



News and Views
November 2011

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th November	9.30am * Half Hour	9.30am Parish Communion (Traditional)	11.00am Martins (BCP)	11.00am Communion by extension	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th November Remembrance Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.45 am Rem'brance Service	10.45 am Rem'brance Service	10.30 am Rem'brance Service	6.00 pm Rem'brance Service	12.15 pm Act of Rem'brance at War Memorial
20th November	9.30 a.m. 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)
27th November	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise	9.30 am * Half Hour 6.00 p.m. Advent Evensong		11.00am Parish Communion (BCP)	

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.

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

VILLAGE CARE

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

Dear Friends,

There's a story of a wealthy businessman who was upset to find a fisherman sitting beside his boat. 'Why aren't you out fishing?' he asked. 'Because I've caught enough for today,' replied the fisherman. 'Why don't you catch more fish than you need?' the businessman asked. 'What would I do with them?' replied the fisherman. The businessman said, 'You could earn more money, buy a bigger boat, catch even bigger fish and make more money. Soon you'd have a whole fleet of boats and be rich like me.' The fisherman said, 'Then what would I do?' The businessman replied, 'You could sit down and enjoy life.' The fisherman said, 'What you do think I'm doing now?' (Source: 'The Word for Today').

We live at a time of continuing global financial crisis. Whilst some of the causes are becoming clearer, there is little agreement about the solutions that are required. Some of us are more affected than others, but the effects are increasingly being felt by us all.

It is natural to seek pleasure in life: the next pay cheque, the next holiday, a box of chocolates or a glass of wine. Contentment however is longer term and is about being satisfied with what we have: our home, our job, our partner.

St. Paul went through some very difficult times in his life, but he was able to write, 'I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...' (Philippians 4:11-12).

James Campbell

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Rev'd Ann Cocking (01380) 812763

Sunday 13th November : Remembrance Sunday 2011

10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service, West Lavington
10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service, Market Lavington
10.30 a.m. Remembrance Service, Easterton
12.15 p.m. Act of Remembrance, Little Cheverell War Memorial
6.00 p.m. Remembrance Service, Great Cheverell.

From the Rectory

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 :

27th November. ADVENT. In the morning at 9.30 a.m. there will be the usual Half Hour Service, and in the evening at 6 p.m. there will be a Choral Evensong. Among the usual hymns and canticles we will be singing Charles Stanford's arrangement of Psalm 150, Charles Wood's arrangement of the Nunc Dimittis and the Anthem There is no rose by John Joubert. The service will be followed by wine and mince pies, available at £1 a head.

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

DUCK STREET FAIR

A big Thank you for all who came and generously gave in so many ways to the Duck Street Fair, to make it such a success.

We made over £3.300 for Cancer Research UK and Rowdeford School (Hugo Halkes Trust), which is a record!

Thank-you, Bo and Anna

THE WEST LAVINGTON FETE IN 2012

Early Warning

This is an early warning that next year's Fete will be held on Saturday, 23rd June, so please put it in your diaries and cancel any further engagements for that day! The event will be run by the formidable combination of Bob and Jeannette Giles and Quentin and Henrietta Goggs.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT CHEVERELL

A Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 19th November, at 2 p.m. Stalls will include Christmas items, gifts, cakes and produce. Teas and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the raffle or give new items for the stalls should take them to the Village Hall from 11 a.m. on the day.

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

PATRONAL FESTIVAL DAY: SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

There's a special service at West Lavington, then

Celebrate All Saint's Day with a social lunch.

Bring something to eat and share to Mark and Caroline's home, 46 High Street at 12 noon. A meat stew and baked potato will be provided - then it's pot luck as to who brings what to share! If you can let us know you're coming that's great (helps with catering); otherwise just turn up. Mark and Caroline Spindlow 01380813445 (please leave a message on the answerphone if we're not in!)

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

MARKET LAVINGTON LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 2:00pm -7:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 5:00pm

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

 **1st West Lavington Guides** 
 Present our

 **Advent Fayre** 

Thursday 1st December
7pm - 9pm

The Old School
Market Lavington

Gift Ideas *Refreshments* *Cakes* *Chocoholics*
Decorations *Calendars* *Cards*

All profits to go to the 'Berwick in need' Appeal
 Any queries please contact Emma on 07866 498759

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

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY SALE

In aid of West Lavington Youth Club
Saturday 19th November
10 a.m. to 12 noon

At Wyneshore House, White Street, West Lavington In aid of West Lavington Youth Club

Admission £1.50 includes coffee and mince pie
The Youth Club Management Committee are grateful to Terence and Jeannie O'Flynn for hosting this event.

CINEMA NIGHTS AT MARKET LAVINGTON

Tickets are just £5.00

Saturday, November 26th 7.30 p.m.

LARRY CROWNE

Saturday 12th November

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

With live accompaniment performed by Mary O'Connor
Featuring Buster Keaton's

ONE WEEK and THE GENERAL

Doors open 6.30 p.m. or 7.00 p.m. start. Tickets Students £3 Adult £5
On sale at the Post Office and on the door or contact Beth Warren 818252.

An entertaining evening for the whole family. Bar and ice creams available.

Come and find the perfect present at our
CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR!
 at the
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
 on
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local handmade crafts and homemade produce
 Paintings, Jewellery, Walking Sticks, Textiles, Pottery, Soaps,
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For more details, or to book a stall, please contact
 Sue Bonney on 01380 812757
 or email thebonneys@waitrose.com

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What's On this month

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

West Lavington branch - Remembrance arrangements.

The Royal British Legion is nationally celebrating its 90th. anniversary this year.

On Friday, 11th November – members of the RBL Committee will be at the War Memorial to hold the 2 minutes silence and honour the fallen. Please feel free to participate.

Remembrance Sunday, 13th November - the parade will form up from 10.15 a.m. in White Street and will march off in time to be in All Saints Church for the service to commence at 10.45 a.m. Please join us in the parade if you are serving armed forces personnel or ex-services. The Girl Guides will be joining us and hopefully the Brownies also.

The collection during the service will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal as usual.

Michael Challinor, Chairman, West Lavington branch.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Devizes Constituency Conservative Association's West Lavington branch is holding a Remembrance Day themed Quiz on Friday, November 4 at 7.30 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall. **Proceeds will be shared equally between The Royal British Legion and the DCCA.** Everyone is welcome. Tickets (including nibbles and a glass of wine) are £5 per person / £15 for a team table of 4. A bar is available. Contact Ann Sparks on 01380 818853 or sparks.ann@hotmail.co.uk (reservations & payment in advance please for catering purposes).

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The November meeting of the Gardening Club is the A.G.M. and Social Evening. It will be held on 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th November with thanks to our hosts, Mr & Mrs Terry O'Flynn, at Wyneshore House in White Street, West Lavington.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Thursday 10th November

9.30am – 4.30pm

Entrance only £2.50, Children Free.

St Francis School, Marlborough Road, Pewsey, SN9 5BL

Raising money for Wiltshire Air Ambulance & School PTA.

Gifts for all the family!

Join us at our small and friendly Christmas Fair. Help us raise vital funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance whilst buying Christmas presents for all the family. Choose from home-ware gifts, paintings, clothing and jewellery, toys for boys and children and more! Enjoy homemade cakes and light refreshments.

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

Need to get to the RUH?
Live in west 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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GEORGE BAKER

As George's next door neighbour for nearly twenty years I can only echo the tributes paid to George Baker in this issue. Throughout his time here we came to understand some of the aspirations, frustrations and even irritations that accompany fame. Even before he arrived he had already devoted himself to raising two million pounds for an M.R.I scanner at Southampton Hospital and, as so many of us came to know, his main preoccupation in West Lavington was to initiate the Youth Club that now exists, maintaining his support constantly thereafter. Starting a project is much less difficult than sustaining enthusiasm for one's "baby" and in this respect he never failed. The extent to which he used his fame beyond this could readily be witnessed week after week in the local newspaper as he was seen supporting a variety of causes and achievements by his presence.

It is a common feature in most of us to feel a certain lift at having met and been recognised by someone who is a household name, and George's friendliness to virtually everyone made him readily approachable. Yet even here it was sometimes to his embarrassment and even irritation, especially when admiration degenerates into gross familiarity – such as the occasion when a complete stranger approached him in the supermarket, prodded him in the stomach and 'joked', "Getting a bit of a paunch, aren't you, George?" A big person, as he was, meets even that situation with patience.

Sadly, his illness of the last year, meant the loss of the faculties that he had so often used to such effect and it was distressing to see him lying helpless and diminished in so many ways. But for many of us he will be remembered, not just as Inspector Wexford but as a friend of West Lavington – which he loved – and of the community.

Jim Hodges

VILLAGE CARE AND LINK

For West Lavington, Littleton Panell And Little Cheverell

If you live in one of the above villages, need transport to a medical related appointment and cannot use public or private transport, please call our central number 816826.

If you could give some time to drive for us (only when it is convenient to you) please contact Michael Page on 818510.

If you cannot drive but could answer calls from clients and arrange lifts (this would be for one month after which the phone is passed to another co-ordinator) please call Michael Page on 818510.

Michael Page, Chairman

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of George Baker in October. George started The West Lavington Youth Club some 20 years ago. He, together with his wife Louie, gave us continued support until illness meant that they could not do all that they wanted. However, all that they did in the 20 years has helped us through difficult times.

You will recall that George presented a concert at Lavington School, bringing his famous musical friends to help us raise funds. What a fantastic time we all had at The Manor when he again brought his famous friends to entertain us. George never flagged in his support for The Youth Club; even during his early illness he came to see the young people. He was a wonderful man and the young people loved him. George, even though achieving world class status as an actor, still gave his time to the young people of our local villages. We will, in our small way, continue the work of George Baker who will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.

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

MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

at The Green Dragon, Market Lavington
on second Saturday of every month
10:00am to 1:00pm

In aid of a different charity each month
Lots to buy, including

Paintings, Jewellery, Jams and Chutneys, Walking Sticks,
Handmade cards and decorations, Textiles

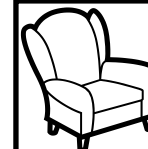
For more information, contact
Steve or Nicky Wragg on 813235

WEST LAVINGTON LOGS FOR SALE

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CF Oil is a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Membership costs £20 per year and you normally save more than your memberships costs in your first order!

The more people who get together to buy oil the greater negotiating power of the group. It helps shift power away from the supplier and back to the customer.

The scheme normally works through a volunteer local co-ordinator but CF Oil will act as the co-ordinator until one is appointed. Local Co-ordinators have FREE membership of the scheme.

If you would like to save money on the cost of your heating oil, please join our CF Oil & see how easy it is.

If you would like further information on being a member or a Local Co-ordinator please contact our CF Oil administrator Jess emery on 01380 732809 oil@communityfirst.org.uk or visit our website www.communityfirst.org.uk

Editor's Note: Whilst this article shows commendable initiative, it is only fair to point out that a similar offer has been made available by Findmyheatingoil in the advertisement section of News and Views for two or three years – at a slightly cheaper rate. I have myself used that facility and have been very happy with the service provided.

HELPING OLDER PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES FOR LONGER

For more information call Jo Loring-Fisher Good Neighbour Coordinator on 07557 110417, gncarea09@communityfirst.org.uk

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

We have plenty of free manure available for collection - please just phone me to arrange a convenient time, Henrietta Goggs 813736/ 07702 559771

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

If I say it's stormy out there, I'm not just referring to the November weather.

I don't want to over dramatise but it seems to me that, economically, the world is more fragile than I have known in my lifetime. Great nations, including our own, are weighed down with debt. A major currency, the Euro, may disintegrate (and in the time since I wrote this, may already have done so or may have been miraculously saved). The Office for National Statistics has recently stated that UK households have seen the biggest fall in disposable income for more than 30 years.

Socially too, our country faces stormy conditions and it is not long since we were shocked by riots and wonton damage in our cities. If you have ever been one of those people who wished to live in interesting times, then your wish has been fulfilled.

It is little consolation to those who may have lost their job, or whose job in under threat, to know that Wiltshire is faring better than most. In March, the unemployment rate in Wiltshire was 3.7% compared with the national average of 7.6%. A survey by the Local Data Company (LDC) in the first half of 2011 indicated that average vacancy rates for town centre shop units across the south west were 12.8%, which is 2.2% higher than Wiltshire's average shop vacancy rate of 10.6%. In Devizes, the rate was 7.9%. Wiltshire also has the 5th lowest crime rate in the country.

But it's not all good news. Weekly earnings in Wiltshire were significantly below the national average last year. House prices are higher than the national average, which is nice if you own your own home but tough if you are just starting out.

If you are one of those who are prospering, or at least doing moderately well, in these challenging times, then I urge you to do anything that you can to support the local community and the local economy. Try to buy local produce, use your local shops, and employ local tradesmen. If you are one of those who has some spare time, you might be able to volunteer to help local charities and good causes. There are numerous local groups that do wonderful things for the young, the old, the sick and the needy. Others entertain us or inform us or protect our heritage. It's good news, for example, that over 30 local residents have volunteered to keep Market Lavington's library open.

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

The Council wish to send condolences to the family of George Baker. He will be greatly missed in the village and his work for and generosity to the Youth Club and young people will be long remembered.

As you know, the Government is keen to develop land, and build many new homes over the next few years. In order to permit the development we wish to see in our village, we must, next year, develop a Village Plan. To do this we need to seek opinions from the public and we need to involve members of the community to work on a Committee to achieve this.

The Village Design Statement we all completed a few years ago will complement this, but we do need a Village Plan. This is a really important piece of work for the village to undertake, for if we do not have a plan, houses can be built wherever the Planning Authorities decide. If you would be willing to help us, please could you contact me at the number below.

I am pleased to report that in theory our recommendations to Wiltshire Council on the subject of our street lighting have been accepted, and we await their guidance.

The Council, with some help from the Village Hall Committee and Youth Club, have purchased new signage for the Reception Area, the BMX track and Robert's Playground. This will be installed very soon. We are also hoping to improve the drainage at the bottom end of the football pitch after some flooding in previous years.

Another priority for the Parish Council in the New Year will be out footpaths. We intend to carry out a survey of all the footpaths, and then form working parties to improve the ones that need it. For those footpaths beyond our capabilities, we will employ a contractor on a "one-off" basis and then hope to maintain them ourselves. If you feel you could volunteer a couple of hours a month to help us to clear the paths, we would love to hear from you. Contact details below.

The date of the December meeting of the Parish Council has been changed to Wednesday, 30th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Giles Room in the Village Hall. We welcome any members of the public.

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

20mph Limit: Further signage has now been placed outside Holy Trinity School, including the new crossing point. Following completion of this, Wiltshire Council will undertake further speed checks, to see if the desired effect is being achieved. So watch your speed! Wiltshire Council have decided to undertake a Residents' Survey, to determine feelings about the 20 mph limit before it is finally considered as permanent. This is likely to take place during November. We will give you more information as it becomes available. With regard to Holy Trinity School, parents are asked to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting their children – double parking can obstruct views of oncoming traffic and is dangerous.

HGV's: The Council has received a VERY positive response from the Devizes Area Board of Wiltshire Council, promising action to divert heavy lorries elsewhere. Parish Councillors will be attending a meeting of the Wiltshire Council Traffic Working Party in early November to maintain the pressure for change. If you see any problems caused by HGV's driving through the village, please email all the details you can to the Clerk.

Crime: The spate of burglaries continues with further incidents of tools being stolen and one house burglary. Please be vigilant and report any thefts or suspicious activities to the Police on their new number 101.

Worton & Cheverell Football Club: We welcome Worton & Cheverell Football Club under 13's team to their new home ground of the Pavilion. We are pleased to report that there has been some improvement with regard to dog fouling on the playing field and thank dog owners for their co-operation in this matter. Now that the field is being used regularly we would urge all dog owners to ensure that they clean up after their dogs.

X88 Saturday Bus: This service, which was due to be taken off, will now remain until after Christmas.

Diamond Jubilee 2012: We are planning to organise an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. We would appreciate receiving any suggestions you may have on how you would like this event to be celebrated.

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



HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY, GREAT CHEVERELL



We have had a wonderful term working through the theme of "Carnival" – ending with every child making themselves a costume for the procession. There were slave and freed slave costumes as well as a boat from Silbury class, a Chinese dragon and other Chinese themes from Sarum class, animal costumes and masks of all sorts from White Horse and Avebury classes following on from their work on Carnival of the Animals and various brightly coloured birds from Stonehenge class. Many parents and other members of the village communities including the local preschool and nursery school came to watch the procession to the church, where we had a short service with Reverend James Campbell – my thanks to all of you who came to support our children. It was a wonderful Autumn day with the bright colours and the fun-filled children making it a really memorable event.

Stonehenge class, our youngest children, had a birthday party with Mog the cat as part of their work on celebrations.

Avebury and White Horse classes went to the Cotswold Wildlife park and had a great time seeing some of the animals whose habits and habitats they had been studying. As ever, it was a joy to take the children out for the day – children at this school behave so beautifully and we always get favourable comments from people who meet them off site.

We have many links with various local schools and organisations to support our work and to ensure that children have a great time at school. Sports coaches come into our school each week from Dauntsey's school, our most able mathematicians in Year 5 had a course of maths challenges run by a teacher from Lavington school this term, competitions and tournaments with local schools take place regularly, and our children visit local sites such as the Cathedral in Salisbury, a'Beckett's vineyard, and Waitrose (to find out about food miles and to make some tasty dishes!).

With Christmas term coming up, we look forward to our two annual Christmas plays – one for the younger and one for the older children, the Christmas party, a magic show and all the wonderful and exciting learning that we do through the Christmas themes.

We welcome people from our local communities to come in and see our school – just phone 01380 813 796 to make an appointment. Photos and our weekly newsletter can be found on our website at www.holy-trinity.wilts.sch.uk.

Simply phone 01380 813 796 and make an appointment.

Great Cheverell Pre-School (Registered Charity)

invite you to a Nearly New & Second-hand Sale
Buy, sell or donate nearly new and good quality second-hand baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment.

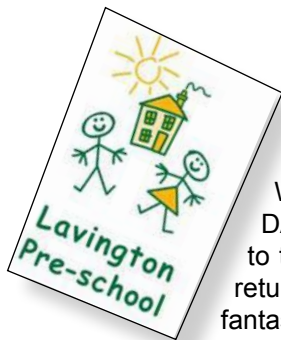
**On Saturday November 19th 10am - 12.30pm
Holy Trinity Primary School Hall, Great Cheverell.**

There will be something for all the family... delicious cakes, tea and coffee, tombola, face painting. To book a stall call 07941 201998 Sellers are charged a small commission or flat fee. Hosted by and proceeds to Great Cheverell Pre-School. Reg. Charity no. 1037654

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal begins on Saturday 29 October. Please give generously to the house-to-house collectors and/or in local businesses to support our ex-servicemen and women and their families. A recent example of Royal British Legion spending is to help fund the new facility for the seriously wounded at Tedworth House but help is given to those in need regardless of when they served.

The West Lavington RBL



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Our topic this term has been "The Power of Nature". We have been looking at the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". We have been re-enacting the story out on walks around DAPS' playing field, going on a bear treasure hunt and listening to the story. The children collected leaves and twigs; we then returned to the classroom and the children helped to make some fantastic pictures – Ollie the caterpillar, Bruce the snail, Jelly the lady bird and Chuckles the hedgehog. We have also been enjoying PE both outside on the school field and in the school hall.

AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd November, starting at 8:00 p.m. We will be looking for new members to join our Committee. Meetings are usually once a month and held on a Tuesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. and usually run for approximately one hour. If you would like to know more about becoming a member please speak to me or a member of staff.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING: Lavington Pre-school will be holding a Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 1st December at Lavington Pre-school. We will have a variety of stalls, and light refreshments. Please look out for our posters nearer the time for full details and join us for a fun evening!!!

RAG BAG COLLECTION: We received a cheque for £121.00 last week, so many thanks to everyone who donated their old clothes. We are still collecting, so please bring any unwanted textiles – old clothes, blankets or shoes down to pre-school and we will take them off your hands.

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BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL



For our 'Australian' session in October, only two members had managed to persevere with Tim Winton's *Cloud Street*. It was deemed a rather strange novel written in an odd style. The author flitted from character to character within two contrasting families sharing a house - which appeared to be a character in its own right! The group found this novel hard going and wondered how representative it was of this acclaimed author.

The majority of members enjoyed reading Kate Moreton's latest novel, *The Distant Hours*, although some felt the style rather ponderous. Most agreed the novel would benefit from a little editing to sharpen the author's impact but there was much to discuss, including the sub plots woven into the main narrative and the complex relationships between the characters. The group would recommend this book to others. although there was a feeling that it did not meet the high standards of the two previous novels.

Bookmark members meet again on Wednesday 9th November at Terri Parfitt's house in Little Cheverell. Novels under discussion will be *The White Woman on a Green Bicycle* by Monique Roffey and David Mitchell's latest challenge *A Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*. Our final reading group session this year will be held on Wednesday 7th December. Our thanks to Maggie O'Neill for hosting the October session.

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

The youngest age group at Under 7 level, have now moved their training on Saturday mornings to Five Lanes School Worton, starting at 10.00 a.m. Please ensure you bring your boots and shin pads to the training. New members are welcome on the day (or contact Lee 07879-418941). Some early matches for this age group produced goals galore. For most of the other younger age groups, training takes place at West Lavington pitches.

At the other end of the Club age groups, the Adult team recently beat Heytesbury away 5-2 in the Trowbridge and District League. Next fixture at home will be on 19 November at West Lavington Village Hall, k.o. 14.30 against FC Norhtbridge. Supporters welcome to attend (free entry).

The Under 9s' two teams had a joint fixture against Westbury, with the Wizards losing narrowly 2-1, with a goal from Ed in the early stages only for the opponents to draw level and then score a winner. Whilst the Badgers team, with goals from Jacob and Ethan, led to a 3-1 win.

At Under 11 level, following the 17-1 goal-feast against Derry Hill, complacency was needed against the following fixture against Bishops Cannings away on a very narrow pitch. End result was another resounding team victory beating the opponents 2-9. Well done !

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

October 11th

The Courts National Trust garden in Holt will be a busy place in the days before it closes for the winter at the end of October. The village hall in Great Cheverell was filled with an enthusiastic group of members and visitors who had all gathered to listen to Paul Alexander, the head gardener at the Courts. Paul's illustrated talk, which toured the garden, showed areas that had been developed or had needed attention and parts of the garden that were a riot of colour. He also spoke about his plans for the winter months, a time when much of the maintenance work is carried out. Many people left at the end of the evening determined to visit the gardens to see it all at first hand.

The next Tuesday meeting is on 8th November at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. The theme is Where do our Favourite Plants Come from? - the story of plant introductions in the UK, and we will be welcoming our speaker Marion Dale.

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



There are only a few tickets left for our next event on 18th November which will be a "Murder Mystery Supper". This will be held in West Lavington Village Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available from Michael Page on 818510. Tickets, which include supper and wine, are £15 for members and £18 for non-members.

Our Rugby World Cup Draw took place shortly before the first match. Our thanks to Joy Thomas for organising that, and may I remind you that 2012 Twinning Association calendars are available from The Bridge Inn at £7.99.

Next year we are planning a 3 day visit to the Normandy Beaches. Our thanks again to Joy Thomas for the itinerary.

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

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



Our Planning Meeting was held on Monday, 10th October and we are looking forward to welcoming some interesting speakers during 2012. Some of the topics will include "Bringing Christianity into the Classroom", "Working with Street Children in Vietnam", "The History of Dauntsey's School", etc.

At our next meeting on Monday, 14th November, we will be going to Easterton Parish Church (2.15 p.m.) where Sally Bullock will be showing us how to make Christmas wreaths. If anyone would like to join us you will be most welcome and we suggest that you may like to bring along some variegated holly to make your wreath.

Looking ahead to December, we will be having a Bring and Share Lunch on Monday, 12th December at Jeannie Gye's (76 High Street, Littleton Panell) at 12.30 p.m. followed by a Communion Service.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union you are always very welcome to come along to one of our meetings.

Val Noviss,(Secretary, West Lavington Branch)



WEST LAVINGTON WI

In October, members quietly settled back in their seats to listen to a wonderful narrative as our speaker, Mr. Newbury asked, "Are you sitting comfortably?" But as the WI has a reputation for making things, we should have known better. Of course there was a story, but we were to be shown how to make the book in which the tale could

be told! However, once our 'Once Upon A Time' eyes were open, we attacked the project with a gusto to rival Blue Peter; even if some of us had made one years earlier. It was a fun evening and Mr. Newbury is to be recommended for his creativeness and enthusiasm.

The WI coach trip to the Olympic Park was accurately described; it was indeed a coach trip to the Olympic Park. The fact that the coach didn't get any further than 100 yards in front of the fence, and that no-one even saw anything interesting from the window was another matter! For those on this £27 per person outing, the most interesting part of the day was the M & S lunch, where staff apparently produced a most fascinating in-store gadget! As the mind boggles, we are humbly reminded that we all make mistakes; even the WI.

However, the Regency Day at Rowde was a huge success. In the first half John White became our butler, showing how to set a table correctly with one set of cutlery, using bowls to wash the knives and forks between courses. We were told that the family of the house and their visitors would have breakfast and afternoon tea, lunch being for the working classes who were the only ones to eat root vegetables. Dinner was an elaborate affair from 7.30 p.m. until the early hours, where 'his & her' chamber pots were used during the meal for the diners' convenience! During the second half John didn't hang around as he modelled himself on the executioner at Tyburn!

And on a perfect summer's day we were taken on to the plains by Land Rover to seek out the Great Bustards. Binoculars were essential, although we did manage to get quite close at one time and were fortunate enough to spot eleven of these birds taking a short flight.

Sue and Rob Robson have kindly offered to host the WI firework party again this year, to be accompanied by a fish & chip supper (bring your own tittle!). Sally Bullock will be giving a Christmas Decoration Workshop in the Giles room on 8th December at 7.30 p.m. (interactive @ £5 per member) and it has been decided to have our festive meal on Tuesday 2nd January at The Owl, Little Cheverell.

Hild Marrow



FUNERALS

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

Arthur Aubrey GOLDSMITH of Market Lavington died aged 90 on 16th September. On 26th September a Thanksgiving service was held at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington followed by burial in the churchyard with his wife Betty.

Richard Patrick DALTON of West Lavington died on 11th August. A service of Thanksgiving was held at All Saint's Church, West Lavington and interment of ashes on 20th September.

George BAKER, aged 80, at All Saints Church, West Lavington on 7th October. A funeral service was held in West Lavington Church on 24th October.

Baptism

Thomas James Philip JOHNSTON was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Sunday 25th September.

Wedding

Christopher DRAKE and Alison Helen BAKER of West Lavington were married at Bishop Cannings on Saturday 3rd September.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The first prize of £40 was won by Chris Maddaford of West Lavington and the second, of £20, by Victor King of Little Cheverell. The draw was done by Dennis and Linda Alcock of Little Cheverell,

**Quentin Goggs,
Administrator of the 200 Club**

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

WORSHIP IN OUR SISTER CHURCHES

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

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Heavenly Economics

OK then, I thought I'd have a stab at addressing the world economic crisis. I mean, unless the news is punctuated by reports of the Defence Secretary's resignation, or the clearance of an illegal traveller camp, or the capture/killing of Gaddafi, the current economic situation is the big story. In the words of Bill Clinton's 1992 election campaign strategist, "It's the economy, stupid!"

Will Greece default on its debts? Will the Eurozone survive in its present form? Will the Government's deficit reduction programme do the job? To be honest, I don't actually know the answer to any of those questions. You see, I'm not an economist. If you are after my opinion on whether the Bank of England's latest round of quantitative easing will prove effective, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I really haven't a clue.

So, you might ask, "What's the point in him rather grandly proposing to address the world economic crisis in the pages of News & Views?" Good question.

Not so long ago politicians were promising an "end of boom and bust". They held before our wondering eyes the prospect of endless economic growth and prosperity. Some wise old souls doubted whether this could really be true, but most believed that "things can only get better". Then came the crash. Banks needed bailing out. Unemployment figures soared. Government cuts. Eurozone crisis. You get the picture.

Now, you'd be hard pressed to find something resembling a complete economic theory in the Bible. But for those who heed its message, the Good Book has some wise things to say about money. For example, "Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle." (Proverbs 23:5). Paul warns the wealthy against trusting in "uncertain riches" (1 Timothy 6:17). Our current economic woes are testimony enough to the truth of these words.

What's to be done? Jesus counsels us, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:20). Set your hearts on the true and lasting riches that come through knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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COVER PICTURE

For this month's picture I would you refer you to the report from Holy Trinity School at Great Cheverell, the liveliness of the occasion being vividly shown in this picture. This incidentally is the third successive cover picture to have emerged from Great Cheverell and we would be very happy to show something of the activities in West Lavington, Littleton Panell or Little Cheverell, either on the cover or within the body of the magazine.

Looking ahead, a reminder to contributors that the next issue of News and Views includes January as well as December.

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