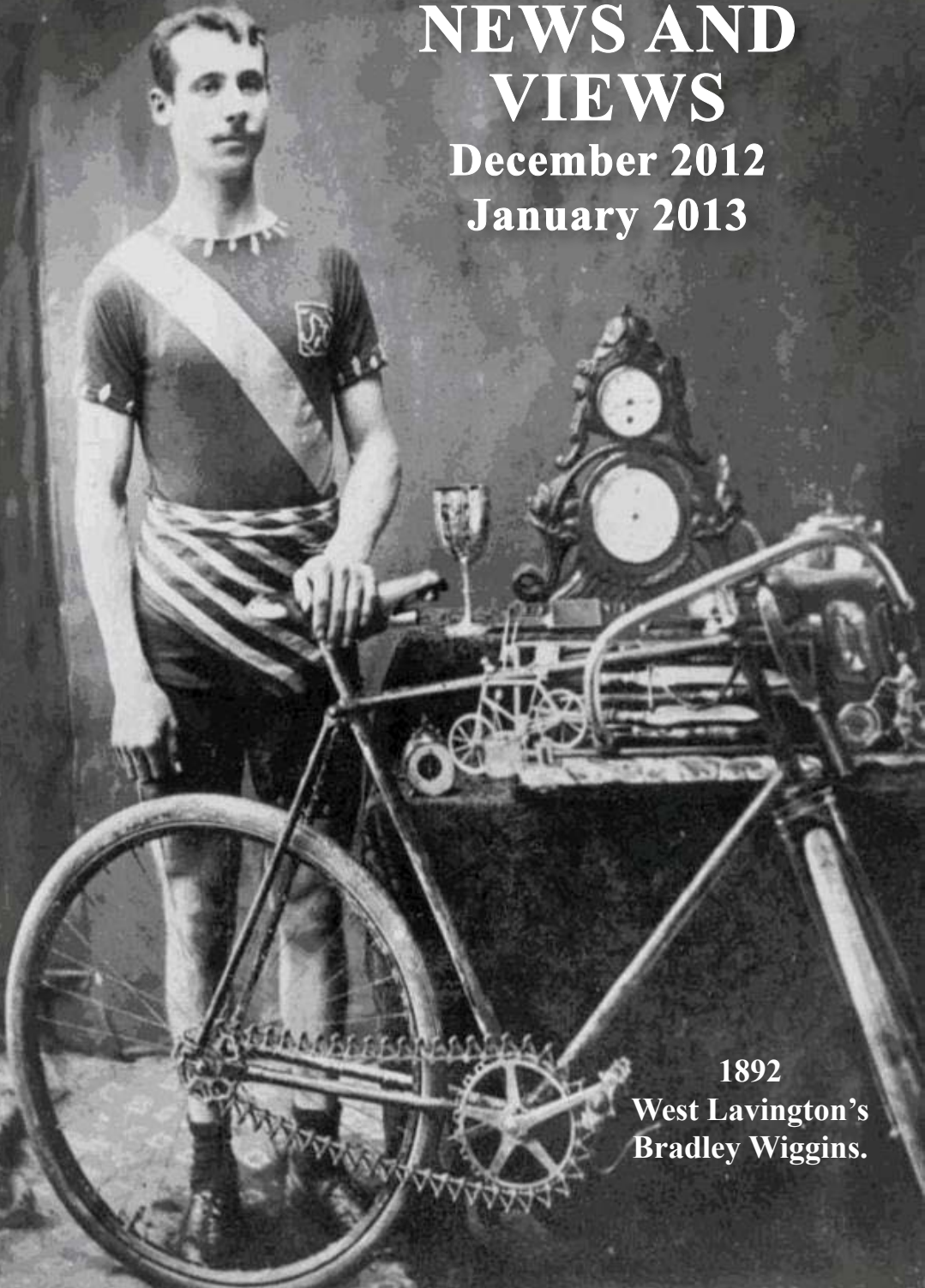


NEWS AND VIEWS

December 2012

January 2013



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Bradley Wiggins.

*Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
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January 2013*

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd December Advent 1	9.30 am Half Hour *	9.30 am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Ad- vent Evensong	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Simple Celebration of Communion	11.00 Matins (BCP)
9th December Advent 2	11.00 am United Service at Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service	4.00 pm Evensong	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
16th December Advent 3	6.00 pm Carol Service	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 a.m. Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship	6.00 pm Carol Service
25th November Christ the King	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion	
Monday 17th	Real Nativity 6.30 pm				
Wednesday 19th		6.00 pm Carol Service			
23rd December Advent 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Christingle		4.30 pm Carol Service	
24th December Christmas Eve	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Midnight Communion	9.00 pm "Midnight" Communion	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Midnight Communion	11.30 pm Midnight Communion	4.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Communion
25th December Christmas Day	10.00 am United Family Service	9.30 am Family Communion		11.00 am Family Service & Holy Communion	9.30 am Christmas Communion
30th December 1st of Christmas		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Parish Communion		

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th January Epiphany	9.30 am Half Hour *	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Simple Celebration of Communion	11.00 Matins (BCP)
13th January Baptism of Christ	11.00 am United Service at Trinity in Community Hall	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service, ML	4.00 pm Evensong	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
20th January 3rd of Epiphany	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 a.m. Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship	11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)
27th January 4th of Epiphany	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion	

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

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

REFLECTIONS FROM TRINITY CHURCH

“ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me “ (Rev.3:20)

Do you remember Frank Sinatra’s classic song *My Way*? “Regrets, I’ve had a few...” he begins but then shrugs them off as *“too few to mention.”*

It’s a powerful song but I’m not sure that living life ‘*My Way*’ is the best way for any of us let alone a Christian. Doing things ‘*My Way*’ can be selfish, can bring us into conflict, and create more regrets than we need.

Looking back at life, I can identify things I did ‘*My Way*’ and now wish I’d done differently. Missed opportunities stick in my mind. They come in a number of forms: things I wish I hadn’t done, and things I didn’t do and wish I had. People I might have helped and didn’t. Offers I never took up. Not the ones come in the post from Marks & Spencer’s and the like, but the chance to learn more, to expand my horizons. **Doors I never opened**

The poet T.S. Eliot wrote in his poem **Four Quartets**

Footfalls echo in the memory

Down the passage which we did not take

Towards the door we never opened

Into the rose-garden.

Jesus said, “**Behold I stand at the door and knock...**” That door doesn’t always lead us into a rose garden, far from it, but opening it to Him offers a richness and completeness to life which covers all our regrets and frees us to live life His way

My prayer for December is, ‘*Lord, if my door seems shut, please knock a little louder. And, if necessary, PUSH!*’ Could you make it yours?

As you prepare for Christmas in all the hustle and bustle of the season may you know the God of peace fill your lives and **all your celebrations**. May it be a time when we truly open the doors of our lives to a deeper relationship with him who came that we might have life in all its fullness.

Blessings, Chris Cory (Minister at Trinity Church)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Derek Cook would like to thank all those customers who have sent kind wishes, cards and presents. They have been much appreciated.

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Christmas Bingo in the Hall on Monday 26th November at 7.30p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment! Donation of prizes will be welcome.

There is a Whist drive every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall. We always welcome new players and have an ALL NO TRUMPS drive every two months which is very popular.

In the New Year we shall be studying

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

both on Sunday mornings in Church – starting 20th January – in greater detail in small groups on Wednesday evenings – starting 23rd January.

An opportunity to ask, ‘Why bother with the Ten Commandments? Are they still relevant? Does anyone care?’

Further details to follow. JMC

CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

I thought those of you who came to the Fair would like to know that it raised the grand total of £592 for ABF The Soldiers’ Charity. This represents the profits from the stall fees and tombola, and the takings on the Soldiers’ Charity stall. Very many thanks for supporting the Fair - I hope you found some lovely Christmas presents amongst all the locally made things on sale. Look out for another Country Fair next year!

Sue Bonney

CHARITY TEA PARTY

The Pavilion, Great Cheverell on Saturday 27th October.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions and kind support for our recent charity tea party in aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Over 100 hundred people ventured forth to sample our cream teas in a friendly atmosphere - it was such a happy occasion with a real village buzz. Together with two warm-hearted donations from Bill Elliott of Great Cheverell and Michael James, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons of Wiltshire, we managed to raise in total, the sum of £1,054.77p. The response was overwhelming and truly appreciated.

Thank you all SO much - Hild Marrow & Mary Merrick.

WEST LAVINGTON, ERLESTOKE & THE CHEVERELLS POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal raised a splendid £2302.63p this year. Grateful thanks to all donors, and to businesses and house-to-house collectors for their great efforts.

The All Saints Church collection was the biggest single contribution, closely followed by HMP Erlestoke, much of the latter's donation coming from the inmates themselves.

The military, ex-military and their families will feel the benefit, so once again, many thanks to all on their behalf.

The Royal British Legion Committee.

Friends of Courtyard Surgery

Christmas Raffle

Tickets on-sale from
Monday November 5th
Winners drawn Sunday
December 16th.

If you have anything you would like to donate as a prize, please drop it into reception at Courtyard Surgery.

All Saints Church, West Lavington invite you to



WORDS AND MUSIC FOR ADVENT

Sunday 2nd December 2012
at 6p.m.

Please stay for wine and mince pies after the service

What's on this month

Come and join us at



**St Mary's Church,
Market Lavington**
Monday 17th December 6.30pm
as we go on a journey to
see some local folk in the

REAL NATIVITY!
Sing Carols together & Listen to the
CHRISTMAS STORY...

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

Trinity Church and St Mary's Church, Market Lavington

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST LAVINGTON INVITE YOU TO A

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2012
AT 6P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUPPER AND MULLED
WINE AFTER THE SERVICE

What's on this month

EDITOR'S NOTES

Our cover this month is taken from the collection of photographs of West Lavington life during the past hundred or so years. The figure portrayed is Alfred Thomas Holliday who was well known in the village. There are many of us who still remember his much loved daughter, Florence, who was active in village and church matters until her death about ten years ago.

Alfred was born in 1871 in West Lavington, the son of James and Esther Holliday. James was a painter by trade, and came from Essex. Esther Duck was a local girl, and the family settled in Littleton Panell where Alfred grew up with an older sister, Edith.

Alfred began his working life as an apprentice bootmaker, with Joe Raine, who was then living opposite the Churchill Arms. However his chief interest was always in bicycles. He married Edith Mary Bartlett in 1898 and in 1901 they were briefly the landlords of the Bridge Inn.

By 1911 Alfred and Edith had five daughters, Florence being the youngest, and they had left the Bridge Inn. Alfred was in business as a cycle dealer. His business started in Market Lavington, but he moved to the Wheatsheaf Inn, (later the Stagepost), where he was able to run the pub and a cycle shop adjacent to it. As his business grew he moved to Vine Villa, a house which was situated where the Courtyard Surgery is now. He set up a cycle shop there, and during the twentieth century he extended it into a garage which was later taken over by Harold Wadman and then his son Basil and thereafter by Basil's son, Mark.

(Ros Hooper's Photographic History of West Lavington, Volume 2, which will be available early in 2013 contains a lot more information and photos of the Holliday family and their shops. Profits from the sale of the book will go to West Lavington Youth Club, and you can pre-order it now from Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 or lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk)

'A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS'

12TH DECEMBER 2012

AT EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH

IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON CHARITY

Please join us for a *Celebration of Christmas* with the Dauntsey's Choral Society and the Bratton Silver Band at the beautiful Edington Priory Church, kindly sponsored by Hiscox. The programme will include readings by Sarah Troughton (Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire), John Bush (Patron, the Friends of Erlestoke Prison), Andy Rogers (Governor of HMP Erlestoke and HMP Shepton Mallet) and Robert Hiscox (Chairman, Hiscox).

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. and the programme starts at 7.00 p.m.
Entrance is £10 per adult and children are free. Disabled parking available.
There will be mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the evening.

Please come, enjoy the music and readings whilst supporting the Friends of Erlestoke Prison. We are a newly registered charity, established to support the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners at HMP Erlestoke. The charity partners with the prison in our work to reduce reoffending rates and will fund/support projects to assist prisoners in:

- Maintaining and building relationships with their partners and children
- Finding education and work opportunities
- Ensuring that they have somewhere to call home when they leave prison
- Preparing themselves for release and a return to life without offending

Please visit www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com to download a ticket order form or write to the Friends at the address below with the number of tickets required, payment (cheque made out to the Friends of Erlestoke Prison) and an SAE so we can send the tickets to you. Please also let us know if you need disabled parking.

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What's on this month

News & Information

CHRISTMAS AT OUR LOCALS

At The Bell, Great Cheverell – A Christmas Offer

Wednesday December 12th December at about 12.30 – A free Christmas Lunch is available for the elderly in the Great Cheverell area. There is room for about 15 on a first come, first served basis.

At The Churchill Arms

The Carvery is back on. We are using locally sourced, Walter Rose meat from Devizes. Choose from Pork, Beef or Ham with all the trimmings at £9.50 per head. Food is served from 12-3 for the Carvery and until 6 p.m. from the main menu.

We have live bands on 14th and 22nd Dec

At The Bridge

Book your Christmas Party now to avoid disappointment

2 menus to choose from. Prices start from £15.50

Christmas Day Enjoy a delicious 5 course meal with none of the stress and no washing up! £65 per adult, £27.50 per child

New Year's Eve See the New Year in with style.

6 Course meal followed by dancing until late. £60 pp Black tie suggested

Please email us or call on 01380 813 213 to discuss menus or to make a booking. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating!
Emily and James

Oliver's Christmas Turkeys



At West Park Farm
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Mary's Fitness Classes

Special offer for January 7th – 31st inclusive £25 unlimited classes Zumba, Sentao, Core Stability, Abs Workout and Bokwa In West Lavington Village Hall

Tuesday - Core Stability 6.00 - 6.20 pm.
Zumba 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

Thursday - Abs Workout 6.00 - 6.20 pm.
Bokwa 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

Class Price £5 No need to book
Contact Mary for more info 07766722972
mary.bentley@virgin.net

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LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT
SWIMMING CLUB - Spring 2013



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.00pm to 6.30pm,

TUESDAY 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Childrens' Fun with floats–Sunday 5.00pm to 5:45pm,

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £50 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.50 per swim)

£25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.25 per swim)

Annual Membership Fee Available

Spring Term starts TUESDAY 8th January

& ends Sunday 24th March, 2013

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 10th Feb; Tues 12th Feb

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00

CHILDREN:- £1.50 per session

For Further details:

Stephen Read. 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington.

Tel; 01380 816280.

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.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Well our Ghost Walk was amazing. We did not know that there were so many haunted places in Devizes and walking through the various graveyards in the dead of night. The stories told made the hair on the back of your neck stand up! And did they really bury people standing up under the footpath we walked down; I believe it!!!!

How did those younger members stand 12 hours of Halloween sleep over, wicked masks and even more wicked food!!! All in all a couple of really scary evenings. Well it is not always so scary at Youth Club so come and join in the fun.

Our normal openings are: (But check up of the Christmas period)

Monday 7pm - 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday 6pm - 7.30pm	Younger Members at West Lavington
Wednesday 7pm - 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Friday 7pm - 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

The committee wish everyone, especially our members and staff a wonderful Christmas and New Year and thank everyone for your continued support.

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

IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN

December 25th is not just Christmas Day
 It is also the day when West Lavington's COSTCUTTER is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Therefore no last minutes emergencies!

JAMES CAMPBELL WALKS THE PILGRIM'S WAY, HOLY ISLAND

I've just stayed on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne off the Northumbrian coast. It's an ancient site of Celtic Christianity where the saints Aidan and then Cuthbert lived. It is approached by a causeway which is covered by the tide for five hours twice every 24 hours.

On the last day I walked the Pilgrim's Way, the route taken to the island by pilgrims since the 7th Century over the sands at low tide following large wooden posts. On a windy, cool and overcast Wednesday, two hours after high tide, I set off walking barefooted, the approved method.

My feet quickly became cold. However I noticed that as I focused on other things, I became less aware of them. I've noticed that as we focus on other people we tend to become less aware of our own worries.

I came across part of a dead bird in the water. I wondered what its story had been and, in a place of such antiquity, I reflected on how short the journey is from cradle to grave for all of us.

At one stage I came to gloppy mud, brown on top and black underneath; it was also slippery. A fellow pilgrim who'd walked earlier in the week had fallen flat on her face in it. The top of a wellie poking out of the mud suggested that another traveller's day hadn't ended as planned. It reminded me that in life one slip, one ill-considered word, can totally change our lives.

It's essential to take wet-weather kit but otherwise to travel light. I reflected that we often carry excess baggage: regrets from the past and fears about the future as well as present concerns and responsibilities.

Along the route there are two wooden refuge boxes on stilts 15' above the sea. As I ate my lunch in them, they swayed gently in the strong wind: a little unnerving. Not even the safest places are completely safe; only God is.

As I continued, the tide began to race in. The strength of the current reminded me though we may feel we're in control of our lives, that isn't really true.

Throughout the sun threatened to break through; the prospect of a better day. Finally, as I walked home up the road after an hour and a half, it finally came out: hope realised, the story of the Christian Faith.

BLOOD DONING IN THE LAVINGTONS

The Bath Blood Team visited the villages for four days during 2012 and you good folk donated over 300 "pints".

Nowadays a whole blood donation is rarely transfused; your blood is taken straight back to the processing labs in Bristol, and is then split into its component parts of red cells, white cells, plasma and platelets, which means that even more patients can be helped (could be over 1200!).

I know how very grateful the recipients, and their families, are to you for giving up your time and blood to help them, so please continue to support the Blood Service.

Next year there will be three sessions –
 Friday 15th February 2013 at the Community Hall, Market Lavington
 Thursday 2nd May at Village Hall, West Lavington
 Thursday 22nd August at the Community Hall, Market Lavington

Session times are 1.45 – 3.45 p.m. and 4.45 – 7.15 p.m.
 Regular donors will receive a notification letter in the normal way, and new donors are always welcome, but if you have any queries you can look online for information www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 2323.

Julia Ford

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

It may be dark and cold outside but, you may agree, we can look back on quite a year. I, for one, have already forgotten the rain. *(Editor's note – this, unfortunately, was written before the third week of November!)*

Nationally, we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee in patriotic style and the union flag appeared everywhere as it has not done in my lifetime. The Olympics, despite all our fears, were fantastic and we were proud of everything – the stadium, the games makers (many locals amongst them), the ceremonies and, not least, the sport. Never before have Olympians and Para-Olympians so inspired us. On almost all counts, our nation showed its outstanding qualities, of which we can be proud.

Here in Wiltshire, the Queen's visit to Salisbury was particularly memorable for me for the sight of the Duke of Edinburgh struggling to resist a glass of Wadworth's beer in the Devizes tent. The Olympic torch provided an excuse for a spectacular gathering at Hudson's Field.

If those shows were not enough, the Council also rather grandly opened our new County Hall together with the new Trowbridge Library when government minister Baroness Hayman heaped praise on Wiltshire Council. This came just a week after Lord Heseltine had publicly commended Wiltshire Council for its bold move in adopting unitary status and highlighted the massive efficiencies and savings that this has delivered.

Recently, we have also seen the commitment to a new Science Park at Porton Down which both saves the current establishment and creates hundreds of new high tech jobs on the site. In addition, a new apprenticeship scheme in the County will lead to one thousand new apprenticeships being created for young people. Not least, the Council has placed the contract for superfast broadband to provide much better communications for communities in the Lavingtons & Erlestoke and across the county.

The weather may be getting colder outside and there may be economic and political troubles in Europe and across the globe. In Wiltshire, however, we can have some confidence in the future of our county, which we care so much about.

So as we approach the season of good will I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

It is with regret that we have had to say goodbye to Mark Wadman who has recently resigned from the Parish Council. He has been a valuable member for the past eighteen years, and has led us for several. We wish him well but will miss him greatly.

We have received several complaints about the state of the waste bin outside Costcutters store. The bin belongs to Wiltshire Council, and as such is emptied by them fortnightly. Please do not put household waste into this bin and try to keep the surrounding area clean and tidy.

Sandra Gamble, the Chair of our Neighbourhood Planning Committee, writes: "Our Neighbourhood Plan is a new process aimed at enabling local residents and other local stakeholders (businesses, schools etc) to share in shaping the future of their communities and in developing sustainable policies and proposals on important issues such as housing, transport, recreation, the village hall etc. A leaflet about neighbourhood plans was circulated with News and Views earlier this year. The Parish Council has formed a working group to help define a vision for the future and to make recommendations to the Council. To achieve a fair recommendation of community interests, the views of community groups, local organisations and businesses, as well as residents young and old are needed. We want the working group to include as wide a range of interests as possible, so whether you are a resident or represent any of the above, please seize this unique opportunity to take part as a key player in the future direction of our villages". For more information do contact Sandra Gamble on 812616.

Lastly, winter is almost upon us and do beware of slippery roads and pavements, and help our older residents to clear paths, and stay warm and safe.

A very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all

Liz Evans, Chair 01380 813929 or email esevans1@hotmail.com .

Don't forget the parish website www.westlavington.info – packed with useful local information, news, roadworks updates, what's on and other links, as well as more about the parish council.

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

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections: Another year is speedily drawing to a close and it will soon be time to start making plans for 2013. In May elections are due to be held for new Councillors for our Parish Council. The task of Parish Councillors is to work together by bringing local issues to the attention of the Council and to assist in making decisions on behalf of the local community. If you are over 18 and would like to serve your community in this way our Chairman, Cllr Lynda Wearn, would be happy to talk to you about the experience and responsibilities involved in serving as a Parish Councillor. Please contact me if you are interested and I will furnish you with the relevant information.

Young People: If you are under 18 but feel there are issues you would like brought to the attention of Council you are quite welcome to come along to any of our monthly meetings. We were delighted when Tom Smallman came along at the end of last year to represent the young people of the village in requesting the purchase of an Outdoor Table Tennis Table. An application for a grant for this was subsequently successfully made to the Area Board with an excellent presentation being given by Tom and now this piece of equipment is in place and being enjoyed by our young people. So even if you are not old enough to become a Councillor you are always very welcome to come along and discuss with the Council any ideas or issues you are concerned about and they will do their best to sort them out for you.

Finally, may I on behalf of Cheverell Magna Parish Council wish all our parishioners a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Val Noviss, (Parish Clerk) 01380 813227

cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk

Website:www.greatcheverell.org

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting on the 19th of November the council considered the application from The Owl for change of use to residential. This was a very well attended meeting and the Parish Council are grateful for the calm way in which everyone attending expressed their views. The Parish Council have decided to object to the planning application.

Also brought up at the meeting was that there has been trouble with sewers flooding in the village, due mostly to disposal of fats and disposable items such as wetwipes. The fats solidify quickly in the sewer and cause blockages at the lowest point in the drain. This blockage then leads to the manholes leaking sewage over residents' land and the road. The sewage could then drain into the river that flows through Little Cheverell, with potentially devastating effects for wildlife and a threat to public health.

Please follow the guidance from Wessex Water on disposing of fats oils and greases, and bag and bin any disposable items.

The next meeting of the Little Cheverell Parish Council will be on Thursday 17th of January 2013.

If you would like to contact the clerk on any matter please email littlecheverellpc@yahoo.co.uk or call 01380 813 294 and please visit our website:

<http://www.kennet-communityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/>

Liz Read

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY

But what's that I hear jingling in the distance... oh here it comes. The next few weeks will be a non-stop round of jingle bells, tea towels on heads and possible visits by you know who. It's all for the children, you know!

It's not as if we have been sitting round quietly waiting for it to happen. Many pretend bears have been spotted and hunted in the neighbourhood. And we all know that whilst the pretend ones are much easier to spot they can be trickier to hunt. Just in case we need to run for cover we have also been doing a lot of building outside so we can fortify ourselves if needed.

We have had our second visit from the Longleat Wildlife Team and been joined by Holy Trinity's reception class to look at snakes, bugs, pets and birds. Nothing pretend about these.

Happy Christmas from all at Great Cheverell Pre-School.

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 www.greatcheverellpreschool.co.uk

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Christmas term is always fun here at Holy Trinity. The KS1 play Census Sums and the KS2 play The Christmas Play both are in rehearsal at the moment, the stage is up in the hall, decorations up all over the school, and excitement bubbles in every classroom.

Our wonderful Parents and Friends Association (PFA) works hard to raise funds for "extras" in the school and also helps with enrichment activities for our children. In this Christmas term, the members of PFA have organised the hugely popular Christmas party, a disco, a "dress down" day and refreshments at the plays. They are also responsible for the Christmas decorations and have raised funds for end of term shows and other theatre productions in school. The PFA also provides a great way for new families to meet other families and to be welcomed into the school community.

Our recent canvassing of parental views on the school has been very successful, with a 77% poll and an overwhelming majority of parents expressing very positive opinions about the school. We are always looking for ways to improve our provision, and great ideas come from both parents and children every year – and it is always good to hear the positive comments so that we know what we are doing right and can build further on that good practice.

All of us at Holy Trinity would like to wish everyone in our community a very merry and blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

LAVINGINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term we began by talking about how the children had celebrated their Halloween and Bonfire nights, which led to some fantastic firework pictures being made. In numeracy we have been looking at shapes in the environment and practising our numbers 1-20. We have also done some preposition work and finding a number that is one higher or one lower than a given number. In Personal, Social and Emotional Development the children worked on drawing faces, showing different expressive feelings. First they looked in a mirror to see

how their faces looked when they were happy, angry, worried, sad and excited. In Literacy we played a letter sounds game where we had a shopping basket with food inside and then the children were asked to find a food beginning with a particular letter sound. In Physical Development the children enjoyed practising negotiating space and playing chasing/racing games in PE. We had a pyjama day to raise money for Children In Need and we managed to raise £27.00.

We have also started practising our Nativity Play. This year we will be performing our nativity play on Thursday 13th December in the school hall. We will be finishing our term with our Christmas Party on Thursday 20th December, here at pre-school. All our children's families are welcome to both occasions, and we look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM. We truly appreciate your support. We continue to collect unwanted textiles. If you are having a pre-Christmas tidy-up please feel free to pop down to pre-school and we will take any unwanted clothes, blankets or shoes.

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

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Tim Pears, our second author, stated there were two primary subjects for fiction: war and families. By showing a family at war, *Disputed Land* shows that the world at large can be captured in microcosm: a single family can no more sort out its legacy than society can. Leonard and Rosemary Cannon summon their middle-aged offspring, along with their partners and children, to the family home in the Welsh Marshes for Christmas. There they are invited to put stickers on any furniture or items they wish to inherit. This modern thought-provoking tale was deemed a beautifully under-stated novel; well written, witty and full of fascinating characters. Several members went on to read Tim Pears' previous novel, *Landed*.

Our social evening with festive buffet will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. at the village hall. The theme of the evening will be *Childhood Favourite* or *Ghost Story* and the reading list for 2013 will be given out in the usual form of laminated bookmarks. Anyone wishing to read along at home will be able to view the novels for next year on the Parish Council's Website; follow the link under 'what's on'. New members wishing to join please contact Hild Marrow on 812399 (hildward@tiscali.co.uk)

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WEST LAVINGTON WI

Our *Expedition to Bravent and Smith Islands via Richard Worral* on 8th November was outstanding. Not only were we privileged to view breathtaking scenery & rare wildlife sightings, his tales of missions impossible were incredible. And for demonstration purpose Richard bought along all his clothing and Antarctic paraphernalia wrapped up in what looked like a gigantic shoe: a most exhilarating evening.

Once again we'd like to thank the brilliant Sue & Rob Robson for their hospitality and 'buzz' on November 5th; a super social evening which was enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas session on 13th December will continue with the theme of *How I came to be here*. Amongst members putting their heads on the block this time around are Hazel Jennings and Anne Janes. The game of Beetle was voted as the WI party game and *Pennies for Friendship* will again go to the ever popular 'Bad Taste Christmas Decoration'.

Unfortunately we lost at skittles to Devizes Evening on our return match, but Sue Thomas said it was a good social evening at The George & Dragon with a very tasty supper. The WI festive meal, which through convenience now takes place in January, is to be held at Planks Potato Yard on January 17th.

WI meets again on January 10th 2013 in the Giles Room, West Lavington village hall at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a hearty New Year.

Hild Marrow

THE CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

'WEATHER FORECASTING' IN NOVEMBER

Members of the Cheverells' Garden Club packed the village hall on Tuesday 13th November when Malcolm Thomas, a former weather forecaster from Points West and author of *Weather for Hillwalkers and Climbers*, gave us an insight into the early days and subsequent development of weather forecasting. Malcolm had promised to explain the jet stream to us and he kept his word!! All very complicated!! There was time for questions which Malcolm answered; it was a very interesting evening and, at the end, Bill won the raffle. It's party time at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 11th, and there will also be the new programme of meetings for 2013 available, why not come along, and pay your subscription to rejoin the club.



Wing Cdr Anji Scofield gave us an insight into her duties as an Honorary Welfare Officer of the RAF Association. Anyone who has served in the Royal Air Force, even for one day, comes under the umbrella of this wonderful organization. They are greatly assisted by the RAF Benevolent Fund. She explained that in her work with the stressed and vulnerable her training course has taught her to listen and not just to judge so that she can put those in difficulties back in charge of their lives. The concern of the Association covers all areas of their lives.

On December 10th, at the invitation of Jeannie Gye, we shall be meeting at her home at 11.30 a.m. for Communion, led by Revd John Cowburn, and followed by lunch. We shall also be discussing our programme for 2013.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'



Great news ! The Club have achieved the Football Association 'Chartered Standard', which sets the standards for coaching, admin, and child protection, as a benchmark for quality, and allows the Club to benefit from the various financial and support benefits of the F.A.

On other matters the Under 12 team have announced a fund-raising initiative for a summer 2013 tour in Holland playing various international teams. More news in future editions, but you can follow this initiative on : <http://wcfc-u12-2012-13.moonfruit.com>

The U12 team continue to do well, with a recent win away at Corsham 2 – 7, whilst the Under 10 Badgers managed a successful 2-0 win against Calne Milan (?).

At the Adult side of the Club, the Saturday team managed a successful win in the A&B Cup against 'Polenez' Westbury, with 4 goals from Tom Mason, and a goal each from Ben (his brother) and Keiren Dickenson. Coach 'Paul' emphasized the need for the team to be quicker and to avoid 'basic errors' – but well done to the team, with the County Cup competition to follow.

Training for most teams will finish around 15 Dec and to restart 5th January – depending on age group.

Team photo attached shows the Under 6/7s age group.

We wish all our members a Happy Xmas, and many thanks to all the coaches, volunteers, and supporters. Thanks.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976



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BENEFICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

This will be available mid November at the usual £2. The answers don't need to be in until after Christmas, so do buy a copy and have fun answering 100 tricky, and some not so tricky, questions. As usual there will be prizes for the best two entries returned to us by January 6th. If you would like some copies to sell to friends or colleagues please let me know.

Henrietta Goggs 01380 813736

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the first prize of £40 was Margaret Hayward of Great Cheverell, and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Sally Lort-Phillips of Market Lavington. Congratulations to both of them.

The draw was done by Lyn Dyson of West Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CHURCH COLLECTION

You may like to know that the collection in West Lavington church on Remembrance Sunday came to £333.51.

Quentin Goggs, Treasurer to the PCC

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Joy of Christmas

I know, the very title of my article might be enough to make you groan. 'The Joy of Christmas?' What's joyful about Christmas shopping on a busy Saturday afternoon, or writing a seemingly endless pile of Christmas cards? 'I wish it could be Christmas every day' hollers the familiar seasonal song. Er, no thanks. Yes, there are good things too, like spending time with friends and family, giving and receiving gifts and a slap-up Christmas dinner. But the 'season to be jolly' soon passes.

We can recover the joy of Christmas when we remember the One whose birth we celebrate on 25th December. The birth of Jesus Christ was a joyful event. The angel of the Lord told the shepherds who watched their flocks by night, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11-12).

Jesus came to banish the misery of sin and death. He came to give us the joy of salvation. This joy is not seasonal, or based on a passing mood. It is the lasting joy of sins forgiven through faith in Christ the Lord and the glad hope of everlasting life. You will be familiar with the car window sticker saying, 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas'. Well, with Jesus, joy is for life, all because of Christmas. The Saviour is born. He has died for our sins upon the cross. He is risen from the dead. He is coming again. We have 'good tidings of great joy for all people' - including you.

Come and share the joy of Christmas at one of our special meetings:

Sunday 16th December

11am Morning Worship with Carols

4pm Carols with Tea. A short service, follow by refreshments.

6pm Evening Worship with Carols.

Sunday 23rd December

11am Morning Carol Service

6pm Evening Carol Service

Christmas Morning service, 10.30am

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