

News and Views

April 2012



*Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
April 2012*

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st April Palm Sunday	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Palm Sunday & Communion	11.00 am Palm Sunday Service	4.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Maundy Thursday			7 pm Agape Meal		
Good Friday		2 pm Service of Music and Readings	4 pm Procession with Cross Starting at the Royal Oak		
8th April Easter Day	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Easter Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion
15th April Easter 2	9.30 am Parish Communion 10.45 am Annual Parish Meetings	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion
22nd April Easter 3	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service*		5.00 pm Evening Prayer 5.45 pm Annual Parish Meetings	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
29th April Easter 4	10.30 am Benefice Parish Communion				

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.

Dear Friends,

Church bells are a particularly evocative sound across the villages of our nation. It is said that during the Napoleon's Austrian campaign his army advanced to within six miles of the town of Feldkirch. It looked as though his men would capture the town without resistance. But as Napoleon's army advanced toward their object in the night, the Christians of Feldkirch gathered in their little church to pray. It was Easter Eve.

The next morning at sunrise the bells of the village pealed out across the countryside. Napoleon's army, not realising what day it was, thought that the Austrian army had moved into the town in the night and the bells were ringing in celebration. Napoleon ordered his army to retreat and a battle never took place.

As Easter is celebrated again this month, churches and cathedrals around the world will ring their bells – not to sound Jesus Christ's death knell, but to declare his victory over death. He is the risen Lord. Because of him our greatest enemy – death itself – has been defeated.

To any observer of the crucifixion, the figure spread-eagled on the cross, robbed of all freedom and powerless, must have appeared to represent total defeat. But the events of two days later changed everything. Jesus' resurrection promises the believer also that death can be overcome, and that new life can be ours because of what Jesus has done for us.

Happy Easter!

James Campbell

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

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

Sunday 29th April

To mark the retirement of Ann Cocking and also to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the creation of this United Benefice of five parishes on 26th April 2002, there will be a special joint service at St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington, at 10.30am to which all are warmly invited to attend. After the service there will be refreshments at The Old School.

JMC

2012 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS IN THE 5 PARISHES

MARKET LAVINGTON

Sunday 15th April at 10.45 a.m., after the 9.30 a.m. Communion Service.

EASTERTON

Sunday 15th April at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong .

WEST LAVINGTON

Sunday 22nd April at 10.15 a.m., after 9.30 a.m. Half Hour Service.

GREAT CHEVERELL

Sunday 22nd April at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong.

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

JMC

CHANGES TO THE PATTERN OF SERVICES FROM 1st MAY

Market Lavington:

2nd Sunday: No 8.00 a.m. Communion. United Service at 11.00 a.m.

West Lavington: - no changes.

Easterton:

1st Sunday: Parish Communion not Matins.

3rd Sunday: Matins not Parish Communion.

Great Cheverell

1st Sunday: 'Simple Celebration'/Communion by Extension at 9.30, not 11.00am

3rd Sunday: 'Welcome to Worship' **continues at 9:30 a.m. (not 11.00 a.m.)**

Little Cheverell

1st Sunday: Matins at 11.00 a.m. not 8.00 a.m. Communion.

2nd Sunday: Communion at 8.00 a.m. not 11.00 a.m.

JMC.



Palm Sunday and Holy Week



In addition to our usual Sunday Services all are welcome to join in with these different activities remembering Christ's journey to the cross and celebrating His resurrection.

Palm Sunday 1st April Annual Walk: East to West through the parishes along roads and cross country.

2 pm: Stage 1 from Easterton Church to West Lavington Church

3 pm: Stage 2 from West Lavington Church to Great Cheverell Church

4.00 pm – Evening Service at St Peter's Church Great Cheverell with walkers from Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke & Coulston – followed by refreshments.

Join at either stage; come to the service – or just turn up for tea. Children and well supervised four-legged friends welcome.

Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Agape Supper at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

A simple meal interspersed with readings and hymns and simple communion to commemorate the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

For catering purposes please let the Benefice Office (01380 816963) know if you would like to come.

Good Friday

Devizes Passion Play

The day they killed the Son of God by Meg Harper will be performed outside Sainsbury's and the Old Post Office and continues through the streets to the Market Place. Free. Begins at 11.a.m. outside Sainsbury's and ends in the Market Place at 12 noon. Presented by the Devizes Partnership of Churches; last performed here in 2002.

All Saints' Church, West Lavington, 2 pm

Service of Music and Readings for Good Friday

4 pm starting at the Royal Oak, Easterton - Procession of the Cross

A walk up the hill to erect the cross on the Ridgeway.

With refreshments afterwards at the home of David and Carol Part.

Easter Day 8th April

6.30 a.m. Sunrise Service at top of Lavington Hill, Market Lavington

Other services as shown elsewhere in magazine.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

On the 3rd June there will be a Benefice Service at All Saints, West Lavington at 11am

The choir will be singing an anthem - hopefully Handel's Zadoc the Priest- and we would welcome anyone in the Benefice who sings to join us. If you would care to be with us on the occasion and would like further details, please contact me.

Lavender Davy 813782

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

COFFEE MORNING for Christian Aid on Friday May 11th 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Wyneshore House, White Street, West Lavington Raffle, Bring and Buy Entrance £2.50 to include coffee and biscuits



Stert country house CAR BOOT SALE
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 Manor Farm, Stert, Devizes (off the A342)
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MOTHERS' UNION Mothers' Union Coffee Morning The Vicarage West Lavington

We would like to thank all those who attended the Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th February at the above address. Special thanks go to all those who contributed to the funds which provided the Mothering Sunday Primula plants given on Sunday 26th across the Benefice, ethical gifts overseas and the Salisbury Women's' Refuge.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Mothers' Union activities in this country and overseas please contact Branch leader, Janet Hodges 812467 or Ann Cowburn 816878, or, if you can, the Salisbury Mothers' Union website

www.salisburymu.org.uk
 John and Ann Cowburn

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday, 18th April at 7.15 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall Mrs L.Miles will talk on Plants for Sunny Garden. The subject of this month's competition will be a Vase of Spring Flowers. The club's outing to RHS Garden at Wisley will be on 22nd April.

Beggars Opera

Saturday May 26th at 7.00 for 7.30pm
White Horse Opera at West Lavington Village Hall
Tickets £10 to include wine, bread and cheese. Tickets from Reading Matters in Devizes and Costcutter in West Lavington.

JUBILEE BIG LUNCH Picnic - Sunday 3rd June



There will be a Big Lunch picnic after the Benefice Service in the grounds of All Saint's Church from

12 noon onwards. Bring your own picnic and a rug or chairs.

2.00pm Balloon Race Launch. Buy a balloon for £1. Prize for furthest returned label .

Tower open Quiz Games
 Treasure Hunt
 Garden flower arrangements in church

JUBILEE WEEKEND at ALL SAINTS CHURCH 2nd -5th June

The PCC are marking The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a "Celebration of Garden Flowers" over the Jubilee weekend.

If you would like to bring an arrangement, vase or posy of garden flowers, large or small, to display from Saturday 2nd June until Tuesday 5th June please bring to the Church between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 2nd.

For more details or information please phone Jeannie O'Flynn Tel: 01380 818180

JUBILEE EVENT 4th JUNE 2012

Village Care and Link in association with West Lavington Parish Council will be holding a Jubilee event in West Lavington Village Hall on Monday 4th June and surrounding area.

The event will highlight the range and variety of activities that regularly take place in West Lavington. All the organisations approached have written to us confirming that they will run a stall at the event.

Refreshments (tea and cakes) will be provided.

At 2.30 p.m. there will be a free Punch and Judy show in the Village Hall, open to children of any age. There will be a second performance at 3.30.

This will be followed by a 40 minute "entertainment" provided by Ann Walker and Friends.

We are also proposing a competition for children under 12 years, to design a Jubilee Greetings card for Her Majesty The Queen. Entries will be judged by the Head Master of Dauntsey's school and their Art Department. Entries must be submitted by 19 May, either posted or delivered to: Mrs Julie Collins, 18 Lavington Lane, West Lavington SN10 4EY, Phone 01380 816973. Please see flyer for full conditions. All entries will be displayed at the Jubilee event.

Michael Page, Chairman

What's On this month

Diamond Jubilee Events

A FAREWELL FROM PAULA AND CYRILLE

As most of you will know by now – we've gone!

We would like to say a huge

THANK YOU

to everyone who has supported us at The Bridge for the last 8 years.

We never thought that we would be there for that long, but West Lavington became our home and an important part of all our lives. We take some great memories with us.

We would also like to take this opportunity, to thank all the staff who have supported us, especially over the last eight months. Without such a great group, it would have been near-on impossible to have done what we done!

We wish Emily and James all the very best, and hope they are as happy as we were at The Bridge.

Thank you.

Cyrille, Paula & Sasha.

(And a thank you from the village for all you have done for various local causes)

FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY

Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 2nd April at 7 p.m. the AGM of the Friends Of Courtyard Surgery will be held at the Surgery. All members of the surgery are welcome, be they staff or patients.

On display will be items of equipment bought for the benefit of patients by money raised by the Friends.

If you have any queries about services available at the surgery, or any other matter concerning the surgery, please come along. You will be most welcome.

WILTSHIRE GOLF NEWS

The clocks change near the end of March, the US Masters starts on 5th April and suddenly the golf season is well and truly under way. . . . and to make it as easy as possible for those interested in either returning to the game or simply giving it a try, Golf Clubs across the county are organising starter sessions and other events to help you do precisely this. This activity will start during the week of 9th to 15th April (branded South West Golf Week) and will run into May and beyond for those who return to/take up the game. Families, young boys and girls are particularly welcome.

If you are interested, the first starting point is your local Golf Club. Otherwise, available Wilts-wide information will be published at www.wiltshiregolfpartnership.com for whom Joe Goulding at wiltscdo@live.co.uk or 07789 813268 will help you if requested.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

A few reminders to start; our Memorial Concert to George Baker will be on Sunday, 10th June, put on by Mike Read, the world famous producer of West End Musicals, with the stars of the Musicals. Look out for more information. Also Ruth and Andrew Doman will be opening the West Lavington Manor on our behalf on 7th July. Please put the dates in your diaries now to avoid disappointment; both will be exciting days.

Let me tell you that there are so many external events that we are planning for our young members that their feet will not touch the ground! Do not miss out; join the club now!

The Youth Club AGM will be held on Thursday, 19th April. All are welcome to attend; come and hear what we have achieved and what we propose. Come and tell us where we are going wrong and where we are doing a good job! Come and talk to Committee members as we like hearing from you.

We are delighted to confirm that the Junior Youth Club, which has been our aim for sometime and which we have worked hard to achieve despite limited resources, will start on Tuesday April 17th at the George Baker Centre. (Ages 7-11, ie years 3-6 at school). We shall be open every week from 5.30 to 7.00, except for the summer holidays. Attendance is free, and our trained staff will run the sessions. For further information please contact Mike May on Michael.May17@btinternet.com."

And in addition we will be open:

Monday: George Baker Youth Centre, members up to 14 years old.

Wednesday: George Baker Youth Centre, members up to 17 years old.

Friday: Market Lavington Old School, members up to 17 years old.

Let's stop now! There is so much coming up in the near future; it makes me wish I was a child again! (Sorry - young person}.

Thank you for your continued support.
Eric Freeman – Chairman, The Management
Committee West Lavington Youth Club

**ACTION MEDICAL
RESEARCH
PLANT FAIR**
Sunday, 6th May
10.30 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.
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Dauntsey's School is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators to assist with the supervision of all public exams throughout the year.

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For further enquiries regarding this post, please contact Mrs Jane Gibson, Examinations Officer on 814677 or via email: gibsonjc@dauntseys.wilts.sch.uk.

Please contact the HR Department for an Application Form on 01380 814514 or via email: williamr@dauntseys.wilts.sch.uk. Alternatively, you may download an application form from www.dauntseys.org.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting for West Lavington Village Hall will be held on Tuesday 17th April 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Giles Room.

Owing to increasing family and other commitments I am standing down from the Chair and the committee, so nominations for the post of Chair are sought.

At this annual meeting executive members are elected, and users of the hall and other members of the community are most welcome to join the committee whose meetings are held every two months. We have some exciting thoughts and ideas for the future of the village hall, and would very much welcome input from all residents of West Lavington and Littleton Panell who would like to support this valuable villager asset.

If you would like an informal chat to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julia Ford (812365 wlvh@ford20.eclipse.co.uk)

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

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

Two things have happened during March; the first, on March 13th, was a most informative evening with Aldetha Raymond, a lecturer at Lackham College. By



the end of her talk, *Friend or Foe – pest identification* we discovered that many so-called pests actually do have a purpose in the scheme of things, even wasps!! We were given many tips as to how we might encourage more 'friends' into our gardens to deal with the 'foes'.

Then, on Saturday March 17th, after much planning, a flower bed was planted at Erlestone

Prison. This is a joint venture combining the expertise of prisoners and garden club members and is to be the first of two flowerbeds. The second will be alongside the main road and we hope it will be completed soon. Horticulture is hugely important as part of the prison's resettlement programme and the idea for prisoners and garden club members working together seemed a natural development following the visits that members have made to see work in the prison polytunnels.

Next month, on Tuesday April 10th, Richard Cripps, an accredited RHS speaker, will be telling us about his favourite garden plants – *A Gardener's Choice*.

The meeting begins at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 and is held in Great Cheverell Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome for a charge of £2 for the evening; there is always a fund-raising raffle.

FLOWER LADIES

If you are interested in Flower Arranging, learning the basics or just enjoy flowers why not come along to the **DEVIZES FLORAL ART CLUB?**

We meet on the third Wednesday each month in Devizes Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. There is a demonstration most months given by a National Association of Flower Arranging Societies (NAFAS) Area Demonstrator.

In November we have an Open Meeting with a National Demonstrator in aid of our chosen charity.

We also hold workshops and occasional Coffee Mornings. Membership costs £28.00 pa. For further information please contact

Cathy Barr 01380 818782 or Gill Thompson 01980 630699

NEWS FROM TRINITY CHURCH

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

1st April Palm Sunday Rev Chris Cory

8th April Easter Sunday 9.30 am at St Mary's Church

15th April Rev Chris Cory Holy Communion

22nd April Rev Tom MacMeekin

29th April Mr Tom Hill

Car Boot Sale Saturday 7th April at the Community Hall (set up from 7 a.m.) to raise money for another Shelterbox. Shelter boxes are distributed by Rotary globally. Funds from the movie nights have been donated to this charity and we have recently heard that two boxes which we helped to fund have been sent to and used in the Philippines. Saturday 21st April Film Night 7 p.m. Tickets £5 from Market Lavington Post Office or at the door. **Iron Lady**

DISCO for young people with DJ Holly

Market Lavington Community Hall

Friday 30th March 2012

7pm to 9 pm entry £3

No Tots@Ten this month as it is the Easter Holidays. Next meeting- Wednesday 9th May, 10 a.m. in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall. Tots@Ten is for younger children and their carers.

A WARNING TO DOG OWNERS

From a dog owner received just before publication

My wife has just had a horrible experience walking our dog on Pear Tree Hill that I thought might warrant putting into the magazine as a warning to others in the village that use this popular walk. This is a regular venue for us, and we've recently seen an upturn in some fairly anti-social behaviour from dirt-bikes, drivers who let their dogs out and then drive along the field to "walk" them etc. over the past few months. We recently asked the Ranger who occasionally patrols this area what the situation is here with public access, and he clarified that vehicles actually have no right of way here, and the military has basically tolerated responsible people walking their dogs, not people driving them in this manner or dirt-bikes whizzing across the paths.

Tonight my wife walked our dog as usual, when a green Landrover came up the hill, let out three large dogs (possibly an Alsatian, Springer and another), and then proceeded to drive along with them running around the car. My wife gestured to them to be careful as they were driving onto the field as our dog was running back to her, across the path of the car. They ignored her despite being only a matter of yards away, and her shouting and waving at them. Our dog ran back to my wife and the Land Rover ran straight over her – by sheer chance the wheel pushed her into a rut made by military vehicles, which (as it has been dry weather) was deep and hard enough to save her life (she is, luckily, a small breed). The occupants (two men), stopped momentarily and looked at my wife (she was now directly beside the car), one said something to the other and then they sped off, ignoring my wife shouting and waving her arms at them. As far as they knew they had run over and killed our dog, and showed no intent to stop.

My wife was completely shaken by this, and fortunately two responsible dog owners were close by who spoke to her, reassured her, and had also witnessed people "driving" their dogs in this manner before – they commented that they were going to speak to a local reporter about this too. We are going to contact the Ranger again as well, and think others should be warned about this dangerous practice (and this vehicle in particular).

WEST LAVINGTON

MAJOR MAINTENANCE WORKS 2012

Wiltshire Council will be undertaking essential carriageway maintenance works along the A360 in the villages of Littleton Panell and West Lavington. These works will be undertaken by Ringway Infrastructure Services working on behalf of Wiltshire Council.

This scheme will commence on Monday 26 March 2012 for duration of approximately 3 months.

Works will take place predominantly along High Street, Littleton Panell, and Church Street, West Lavington. Works include drainage and kerbing repairs, footway and carriageway resurfacing.

Drainage and footway works will be undertaken using temporary traffic signals operated manually as and when required during week days and Saturdays if necessitated.

Carriageway resurfacing operations will take place towards the end of the programme during restricted days (09:30 to 15:30) using temporary traffic signals combined with a convoy system, and restricted evening (19:00 to midnight) temporary road closures.

Provisional closure dates are listed below but keep in mind resurfacing operations are weather dependent. Occasionally dates are revised; in the event of the programme changing revised dates will be displayed on advanced information signage erected on site

- **Monday to Thursday, May 28-31**
- **Thursday and Friday, June 7-8**
- **Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12**
- **Tuesday, June 19**

Access and egress will be maintained for residents and local businesses during the temporary closures; dedicated Traffic Management Operatives at the start and end of the working area will monitor access and give motorists assistance. These people are there to look after the safety of the travelling public and the safety of the workforce.

We apologise for any inconvenience which may be caused during the works, but I trust you will appreciate the necessity for these essential works to maintain Wiltshire's road network.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Anarchists might not agree with me but I think a good local development plan is essential to prepare for an orderly future. A plan ensures that the places where we live and work are organised and developed according to our needs and are not spoilt in the process. The alternative would be a free for all and the results of that can still be seen in the ribbons of pre-war development that spread along our main roads before the Town & Country Planning Act of 1947 put a stop to the sprawl. It's not been perfect since, but it could have been much worse.

In recent years, development in east Wiltshire has been controlled by the Kennet Local Plan 2011 (which was written in about 2004). It is, in my view, a well written document with guidelines on most relevant issues, although it was rather emasculated a few years ago when many of its clear, straightforward policies were usurped by well meaning but vague government waffle.

Even the best plans need updating and this is now being done on a county wide basis. The process leading to a Core Strategy for Wiltshire is getting closer to its conclusion. Consultation on the final draft closes on 2 April (so by the time you read this you have probably missed it). The next stage is a public hearing in the autumn in front of an inspector to be followed, all being well, by adoption in early 2013.

Unlike earlier plans, the Core Strategy does not provide much detail on an area by area basis. In the Devizes Community Area, for example, the draft plan proposes that a total of 205 new houses should be built in the rural areas in the next 15 years but it does not say where they should go or what type they should be.

Instead, the Localism Act now allows towns and parishes to prepare their own Neighbourhood Plan if they want one. Such a plan would cover housing and employment developments and infrastructure provision for the next 15 years and will be used in making decisions on planning applications in the area it covers. It will be adopted after public consultations and a referendum, so there will be ample opportunity to make your opinions known. How much new housing is needed in your village by 2026? How many affordable homes? Where should they go? What community facilities will be needed? Etc. etc.

The procedures for some of this are not yet clear in every respect (at least to me). The regulations under the Localism Act have yet to emerge and, at the time of writing, the government's updated National Planning Policy Framework is still awaited. Keep reading the parish magazine for more local information!

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 07762 018209

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

As you read this, hopefully drainage and footway works on the A360 should have begun. 40 – 50 drainage repairs need to be undertaken with particular emphasis at Duck Street and Russell Mill Lane. A duct needs to be installed under the carriageway along the narrows by the church to connect the two BMS signs. This should be done first, and will be one of the areas that will require manual traffic lights. Ironwork, such as grills and covers, need to be reset and more dropped kerbs installed. The work will cover the whole length of both villages from the railway bridge at Littleton Panell to the end of the speed restrictions at West Lavington. At 2.4 kms this is the largest stretch of maintenance undertaken by Wiltshire Council in one go and 2,500 tons of road surface will be removed.

The resurfacing of the carriageway will follow and of course there will be some disruption. The contractors will avoid peak hours and school times, and are very aware of issues such as school exams and maintaining access for residents, businesses, the doctors surgery and emergency vehicles. The bus companies have been informed. More bulletins will be issued and up to date information can be found on our website at www.westlavington.info (go to the hub page, or on the notice board outside the shop). *(Fuller details have been provided by the Council elsewhere in this magazine).*

Mr Woods informed the Council that training for his volunteers on community speed watch is progressing well, and he hoped they may be operational by April.

As part of the Councils corporate plan we are considering asking The Churchill if they would open a coffee shop for the village. This would only be possible for them between the hours of 11 a.m. to 12 midday daily, and before they commit to this it would be useful to know if people would be interested in making use of this facility as an accessible meeting place. If you have any thoughts on this do contact me on 813929 or esevans1@hotmail.com

I hope you found the leaflet on Rights of Way inside last month's magazine interesting and useful. There are plenty of spare copies so do contact the clerk if you would like more.

I must remind everyone that the track at the end of White Street leading to The Warren is in fact a bridleway as far as the woodland crossroads, and not, as indicated on the leaflet map, a byway. Please do not drive vehicles down this private access lane, which remains suitable for horses, cyclists and walkers only. The correct map is available on the website.

Finally a date for your diary. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Friday 25th May in the village Hall, but more about that next month.

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

20 mph Trial and HGV Diversion Route: Please support your Parish Council on these two important traffic issues. Details, already sent out to all households in Great Cheverell, can be obtained from me and from the shop, Cheverell Store.

Crime: The Parish Council have been made aware of suspicious activity occurring around the outside of the Prison in Erlestoke. The police would like to remind parishioners to report any suspicious incidents to them.

Annual Parish Meeting: This is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 24th May at 7.30pm in the New Pavilion, Witchcombe Close, Great Cheverell. We are hoping to have a representative from Wiltshire Council as our Guest Speaker and the theme of the talk will be "Localism and what it means". Amongst items for discussion will be the preparation of a new Neighbourhood Plan for the village and volunteers will be invited to put their names forward if they would like to assist with this project.

Diamond Jubilee: We trust that you are keeping Monday, 4th June free in your diary for this special celebratory event to be held at the Pavilion. All sorts of exciting activities are planned, so we do hope you will come along and join in the fun. It is not too late to let us know if you would be interested in helping in any way. Final details will be published in next month's Parish Magazine.

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Website:www.greatcheverell.org

RED FLAG STUDIO

Red Flag Studio is a new artist's studio opening on the outskirts of Devizes. in Wiltshire.

Jo Loring- Fisher and Juliet Abbott will use the studio to develop their practice as artists.

Jo, a painter who studied Fine Art and Illustration at Norwich School of Art & Design, has a BA (Hons) Graphic Design-Illustration. Julie has a Masters degree in Textile Design and Printmaking.

Red Flag Studio will be a space where customers can see Jo and Julie at work. Original pieces will be available to buy in the gallery, as well as prints, fabrics and cushions. Works can also be commissioned.

Courses will be available to book for both adults and children. The Red Flag Children's Art Club where children of all ages will be encouraged to learn new skills, have fun and experiment with materials, will run after school.

Heat transfer printing, lino cutting and Paint-your-own-canvas parties will also be available.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We began Term 4 looking at our Families and our Pets. We have also been busy making some Sea Life creatures – jellyfish, crabs, fish and octopuses. We have also been foot printing which we have used to make some Easter chicks. This term we have been teaching the children some new games such as, 'duck, duck, goose' and some old favourites such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf'.

We welcomed Esther Snook to our admin team. Esther will be giving valuable support to all our teaching staff. I would like to thank everyone who supported our cake stall on Friday 9th March. We had plenty of delicious cakes which were all sold and we raised an amazing £104.27.

We will be finishing our term with our Easter Trike Ride. We hope the sun will shine on us, as this is a particular favourite for our children. They get to ride their trikes, bikes or ride-ons and we finish the event with our Raffle.

Easter Fun in the Sun: The pre-school will be running a stay and play session for children aged 5 and under during the Easter holidays. It will be on **Wednesday 11th April between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.** All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Entrance is £2 per family.

RAG BAG COLLECTION: 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: (07730) 285998.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

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TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Childrens' Fun with floats–Sunday 5.15pm to 6.00pm,

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FEES: £55 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.75 per swim)

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Summer Term starts TEUSDAY 24th April

& ends Sunday 8th July, 2012

(20 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure:

Sun 3rd June and Tuesday 5th June

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CHILDREN:- £1.50 per session

For Further details:

Stephen Read, 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington.

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Email; indulge.two@googlemail.com

If you fancy a "taster" swim, please phone Stephen Read, Membership Secretary or Margaret Clarke, Committee Secretary tel 01380 818435, e-mail: mm.rclarke@btinternet.com for details about joining.



HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

We have been invited by Wiltshire College to be part of a project they are working on. The ancient "road" or network of paths that stretches from the Thames to our own county, called the Ridgeway, is the focus of the project. The project involves contributions from many different organisations, and will include art work, soundscapes and expert views.



Our children will provide art work and also some short "sound bites" on what it might have been like on the Ridgeway in the Neolithic times.

Examples of this work will be put online, on the County webpage for the Ridgeway project, and some examples will be part of the "Location Aware" phone app which can be accessed by walkers along the Ridgeway. We are always delighted to be part of projects that involve the wider community – and give our children great experiences as well.

We like to make sure our children have lots of opportunities to take part in different activities. A twelve week Ukele Club was offered through this current term - this has been very popular and included making recorders out of carrots! In the summer term we will be offering a six week clay modelling course. Our regular clubs include judo, dance, various sports clubs, handbells, music, art, chess and gardening.

There have been several trips linked to the class themes for learning this term – including a trip to Avebury Manor to support work on "Giants" and one to Southampton to learn more about the Titanic.

We invited parents to come into school and "have a go" at some past papers of the SATS tests that their children will write in Year 2 and Year 6. It is interesting for people to see the extremely high standards that the average primary school child is expected to reach at age 7 and age 11. The following are some examples of Year 6 maths SATS problems:

- Calculate $7/16$ of 288
- Sarah had a bag of cherries. She ate 5 cherries, then gave half of what she had left to Liam. Liam ate 5 of his cherries, then gave half of what he had left to Amy. Amy got 2 cherries. How many cherries did Sarah have in her bag at the start?
- An iced cake costs 10p more than a plain cake. Sarah bought two of each cake. They cost £1 altogether. What is the cost of an iced cake?

Do check our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk for news and photos of recent activities



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

On Thursday 1st March, Amazon Class invited some special visitors to come to school. All the visitors brought a different mode of transport for the class to see. The class was very excited to see some new vehicles arrive, and some very old ones too! There was a glider, a lorry, a police car, a Penny Farthing and a vintage car. The class had a great afternoon beeping horns, playing with sirens, sitting in cockpits and learning all about transport. It was too good an opportunity to miss so the WHOLE school joined in and had a fabulous learning experience too.

Book Week was celebrated by a visit by Kristina Stephenson, the author of the *Sir Charlie Stinky Sock* books on Monday. Kristina told us about being an author, read to us, sang with us and we ended up drawing characters in her books and acting out her stories. She inspired us all with her enthusiasm and her amazing drawings. All of the teachers really envied her giant pop-up story book! On Wednesday evening the children returned to school in their pyjamas for bedtime stories and hot chocolate. On Friday we welcomed the author illustrator Tony De Salles who spent the day with us doing 'Horrible' drawing and story workshops

DAPS Eco-warriors have been running 'Waste Week'. They are doing a survey over four weeks on how much food and packaging gets thrown away or recycled. We also have a new compost bin for the garden along with our other recycling facilities (paper, cardboard, tins, glass and cooked food).

All learners in Mississippi, Ganges and Orinoco attended school dressed as a Victorian on Tuesday 20th March for a memorable day; learning linked to Victorian School life. Children brought a packed lunch with a Victorian feel (brown paper bag, apple and cheese etc...).

DAPS are taking part in the Sports Relief Mile running or walking laps around the school field. On Friday the children are invited to come to school in a PE kit or their sport kit, (e.g. judo, horse riding etc.) in exchange for a contribution to Sports Relief.

Michel Tietz, School Business Manager
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Currently the Club are in the final stages of CUP competitions, for which we will know by next publication if some of the teams have been successful in getting to the Final:

- Under 17s who are currently 4th in their League, are in the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and are to play Bradford Town, having beaten Warminster Town 1-0.
- Under 12s are also in the Semi-finals and will be playing big town opposition Trowbridge
- Under 11s also through to Semi's after a great Quarter Final win against Bradford Town 6-0.

Also the Under 11 team will be participating in a tournament away in Camber Sands (East Sussex) from 1-4 June. For this event they will be raising money through a sponsored run, help with packing at Morrisons/Sainsbury's, Quiz nights, cake stands...etc. (donated to use as a prize is a weekend away in a cottage in the West). Any support to help with raising funds or contributing is most welcome. They are also seeking sponsors for a promotional banner to use during the tournament and at matches next season (contact: Neil Black 07769-261750).

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BOOKMARK

For our February Bookmark session, members gathered at the village hall to discuss *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh and Anthony Quinn's *Half the Human Race*. In Diffenbaugh's debut novel we all enjoyed the aspect of Victorian interaction through flowers, but issues relating to foster care in the US system were deemed a little contrived at times. Full praise was given to Anthony Quinn's second novel which begins in 1911; a Jane Austen styled English romance between suffragette and cricketer. As the tea brewed and the wine flowed, we all had a most enjoyable and relaxing evening.

Action replay is set for Wednesday 28th March, when members will be choosing their own crime novels to recommend and share with the group. And for our April session on Wednesday 2nd, we shall be reading the modern classic, *The Pumpkin Eater*. by Penelope Mortimer (with DVD viewing). The alternative novel will be Linda Grant's *We Had it So Good*.

Hild Marrow

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WEST LAVINGTON WI

At the West Lavington WI AGM and social evening on 8th March, our president, Janet Stamp, and the current committee were re-elected for another year. Janet thanked everyone for their support and our programme ladies were thanked for producing wide and varied results – as was our dear Sue Thomas, captain of the skittles team! Sue Robson won the spring flower basket and Liz Evans won the pennant design for the Jubilee bunting; congratulations to both ladies and our thanks to all who entered. Annmarie has kindly offered to print each WI flag design on suitable re-usable material for future events.

The Food and Fashion day was well attended. We took along our posh picnics and enjoyed listening to Mary Berry open the show. Unfortunately M & S had to pull out at the last minute and Debenhams weren't really given enough time to do justice to their collection. No matter, three cheers for Joan Pressley's hats and the students of Swindon College.

Members and guests are reminded to be punctual for *The Mary Rose, Past, Present and Future* evening on 12th April in The Giles Room, West Lavington Hall: 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. The WI advisor will now attend in June.

Other future WI events will be a visit to Cricklade on 19th April (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) to include guided walks of the north meadow and historic town centre, followed by a cream tea. Our own West Lavington spring walk will be on April 28th – to Warminster, with a pub lunch! Pauline Hawkins will be here on May 10th to cover *The Eden Project, Lost Gardens of Heligan and a Devizes Balloon flight*. Tea and cakes will be served in the Giles Room on 24th May for the Ladies of Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke. The 4th June is set aside for our own Jubilee celebrations and there will be Quizzical Pursuits at Trowbridge Clarendon Collage on 27th June.

Hild Marrow

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our quiz night was a great success, complete with a big screen video link up with St Pierre where the French Association were holding the same quiz.

At present we are busy planning for the next visit of our friends from St Pierre and this will take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th June. The main event on the Saturday evening will be a Scottish Ceilidh. We have so many visitors this time, 30 in all, that tickets for the ceilidh will only be available to members, so if you like

Scottish dancing, why not join the Twinning Association?

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages, simply contact Malcolm Johnson on 01380 818147 or email blocker38@hotmail.com

Michael Page, Secretary



FUNERALS

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

Derek Frank Mark LEWIS died on 6th February, aged 80 years. He was cremated at Bournemouth on 22nd February and his ashes buried with his wife Muriel at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 10th March 2012.

Lt Cdr John Peter ANGELL of Little Cheverell died on 18th February, aged 92 years. After cremation, a service was held at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on 1st March 2012.

Joseph (Joe) William DAVIS of Easterton died on 20th February, aged 91 years. A service and burial took place at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 5th March 2012.

Joseph (Joe) George MARCHANT of Market Lavington died on 25th February, aged 67 years. His funeral at Semington Crematorium was on 8th March 2012.

BAPTISMS

Corey Gregory HOMER was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church Market Lavington on Saturday 18th February.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner this month was Brenda Nock of Great Cheverell, and the second was David Part of Market Lavington.

The draw was done by Mary Merrick of Great Cheverell.

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

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Good Friday?

Crucifixion was reserved for the lowest of the low, rightless non-Roman citizens who had been sentenced to suffer a most excruciating death for their crimes. As a method of execution it was designed to humiliate and degrade as well as kill. The Roman orator Cicero wrote, "the very word 'cross,' let it be far removed from not only the bodies of Roman citizens but even from their thoughts, their eyes, and their ears."

On that basis it might be thought that the Christian church would want to hush up the fact that its founder, Jesus Christ was crucified. The opposite is the case. Early Christian preachers placed the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at the very heart of their message. In fact, Paul wrote, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ".

The reason why the apostles made Jesus' scandalous death so central to their message is that they believed that he did not die for his own sins as a failed Messiah, but for ours, as the world's true Saviour. The cross of Jesus is the great revelation of the love of God. He sent his Son to die in our place that we might be forgiven and put right with him. That's what is so good about Good Friday.

And of course, Good Friday was not the end of Jesus' story. On the first Easter Sunday he rose again from the dead so that those who hope in him may have everlasting life.

Come and hear more about the message of Easter on Sunday 8th April, 11a.m. & 6pm.

Quiz Time & Hallmarks of Design

On Saturday 21st April, 4.30pm, we will be holding a Quiz Time at the Chapel. Teams of all ages welcome (maximum 6 people per team). Followed by a buffet meal at 6.00pm. At 6.30pm, Professor Stuart Burgess will be giving a talk on *Hallmarks of design*.

Happy Easter!

Pastor: Guy Davies Tel: 01373 826727

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