plane, being justly awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for great gallantry. His death at 92 last month is also not widely known so it is recorded here as a token of our respect and affection for a good man and his wife who, at the age of 91, has survived him.

Jim Hodges

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