

News and Views

October 2011



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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd October	9.30am * Half Hour	9.30am Parish Communion (Traditional)	11.00am Harvest Festival	11.00am Simple Celebration	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9th October	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am * United Service at Trinity	9.30am * Parish Communion	11.00 a.m. United Service at Trinity in ML Community Hall	6.00pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)
16th October	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)
23th October	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am * Half Hour		11.00am Parish Communion (BCP)	6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival
30th October	10.30 a.m. St Mary's, Market Lavington Benefice Parish Communion – Preacher Mark Bonney, Treasurer, Salisbury Cathedral				
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.

Dear Friends,

I was watching 'Match of the Day' last night (18th September). After each match there is the customary interview with the manager. Along with a number of other clubs, Stoke City had had a bad day, losing 4-0. The post-match interview isn't easy in those circumstances. Their manager Tony Pulis chose to widen the discussion, to put their defeat into a broader context. He talked about the tragic deaths of four miners in Wales and the need to look outside the bubble that top footballers live in.

The day before I'd had an email from a Ugandan friend. Joseph lives in Karamoja, the remote, arid and very poor north-eastern district. He wrote a little about what it's like living amongst people who are on the edge of human existence; about how sometimes it feels as if those around him are drowning.

The financial difficulties afflicting the world at this time present massive problems and the repercussions are affecting us. But taking a broader look at life in this country, the fact remains that the majority of us remain amongst the most fortunate people on the planet.

For the Christian, the big picture is of an unchanging God, utterly dependable; of Jesus who is *'the same yesterday, today and forever'* (Hebrews 13:8). Whatever life throws at us, we can be assured that God will continue to love us come-what-may and that he will never abandon us even if it doesn't always feel like that to us.

James Campbell

**LITTLE CHEVERELL
HARVEST SERVICE**

All denominations welcome
 Sunday 23rd October at 6.00 p.m.
 followed by
 HARVEST SUPPER in the
 VILLAGE HALL at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets for supper £7.50
 – Phone 816318
 We look forward to seeing you.

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell
 The Vicarage, Market Lavington
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 Rev'd Ann Cocking (01380) 812763

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

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Easterton: 2nd October at 11.00 a.m.
 Little Cheverell: 23rd October at 6.00 p.m.

All contributions of produce will be gratefully received. Tins and packets will be given to Devizes Food Bank.

The Devizes Food Bank help many living on the edge of poverty within the Kennet area. Last year more than 500 boxes were distributed to people in need locally. DFB welcome tins and packets of: Milk (long life or dried), pasta sauces, cereal, tinned meat, tea, tinned tomatoes, sugar (granulated), tinned fruit, biscuits, rice pudding, fruit juice (long life), snacks, chocolate, instant mash, sponge pudding, fish, soup and tinned vegetables; (they currently have shortages of items underlined). DFB cannot accept fresh or frozen items.

Fruit and veg. brought to decorate the churches will be available to purchase after the services and what is left over will be given away.

If you're not planning to come to a Harvest Service in Church, you could still drop off donations of food for DFB either in one of the wooden boxes provided at the back of most of our churches or at the checkout at Sainsbury's or Morrisons in Devizes.

Anyone willing to help organise events (e.g. DFB carnival float) please contact info@devizesfoodbank.co.uk or 078 0797 3605

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

The Soapbox Derby Committee would like to offer the residents of Cheverell, family, friends and the surrounding villages our sincere thanks for all of the support, kindness and generosity you showed in helping us to put on our inaugural Party at the Pavilion event over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

We think that it was a success - brilliantly attended and people seemed to be enjoying themselves! And, thanks to you, we are very proud to say that we raised just over £3,500 to donate to Cancer Research UK, specifically toward breast cancer research.

Editor's thanks to Mr John Hannavy for the photograph of the wheelbarrow event, used as our cover for this edition.

Thanks so much again,
 and very best wishes,
 The Soapbox Derby Committee

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL BINGO

There will be an Autumn Bingo evening on Monday 24th October in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Wide variety of prizes to be won and also a raffle. Come along and enjoy an evening of fun with the chance of winning something!

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

HARVEST LUNCH

**in aid of Farm Africa
 Soup & Ploughman's (£7.00)**
 Friday, 21st October at 12.30 p.m.
 Market Lavington Community Hall
 Raffle - All Welcome
 Names/Numbers please (for catering) to Liz & Dave Thom 818335 Or Liz.thom2@btinternet.com

BLOOD DONING SESSION

At West Lavington Village Hall on Friday, 7th October
 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

BLOOD DONORS

Dates in 2012 for your diaries

Friday 17th February at Community Hall, Market Lavington
 Thursday 3rd May at Village Hall, West Lavington
 Thursday 16th August at Community Hall Market Lavington
 Friday 5th October at Village Hall West Lavington

Sessions times as before
 Many thanks to you all for your continued support of these local sessions.

Julia Ford, Tel 812365

DUCK STREET FAIR

In aid of Cancer Research UK, Rowdeford School Charity (Hugo Halkes Charitable Trust)

Tuesday, 4 OCTOBER 6 – 9 p.m. & Wednesday, 5 OCTOBER 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

New Stalls and Old Favourites

BRING AND BUY CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

at

Brookfields, Duck Street
 West Lavington SN10 4LG
 (Bo Miles-Hobbs 01380 813082)
Entrance £2.00 including coffee

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR

In aid of Bath, Salisbury & Swindon Hospices

**MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2011
 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM**

THE CORN EXCHANGE

A Wide Choice Of Exciting Stalls
 Please Support Us - Bring Your Friends
 Last year this event raised £7,000

MARKET LAVINGTON LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 2:00pm -7:00pm
 Fridays 10:00am - 5:00pm

What's On this month

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WHITE HORSE OPERA

presents Orpheus in the Underworld

12th, 14th & 15th October Devizes Corn Exchange at 7.30pm

White Horse Opera's new production is suitably racy and features an array of singers who are well-known to its regular audiences. Rebecca Hiller [Eurydice] and Neil Kirkman [Jupiter] both made a strong impact in last year's *Sonnambula*, and Tom Magnone and Alexandra Denman make a welcome return to the company to play Orpheus and his severe guide Public Opinion. The production is conducted by our resident Musical Director Arne Kovac and directed by Chrissie Higgs, who staged the recent successful tour of *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Tickets £5-£15 are on sale now at Devizes Books 01380-725944

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.

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

Future Dates:

Saturday October 29th

BRIDESMAIDS

Saturday December 10th

MR POPPERS PENGUINS

CINEMA NIGHTS AT MARKET LAVINGTON

Trinity Church utilize a monthly Cinema Night at the Market Lavington Community Hall at 7 for 7.30 p.m. The film choices are shown below and tickets will be available from either the Market Lavington Post Office or from a'Beckett's Vineyard in Littleton Panell when the vineyard shop is open.

We run a licensed bar and provide a really good show including a loop system for those needing to utilize hearing aids.

Tickets are just £5.00

Saturday, October 22nd 7.30 p.m.

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

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.

CELEBRATORY ORGAN CONCERT

A concert to celebrate Steeple Ashton's newly re-furbished organ will be held in the village's fine church on Saturday, 22nd October.

Paul Beniston, principal trumpet of the London Philharmonic, whose parents live in the village, will join the nationally acclaimed husband and wife organ duettists, Maureen McAllister and Robin Jackson, in a programme of accessible, mostly pre-20th century music including Bach and Handel.

McAllister and Jackson have been joint organists at St Bartholomew's church in Corsham for the past 27 years and are much in demand from other churches in the area.

Tickets are available on 01380 870660.

FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY SKITTLES EVENING

On Friday 28th of October there will be a Skittles Evening at the Rose and Crown in the High Street, Worton. This is aimed at raising funds to enable us to buy equipment to improve the treatment for our patients and also have some fun on the way. So come along; tickets are £5 each which cover the cost of a light supper and will be available soon from the surgery and the Rose and Crown. Bring some friends and have a good time! Ability to play skittles is NOT required!

**The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
with Trinity Church**

**'Why and How
do I pray?'**

An opportunity to experience a typical session from the

Alpha Course.

Starts at 7.30pm
with Supper

Easterton Church

Wednesday 19 October

To book a place for the evening please
contact the Benefice Office (816963) or
email lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com
or talk to James & Mary Campbell,
Chris & Babs Cory & Beth Warren.

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Peter and Janine Fanshawe again had their garden open in August in order to raise Income for the Village Hall. Their garden was as usual in immaculate condition and those who came along enjoyed wandering around looking at the flowers and the produce. We were also entertained by the ducks who had to be shepherded to the stream, having taken a shine to the small pond and the goldfish. We raised a total of £174.00 from the teas, raffle and gate money. The afternoon was most enjoyable and we would like to thank Janine Peter and Tom for all their hard work on the day.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At the recent meeting, it was reported that the painting work in the Giles room, Ladies and disabled toilets had been completed and other minor improvements, e.g. new mirrors added.

The Stage curtains' mechanism is now secured to prevent misuse and damage, and the velux blinds should be operational shortly. Quotes are being sought for a minor repair to the roof.

Other items discussed included the difficulties of using basic kitchen facilities (water/sink) if hiring the Giles Room and this matter is being investigated, as well as the proposed joint signage with the Parish Council and the Youth Club for the hall, playgrounds and playing field.

The old piano at the village hall is being dispensed with. If there is anybody who would like to have it (free), please contact me (tel 812365) or Mike May (tel 812574). Buyer collects !

All hirers are reminded that the facilities should be left in a clean and tidy state (as you would wish to find it), with all tables and chairs returned to the correct storage areas.

Brooms and dustpan/brushes are available for your use in the (unlocked) cupboard in the Gents' Changing Room.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th November 2011.

Julia Ford

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the October meeting of the club, which will be held at in West Lavington Village Hall, at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19th, Mr F.Swift will give a talk on *Bee Keeping*.

The subject of this month's competition is a Vase of Mixed Flowers.

WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Time to Wrap up Warm!

That time of year is creeping upon us once again and I for one am not sure if I'm ready to be swaddled in layers of clothes as I go about my daily business. But, as the evenings are drawing in, I thought it would be timely to write a few lines about keeping warm, and to say that there may be grants and payments available if you are struggling to keep your home heated.

Fuel poverty (where a household spends more than 10% of its annual income on heating the home) affects approximately four million households in the UK.

Older people are particularly vulnerable in cold weather-Professor Ian Philip-National Director for Older People says that older people should think-

- **Head**- 50% of the body's heat is lost through the head.
- **Heart**- Changes in body temperature, going from hot to cold and cold to hot can make the blood stickier which can lead to heart problems. Wrap up warm, inside and out. Several thin layers of clothes are better than one thick layer. Don't forget to wear hats, gloves and scarves. If possible, stay inside during a cold period if you have heart or respiratory problems.
- **Hip**-Protect yourself from falls by being careful whilst out and about and ensure you wear suitable footwear.
- **Home**-Make sure your home is kept warm and well insulated. Your main living room should be between around 18-21C (64-70F) and the rest of the house at a minimum of 16C (61F). You can also use a hot-water bottle or electric blanket (but not both at the same time) to keep warm while you're in bed.

Remember also to keep active. Move around at least once an hour and don't sit down for long periods of time. Even light exercise will help keep you warm.

Look out for elderly friends and neighbours. Check they're safe and well through the winter. Make sure they're warm enough, especially at night, and have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather. Loneliness can also be a problem so do stay and have a chat if at all possible.

For more information on grants and payments available, or if you have concerns about another matter or a neighbour or friend, please contact Jo Loring-Fisher-Good Neighbour Coordinator for The Lavingtons, Easterton and Urchfont Tel: 07557 110 417, or email-gncaarea09@communityfirst.org.uk

Jo Loring-Fisher, Good Neighbour Coordinator
Source www.nhs.uk

LOCAL POLICE REPORT

We have recently been experiencing a mini wave of non-dwelling burglaries, predominantly to sheds, across the South Rural area. We have made a number of arrests and the number of offences reported is falling. However we must remain vigilant. I would urge you all to make sure that your valuable garden machinery and tools are kept secure and that any outbuildings are secured with a good quality padlock or similar. A new police non-emergency telephone number will be introduced in Wiltshire along with other South West forces on Monday 19th September.

The 101 non-emergency number is being launched as a part of a national roll-out. Our current non emergency number 0845 408 7000 will be phased out from this date. While 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54 per cent of the public knew which telephone number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues. To help publicise the launch of this number and to encourage people to use it, local officers will be in Devizes Market Place during the morning of 22nd September with the Police display vehicle. Please do not use the 101 number until the 19th of September as it will not be in place until then. As technology changes so we must keep up; you can also now follow Devizes Police on Twitter at @DevizesPolice for updates and information. Your local NPT officers are PC Gareth MILNES, PCSO Nina MARSH and PCSO Fiona Marno

BORN AGAIN HOSTELRIES

At a time when public houses throughout the country are closing down – not least our beloved *Wheatsheaf* which never recovered from being renamed *The Stagepost*, it is cheering to record the energy and imagination that has gone into reviving two such in the area.

In the first case, *The Owl* at Little Cheverell, which has languished for some time has now been open for ten weeks and is fast becoming recognized as being an Inn of destination. In the words of Jeremy Mitchell, the new resident, "This is not only because of its fine, home-cooked Pub food, its real ale and its warm and welcoming ambience, but also the gorgeous terrace overlooking the green and verdant valley beyond. The staff are friendly, the fresh food is almost all locally garnered and organic and the welcome is universal....all are greeted with a smile.

With dog walk days, Quiz nights and a breakfast club all planned in the near future we are at the heart of the community here in Low Road, Little Cheverell, SN10 4JS Tel: 01380 813 630.' So there you are' and our best wishes to him.

Meanwhile at Tilshead, *The Rose and Crown*, the one remaining Public House, has been refurbished and offers, apart from its real ales, wines etc., a full menu of meals and snacks including weekly specials, Sunday roasts, catch of the day fresh fish specials on Fridays and Saturdays. There is a newly formed Plain Folk Club, held on the first Sunday of each month from 7 p.m. onwards for music, sung and played. In the spirit of the past year, the new sign shows a portrait of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Restaurant Opening Hours 12.00-2.30 and 6.30-9.00 Mon-Sat (Sun 12.00-4.00) and the Bar 12.00-3.00 and 6.00-11.00 Mon-Thurs, and extended times at the weekend Fri 12.00-3.00 and 6.00-12.00, Sat 12.00-12.00 and Sun 12.00-10.00. Pre-Christmas menu now available as well as details of Christmas and Boxing Day. Likewise our best wishes to Teresa Capon (01980 621062).

FRESH FROM SPAIN

We are a young couple who have just moved in to the local area after 12 years of living in Andalucia.

I have over 10 years experience teaching Spanish and can offer private tuition in grammar and conversation for GCSE, AS level and A level, as well as teaching adult learners of any level.

My husband Tristram has designed and maintained several gardens in Andalucia and is available for many aspects of garden work, (lawns, pruning, tree work, dry stone walling) He is on hand as your local "Gentleman Gardener" and is full of creative input if you have a corner of your garden you would like to transform.

Why not give us a call on 01380 840407 or e mail tigreymel@gmail.com

Melanie Templer

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

Following the success of the coffee morning, held in May in support of West Lavington Youth Club, Jeannie O'Flynn has agreed to hold another at Wyneshore House on Saturday, 19th November. We hope that all those who supported us last time will come again. In view of the date, there is likely to be an element of Christmas in some of the activities

By the time you are reading this edition we will have held our first joint Youth Club with Market Lavington. This will have taken place on Friday evening 23 September at The Old School and if successful will continue into next year. We are providing the staff and expertise, and there is an extensive programme planned through the Autumn and Winter. Market Lavington are providing the funding, the venue, equipment and some volunteers. By the way, all villages are welcome to attend.

This means that there will be Youth Club activities on three nights a week. Monday night for the younger members, following the really successful time they have had during the summer, and Wednesday for older members, both at West Lavington. With Friday night at Market Lavington.

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

WEST LAVINGTON LOGS FOR SALE Good Quality Seasoned Hardwood Logs

Logs cut to size – now available
£130 a load (full trailer) – Half
Loads available -£78

Free local delivery (3 miles radius
of West Lavington) or buyer collect
Please call 813113 or 07977 058 304

WHIST CLUB

On August the 26th during the interval of the Whist Drive a small surprise party was held for Mrs Joan Coles. The Friday Whist drive had been organised by Mrs Coles for at least 20 years. The regular players wished to thank Mrs Coles for providing so many evenings of entertainment. A short thanks was given by one of the regular whist players together with a card signed by all those present. After enjoying the refreshments provided by the members, the card playing resumed with great enjoyment.

The Friday Whist Drive continues at 7.30 each Friday; new players are welcome.

FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON

Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) Erlestoke is a Category C adult male prison and is the only prison in Wiltshire. When men leave Erlestoke, they are faced with the many challenges of settling back into the community and managing their lives without falling back into old habits and re-offending. Research has shown that the men are much less likely to re-offend if they have a home, a job and have stayed in touch with their families and children whilst in prison. But some prisoners are released with nowhere to call home and support from friends or family is not always available.

The Friends of Erlestoke Prison has recently been established to help support offenders with these challenges and also to help them keep in touch with their partners and children whilst completing their sentence. The charity aims to:

- Promote & support the rehabilitation of prisoners who are or have been prisoners at HMP Erlestoke.
- Encourage and support the HMP Erlestoke community and prisoners' families to work towards achieving a reduction in re-offending rates
- Raise awareness & promote understanding locally of HMP Erlestoke.

The charity has five trustees and a small committee of enthusiastic local individuals who will continually seek ways to help the prison, staff and prisoners. The committee will hold regular meetings and work with a forum within the prison, which will keep the 'Friends' abreast of issues and challenges facing the prison. The forum will be made up of staff and prisoners who also propose projects and initiatives, which require funding or support.

We are a new charity and would welcome support from local people in our work with the prisoners, their families and their children. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, make a donation or become a 'Friend', please email:

info@friendsoferlestokeprison.com

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

I have two matters to mention this month.

First, you may have noticed that the Boundary Commission has published its initial proposals for re-drawing constituency boundaries so that the number of MPs can be reduced. In England, the number will fall from 533 to 502. Parishes in the Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division and in the Ethandune Division would be affected by these proposals.

The Lavingtons & Erlestoke (which comprises Erlestoke, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, West Lavington and Worton) would become part of a new constituency called Warminster and Shaftesbury, which would extend from here to Winterbourne Stickland, near Blandford Forum. The constituency would also include Westbury but not Ethandune (which includes the parishes of Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington and Heywood). These would become part of a new Trowbridge constituency.

If you agree with me that The Lavingtons & Erlestoke should stay in the Devizes constituency, then you have until 5 December to say so. Similarly, you may agree that Ethandune should stay linked with Westbury rather than Trowbridge.

Further information and a reply form can be found at <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Second, some highway changes are coming. On the B3098 between Westbury and Little Cheverell, all the unrestricted sections (i.e. subject to the national speed limit of 60 mph) will be restricted to 50 mph. The Traffic Regulation Orders for this will be published in October with implementation in December. On the A360, the unrestricted section between Littleton Panell and Potterne Wick will also become 50 mph, with a section from Potterne Wick to Potterne reduced to 40 mph. Orders will be published in January for implementation in March.

Major repair work is also planned. The A360 from Potterne to the Heron Bridge Layby at Frieth will close for five nights from 17 October. The A360 through Littleton Panell and West Lavington is due for major resurfacing in March, so disruption may be expected then too. It's all in a good cause!

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 meeting was held on 1st September.

We were pleased to welcome Sandra Gamble to her first meeting as Councillor and to welcome back Bridget Green after her illness.

Unfortunately we had no police representation, but we have been in receipt of correspondence asking that the public phone 101 to report non urgent matters. This replaces the 0800 number. (Fuller details about this appear in the Cheverell Magna Parish Council Report and in the local Police report)

Concern was expressed about parking near to junctions, especially in the vicinity of Russell Mill Lane and outside the hairdressers. We would ask that customers leave the junction clear when parking.

Fields are now being ploughed for next year's crops, and we have been asked by the Rights of Way officer to remind landowners that they have a duty to reinstate cross field rights of way paths to a width of one metre, and maintain field edge boundary bridleways to a width of three metres.

Liz Evans (Chair)

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 Trial: Further to the report in the last News & Views we haven't as yet received the agreed new signage outside the school and therefore the proposed speed monitoring exercise will be delayed, probably until early October.

HGV's: We are still pursuing a reduction of HGV traffic for Great Cheverell. The Parish Council is aware that there have been a number of incidents of lorries causing major disruption. Residents are asked that if they see such events, to note the date, time, name of haulier, nationality of vehicle and time taken to clear other vehicles if possible and send this information to the Clerk. Thank you.

Burglaries: The spate of burglaries in the village is still ongoing. Tools and other equipment have been stolen. The Police would like to know of any item that has been stolen.



101 – new non emergency Police number: From 19th September communities across Wiltshire were able to dial 101, a new national non-emergency telephone number for the Police Service. The current non emergency number 0845 408 7000 will be phased out. The new number, 101, will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers should use 101 to report less urgent crime or disorder, to contact the police with a general enquiry or to speak to a local officer. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can text-phone 18001 101. To report emergencies please continue to use the 999 number.

Website: We are pleased to report that our website has been updated and will be up and running by beginning of October, so do come and visit us there and find out more about what is going on in your community.

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

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**

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Connect at Erlestoke or Great Cheverell to use this service.

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GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL FREE EVENTS AT THE PRE-SCHOOL FOR JULY

If it's October it must be autumn leaves, muddy walks and quite a lot of wet clothes.

It's all part of the pre-school season but for each new batch of 2 and 3 year olds joining us every puddle is a new experience and judging velocity, altitude and depth of puddle to ensure nobody remains dry is a skill best learnt by practice. Then there will be a lot of leaves to stick, cover with paint, dry until they crunch or make into collages. And the things we can do with conkers and hazel nuts would put a squirrel to shame. If you think you might be missing out on some fun please contact Gill Tayler to register your child or arrange a trial session.

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



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

It was lovely to welcome back all of our children following a lovely summer break, and we are really pleased to welcome our new starters to Amazon class, plus several new children across the school. This year, our learners in Amazon class had a three week induction programme, which was a combination of mornings at school plus additional home visits when Mrs Kerr was able to visit children in their own environment and

on Monday 19th September all eighteen of our new starters began their learning journey full time!

This term our whole school topic is *Powers of Nature* and already children are engrossed in their learning, and learning lots of new facts about the world around them.

Teachers are once again delivering an outstanding curriculum besides several after school clubs for our children to enjoy such as Rugby, Chess, Football, Cookery, Parachute, Choir, Dance and Gardening.

We have lots of fun events in the diary for the forthcoming month, notably our Year 6 extended residential visit to Pencil, school trips to supplement learning, and our on-going programme of celebration assemblies.

We are this year having our Harvest Celebration at All Saints Church on Friday 7th October; we hope you will be able to join us. The school will be, once again this year, working in conjunction with Devizes food bank, and will be collecting food to distribute in the local area to those who need it the most, so we would welcome any and all donations. Thank you for your continuing support

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

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.15pm to 6.45pm,

TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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Autumn Term starts Sunday 11th September

& ends Sunday 11th December, 2011

(24 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

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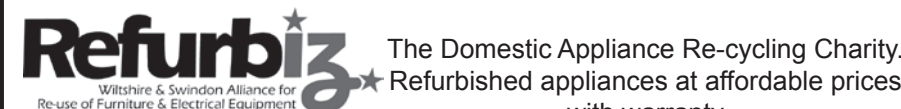
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LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We would like to welcome everyone back after our Summer Holidays, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome, 4 new families this term. We have been settling in all our children and we have been looking at our Golden Rules, re-introducing the children to our 'tidy-up time' music, PE, sitting quietly at circle time, song time and story time and most importantly having fun!!!

Our topic this term is *The Power of Nature*. We have already been out listening to the wind, catching leaves and making our very own wishing tree. We hope to make the best of the autumn weather by getting out in our back garden which was extended during the summer holidays, out on the school playing field, and some of the children have already asked to go out on a walk so maybe a nature trail or two!!

Once again we are collecting the Morrison's "LETS GROW" Vouchers, so if you have any unwanted vouchers, please feel free to pop down and either post them through our letter box or hand them in to a member of staff.

We are always collecting any unwanted textiles – old clothes, blankets or shoes. So again if you have had a good spring clean and would like to find a good home for your unwanted items, please bring them down to pre-school and we will take them off your hands.

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



HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY, GREAT CHEVERELL

We are delighted to announce that our school opened as an academy on 1st September! We are one of the first primary schools in Wiltshire and the first primary school in the Diocese of Salisbury to convert to an academy. The outstanding judgement from Ofsted allowed us to move through the process relatively easily and we are very excited about the opportunities and freedoms that have been made available to us as a result of this change in status. Children helped us design a new logo which reflects the name of our school, (the triangle symbolising the Trinity) and the fact that we are all equal (symbolised by the equilateral nature of the triangle). Our new website can be seen at www.holy-trinity.co.uk.

We like to make learning in our school as engaging and fun-filled as possible – to that end, we are using the theme of "Carnival" for our learning this term. We will do almost all our literacy, much of our science, geography, history, PSHE, design technology, art and music through this theme. We invite everyone to come to Great Cheverell on **Tuesday 18th October at about 1.50pm** to watch our brightly coloured mini carnival parade through the village. We shall walk down Green Lane, through Bartletts and then up the High Street to the church, where we will have a brief service of thanksgiving for this beautiful country we live in, with all its diversity. It would make the event more fun for the children if there are people lining the route, particularly in the High Street, so do come along, if you can, and see the culmination of the half term's work.

Our school came second in their class in the Devizes carnival at the beginning of September – well done to our families who worked hard to put the entry together and had a great time taking part in the event.

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2012 need to apply for a place by January 15th. Applications are made the County and can be done online. Parents can name three schools, with the first school being their top preference. The County administrators try to get as many children into their first preference school as possible. Sometimes that school is full and in that case, parents will be offered their second or third preference, and if all those are full, County administrators will offer a place at the nearest school with a vacancy. Do come along and see our school if you feel it might be the right place for your child –

Simply phone 01380 813 796 and make an appointment.

WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.
'The Badgers'



The season has now started for all age groups within this Club from Under 7s to Adult, with some early encouraging results.

The Under 9s are in their first season where results can now be officially published (rules of the F.A dictate that at the younger age group this cannot be done for fairness reasons...). Playing at mini-soccer level, they played their first match against Castle Combe. Goals from Etham and Jacob secured a worthwhile 2-1 win for the Badgers on their new pitch at Holy Trinity, Gt Cheverell. Looking forward to the season ahead.

At Under 11 level, it was the second time they had ever played at 11-a-side level (with offsides) – both times against Warminster Highbury, winning 4-0 in a pre-season friendly, and then 4-2 in the first League match. Congratulations was given by the Referee on the players' and supporters' attitude, which is something the Club pride themselves on by trying to uphold the F.A. Respect campaign (which is not always seen in today's Premiership).

Training for most of the younger age groups takes place every Saturday morning from around 09.30 at West Lavington Village Hall pitches. All newcomers are welcome to attend on the day, and if you wish to join the Club at any age group, please contact the relevant coach shown on the Club website.

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk>
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Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him ... a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

Apologies from the Editor who read this somewhere.

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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



By the time you read this, we will have held our "Casino Night" complete with "funny money". The next event is on 18th November and will be a "Murder Mystery Supper". This will be held in West Lavington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available via any committee member.

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 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

BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, our reading group had to change venue in September for the Biography session; we'd like to thank Bernie Maltby for stepping in to host at the last moment. Amongst the life stories discussed were Laurie Lee (1914 – 1997) and Linda Grant's *Remind Me Who I Am Again*, the award winning account of her mother's dementia. Also, *Mao's Last Dancer*, the autobiography of Li Cunxin; which suitably tied in with the film version showing at Cheverell's Pavilion.

Bookmark's next session will be held at Terri Parfitt's house in Little Cheverell on Wednesday 5th October. This will be focused on two Australian Writers; Kate Morton's *The Distant Hours* and *Cloud Street* by Tim Winton, an author unknown to the group.

Hild Marrow



Mothers' UNION

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We were whisked off to Syria on the afternoon of Monday, 12th September... though not literally of course, but through the illustrated talk given by our Overseas Speaker, Jane Pelly. Jane arrived

dressed in Syrian costume and also showed us another pretty dress which in Syria would be worn to a party. Jane went on a pilgrimage to Damascus in 2009 with a church group from Salisbury. Damascus, which is the capital of Syria, is the oldest continually inhabited city in the world. Syria itself is a small country about the size of Great Britain, with a population of 22 million. This number consists of 86% Muslim, 10% Christian and the remaining section is composed of small groups from other religions. Jane concluded by giving a brief report on the recent uprising there. Our next meeting will be a planning meeting and this will be held on Monday, 10th October at 2.15 p.m. in The Vicarage, White Street, West Lavington.

Val Noviss



WEST LAVINGTON WI

On September 8th, West Lavington WI members met in the Giles Room for a combined business and social meeting; the emphasis being Down Memory Lane. After browsing past records carefully collected by earlier members, we rather felt we were letting the side down if we didn't produce a scrapbook to continue the good work. Watch

Meanwhile, the next WI session will be on 13th October, when our speaker Mr Newbury will be asking Are we sitting comfortably? This will also be the evening for the Ella Parry Cup competition for the tastiest shortbread – so attendance will be high!

On November 10th Mrs Marianne Dyer will be speaking on Building the Olympic Games and the Christmas Decoration Workshop will be held by Sally Bullock on December 8th.

Hild Marrow

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

All About Prairie Planting at The Cheverells' Garden Club on September 13th

If you thought 'Prairie Planting' was just about grasses then you would have found out a very different story from Dinah Lindon-Critchley at the Cheverells' Garden Club September meeting.

Dinah showed pictures of her Prairie Planting borders which were just the kind of borders that many of us would like to have- and could aim for, full of colour as well as gentle shades. Dinah includes many perennial flower plants in her schemes which when mixed in with the grasses just look fantastic. She advocated planting 'swathes' of plants to make an impact and not to dot plants about and to use grasses to 'look through'

Dinah had brought a good selection of plants for sale and these were eagerly snapped up.

Next month's meeting on Tuesday 11th October will be Paul Alexander, Head Gardener, The Courts Garden, and he will be talking about Managing a National Trust garden.

Start time: 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Great Cheverell Village hall; visitors are very welcome for a charge of £2.

WORSHIP IN OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Trinity Church, Market Lavington (United Church):

Services each Sunday in the Community Hall 10:30am

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Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington:

Sunday 11 am and 6 pm (Secretary J. Coxhead 01373 823038)



FUNERALS

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

Audrey Margaret GILLETT of West Lavington, died on 25th August aged 73 years. Her funeral at All Saints' Church was followed by burial in the churchyard on 5th September 2011.

Philip James SAINSBURY of Market Lavington died aged 61 years on 27th August.

His funeral at Semington Crematorium was on 12th September 2011.

A Thanksgiving Service for **Richard Patrick Dalton** was held in West Lavington Church on 20th September. Richard died, aged 65, on August 11th.

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

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Thanks for nothing!

Bart Simpson saying grace at the meal table, "Dear God, we paid for all this stuff ourselves, so thanks for nothing." I suggest that the attitude of the brattish Bart Simpson is one that is widely shared. Why should we thank God for stuff that we paid for with our hard earned cash? Maybe that is one of the reasons why so few people (other than regular churchgoers) attend Harvest Services these days. The old harvest hymn exhorts us, "Come, ye thankful people, come, join the song of harvest-home". We reply, "What? Thanks for nothing."

But Bart Simpson's grace, if it can be called that, is rather short sighted. Who is it that gives us the health and strength we need to go out to work and earn our crust? Who is it that causes the sun to shine and rain to fall so that crops grow? Who is it that has blessed this planet with such a wonderful variety of tasty and nutritious foods? That's right, it's God. He created this world and he continues to provide us with every good and perfect gift.

And God has given us much more than our daily bread. Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51). Jesus came into our world as Man. He died for our sins and rose again. Those who believe in him will live forever.

Such generous grace demands a grateful response, "God, our Creator and Saviour, thanks for everything!"

Join us for Harvest Praise on Sunday 2nd October 11am & 6pm.

Pastor: Guy Davies Tel: 01373 826727

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Website: <http://www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk/>

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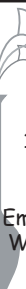
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