

News and Views

THE GEORGE BAKER YOUTH CENTRE
HOME OF
WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

February 2012

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
5th February 3rd before Lent	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Communion by Extension	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
12th February 2nd before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am United Service	9.30 am Parish Communion*	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (Traditional)
19th February Next before Lent	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd February Ash Wednesday		7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service			
26th February Lent 1	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service*		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	

Regular worship in our sister churches:
9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell*
10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington*
11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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

Dear Friends,

Some of us have the enormous privilege of being parents. Perhaps our greatest dread is that something happens to one of them, worse that they die before we do; and worst of all that they die in tragic circumstances.

Last year the six week trial of the serial child murderer Robert Black ended with his conviction for the murder of nine year old Jennifer Cardy in 1981. Her parents had waited 30 years for justice, but they hadn't allowed their daughter's killer to embitter them and ruin their lives. Pat Cardy said that Jennifer "loved life" but had a deeper side to her: "One of the lovely things about Jennifer was how much she wanted to know about heaven."

Jennifer's parents said that Robert Black had never once acknowledged their presence in court during the trial. However they revealed that they had prayed for him. "I've said many times that one of the lovely promises in the Scriptures is that the Lord gives a peace in this world that passes understanding," Andrew Cardy said.

I would like to think that I might have acted like the Cardys did, but I'm not at all sure that I could have. Their attitude was a wonderful testimony to the challenge - and promise - of Jesus' in the Lord's Prayer that as we forgive the sins (trespasses) of others, so we will receive God's forgiveness in order that we can live lives free from bitterness and regret, whatever the circumstances; how liberating is that?

James Campbell

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LENT 2012

- > Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday 22nd February, West Lavington Church at 7.00pm
 - > Lenten Reflections: 7.00 - 7.30pm in the a Beckett Chapel, West Lavington Church
- Briefly looking at Jesus' "I am" sayings, with opportunity for quiet.
 Five Tuesdays: 28 February, 6 March, 13 March, 20 March & 3 April (not 27 March)
 note: additional heating will be in situ!
- > The Alpha Course: continues at Easterton Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.
- Any queries, please speak to James Campbell.

VILLAGE CARE


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

What's On this month

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**THE WEST LAVINGTON
BRANCH OF THE
MOTHERS' UNION**
invites you to
A BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING
on Saturday 25 February
10 to 12 noon
at West Lavington Vicarage
by kind invitation of
The Rev John and Mrs Ann Cowburn

All proceeds will go towards
Mothering Sunday flowers,
an ethical gift for mothers abroad &
vouchers for Salisbury
Womens' Refuge



**LITTLE CHEVERELL'S
SPRING WALK**
Get fit for the Spring and join us
on Sunday 25th March, starting at
11.00 a.m. from the Village Hall in
Little Cheverell. Return there after a
good walk for hot food and drinks at
approximately 1.00 p.m. Please bring
your own wine and beer and we will
provide the rest. Everyone is welcome
(not just those from Little Cheverell)
including children, and well behaved
dogs on leads. The reduced cost of
£8.00 per adult, and £4.00 for children
12 and under, is to reflect the present
financial pressures on everyone. Dogs
are free. If the walk is too much then
please join us for lunch only. To book
your place please telephone Helena
Warnock on 813487 or Greta Taylor
on 812409 or e-mail helenawarnock@
btinternet.com. We can only fit so
many into the Hall so please book early.
Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.
Village Hall Committee

**BLOOD DONING
SESSION**
At Market Lavington Community Hall
on Friday, 17th February
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

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT
GARDENING CLUB**
The February meeting will be held at West
Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday,
15th February at 7.15 p.m. when Mr
P.Broughton will speak on *Garden
Design*. The subject of this month's
competition will be A Pot of Flowering
Bulbs.

**FRIENDS OF COURTYARD
SURGERY**
Thank you to everyone who donated
prizes or bought tickets to the Raffle. We
have raised £217.50 which will be used
to buy equipment for the surgery.

**TRINITY CHURCH
Events in February**
5th February Community Hall 10.30 am
– Mrs Janet Tanner
8th February Community Hall 10.00am
– Tots@Ten for preschoolers and their
carers
12th February 11.00 am St Mary's
Church – United Service
19th February 10.30 am Community
Hall – "Surprise"
26th February 10.30 am Community Hall
– Rev Chris Cory

**WHITE HORSE OPERA
SPRING CONCERT**
White Horse Opera's Spring Concert at
Devizes Town Hall on Sat 24th March
at 7.30pm " A Taste of Italy" promises
to be an evening of wonderful music, all
your favourite Italian Opera choruses
including the Triumphal Scene from Aida
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Please visit www. WhiteHorseOpera.
co.uk for further details

**GREAT CHEVERELL
FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS**
The Friends and Neighbours club meets
at 3.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday
of each month in the Village Hall. The
meetings are very informal and consist
of meeting others from the village and
sharing tea and home-made cakes. In the
summer we meet in someone's garden,
weather permitting and in December we
have a Christmas tea party. We always
welcome new members and it only costs
£1.00 each time you come. Transport
can be arranged for those who have
difficulty walking.
Our Christmas tea party was well
attended and we were well supplied
with sandwiches, cakes and many other
nibbles.

Please continue to support us by buying
books from the bookstall in the waiting
room and by coming to the fun events we
are organising.
Colin Osborn

**MARKET LAVINGTON
LIBRARY OPENING TIMES**
Tuesdays 2:00pm -7:00pm
Fridays 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Cinema Nights at
Market Lavington**

Sat 18th Feb	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy	7:30pm
Sat 24th March	The Help	7:30pm
Sat 21st April	My Week with Marylyn	7:30pm

**Courtyard Surgery
Patients Participation Group**
We are aiming to contact a wide
demographic range of our patients. The
intention is to develop discussions from
time to time (not necessarily at meetings,
but via specific questionnaires) about
various topics which might have an impact
on patient care
at GP level, so that we can provide the best
possible service to our patients.

If you would be interested in joining the
group, via post or email, please contact the
Surgery for more details, on 01380 813300
or focs.courtyard@nhs.net

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Today, Saturday 21 January 2012, saw the culmination of our wishes, when the Youth Club building was named in honour of our club's founder, George Baker MBE. The building will from now be known as 'The George Baker Youth Centre, home of West Lavington Youth Club'.

Today we were delighted to have Sarah Pearson, George's daughter, unveil a plaque to commemorate the occasion, and she, together with George's brother, Patrick, planted a tree for all to gain pleasure from in the years to come. This features as our cover for this month in *News and Views*.

It was so very nice to be joined by around thirty of George's family, friends, youth club members and staff, who joined us upon their arrival in a glass of mulled wine to stave off the biting wind, and later with a wonderful buffet and a glass of wine, provided by the Management Committee.

Beside this special day I would like to mention the generous efforts to support us by Martin Hayward and The Churchill Arms who raised £600 from their Boxing Day football match and raffle; thank you so much. Last but not least a reminder to the young people for whom all our efforts are made, Youth Club openings are as follows:

Monday at The George Baker Youth Centre for members up to 14 years
Wednesday at The George Baker Youth Centre for members up to 17 years.

Friday at Market Lavington Old School for members up to 14 years.

Our thanks go out to all of the community and the Parish Councils for their continued support.

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



COVER PICTURE

We are pleased to record the official naming of the George Baker Youth Centre and the unveiling of the plaque by George's daughter, Sarah, and his brother Patrick. As can be seen above a tree was also planted by them in George's memory.

WELCOME FROM THE CHURCHILL ARMS

New owner managers Mick and Alison would like to welcome customers old and new to The Churchill Arms.

Mick has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 30 years and served on board the QE2 and other famous cruise liners as a chef de rang.

Alison served her time training as a chef at Derby College more than 25 years ago before moving to the RAF at Bury St Edmonds.

Having spent the last 20 years or so Managing some of the most famous pub restaurants in the south of England Mick and Alison are now committed long term to The Churchill Arms and are already making a welcome difference. "Our aim is to deliver excellent homemade food and quality real ales to all of our customers in a warm friendly welcoming environment."

We offer a fantastic Sunday Carvery with a good selection of Vegetables and potatoes and real home-made Yorkshire puddings and gravy. A specials board is available along with several vegetarian options.

We offer a full main menu with specials board from Monday to Saturday.

APPEAL TO ALL DRIVERS

After a recent horse/car accident I have been asked to appeal to all who drive on our roads to be more aware of horses and riders. Riders do try to move away from traffic whenever possible but we have to use the roads to reach the bridleways. Most of our horses are accustomed to normal traffic, and youngsters go out with experienced friends who can give them confidence while they learn. However, if car drivers can go slowly past horses and give them a bit of extra space it will save accidents, and even lives. A noisy trailer or an unusual load can be very frightening to even an experienced horse, and if driven too close or too fast may cause a terrible and unnecessary tragic accident.

Henrietta Goggs (Chairman of the Springline Riding Club and local resident)



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REMEMBRANCE QUIZ NIGHT

The Devizes Constituency Conservative Party would like to thank all those who attended the Remembrance Quiz Night. Their support enabled a donation of just over £100 to be made to the Royal British Legion.

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

LAVINGTON STATION – A MEMORY

As a consequence of the picture and article in our last issue we are pleased to publish this experience of more than fifty years ago, with our thanks to Margaret Clarke for it.

A little story - many years ago in the 1950s when Fred Nutland was the signalman, I was friendly with his daughter, Cynthia (who very sadly died this year), and together with two other girls (Mary Davis was one of them), we were going on holiday to Newquay.

Mr Nutland got permission from the authorities (I think it was GWR?) to stop the Cornish Riviera express at Lavington Station for us to get on the train!!! I remember he actually told a fib about the number of people embarking as it should have been an application for no less than 11 prospective passengers to stop a train, and of course there were only four of us! Steam trains in those days - the Cornish Riviera express travelling through non-stop every day. The train windows that day were opened, and lots of people looked out wondering why the train had stopped, only to see us four teenagers getting on!! Happy days - and we had a great holiday.

JUBILEE EVENT

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. So far nearly half 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 children of any age. There will be a second performance at 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped to follow this at 6 p.m. with further entertainmentwatch this space!!

Michael Page, Chairman

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

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.15pm to 6.45pm,

TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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

Lane swimming available every session

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

£27.50 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.40 per swim)

Spring Term starts Sunday 15th January

& ends Sunday 1st April, 2012

(20 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure:

Sun 12th & Tue 14th & Sun 19th February

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.

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A BIG MAN

John Janes was a big man in every sense – big in his stature, big in his presence and big in his heart. He was ever involved in the life of the village, as Chairman of D.A.P.S., as Chairman of the Care Group, as organiser of the Village Fete, to name but a few, and he will be much missed.

It is not always possible or ideal to write about everyone who has died in our villages but an exception is worthwhile here to record how much we depend upon these dedicated people who keep things going. Likewise in the last year or so we have lost the likes of Reg Osborne and Bill Goldsbrough who have also helped to run some of the events mentioned. Let us hope that there will soon be others willing to come forward and give of their time

LAVINGTON WEATHER 2011

Average Temperature for 2011	1.61 C (52.89 F)
Average Temperature over 34 years	0.43 C (50.77 F)
Total Rainfall for 2011	9.1mm (20.8ins)
Average rainfall over 34 years	13.6 mm (35.96ins)
Driest Month (April)	5.1 mm (0.2ins)
Wettest Month (January)	107.1 mm (4.21ins)
Lowest Night Time Temperature (January 30th/31st)	-6.3 C (20.66 F)
Highest Daytime Temperature (August 2nd)	28.3 C (82.94 F)
Lowest Daytime Maximum Temperature (January 29th)	0.5 C (32.9 F)
Wettest Day (May 7th)	23.7 mm (0.93ins)
Highest Wind Speed (December 15th)	35.8 mph South Westerly
Lowest Barometric Pressure (December 16th)	984 mb

To summarize – It's probably not surprising to note that 2011 was the driest and the warmest year in my 34 years of recording. As for rainfall, 2011 produced slightly less than half the total for 2002 which is a fairly good illustration of the contrast over a few years. Until 2011, 2010 was the driest year for us, so there is a lot of rain to catch up on hopefully at some stage. As for temperatures I thought it interesting to compare Christmas day 2010 at 1 p.m. and that of 2011 at the same time; the former was -1.7 C and the latter was + 11.1 C! The average temperature for 2011 is just 0.2C higher than the former warmest year of 2006. Snowfall was virtually nil over the year except for a dusting on January 3rd and a few wet flakes on December 14th and 16th here again quite a contrast to 2010.

Can 2012 come up with as many surprises as 2011! Guess we shall have to wait and see.

Michael Peet

Our thanks as usual to Michael for his informative records - Ed

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

As I write, the weather is still unseasonably warm. Indeed, so far we have had only two or three mornings of frost all winter. By the time you read this, of course, all that may have changed, but the contrast with last winter is remarkable.

One effect has been that Wiltshire council has had to make little use of its resources to cater with bad weather. Last year, on the other hand, the Council deployed over 200 staff and 84 contract staff using 48 salters/snow ploughs. In addition, 42 farmers contributed with snow ploughs and snow blowers. The salt used weighed as much as 1070 London double decker buses and the distance salted was the equivalent of four times around the world.

The decision to salt the roads is taken by the duty engineer who receives data from various sources. The Metrological Office provides regular forecasts and there are a number of unmanned weather stations in the county that also provide information to the engineer.

When sub zero temperatures are forecast the severity is evaluated together with the changing weather pattern. The decision to salt may be restricted to a particular part of Wiltshire or may apply to the whole County.

One problem that occurs occasionally is when temperatures are forecast to drop but a shower is predicted shortly afterwards. If the roads are salted too early, the salt will be washed off by the rain. Ideally, the salting is done immediately after the rain has stopped but the roads can be very hazardous for a while if the rain freezes on the surface.

More information on this can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gritting.

If you want to lend a hand yourself by putting down salt from a bin, it's worth remembering that the effective rate of application is a tablespoon per metre rather than by the shovelful. Large quantities have no beneficial effect in melting ice but do have a negative effect on vegetation in the verges, on water courses and to the floors of shops and homes when it is tramped in.

It is a great help to us if Parish Councils and individuals let Wiltshire Council know when a bin is empty before and during bad weather. Requests can be made by telephoning freephone 0800 23 23 23 during working hours.

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

On behalf of West Lavington Council I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Among subjects discussed at our January meeting was the Neighbourhood Plan working group, headed by Councillor Sandra Gamble. The first meeting, with public presentation, took place last month with the long term purpose of providing development framework for the Parish, together with policies to support the life of the community. There is still an opportunity to become involved, and if you feel you may be able to contribute, please contact the Clerk,

Mr Peter Baxter on clerkpc@sky.com

We have been advised that work to fit time switches to the units of street lighting, which Wiltshire Council have agreed to turn off between midnight and 5.30 a.m., will start at the end of January. The assessment did show that, although most of our suggestions were accepted, lighting units along the 30 mph zone of the A360 will have to remain on at all times, as well as those at every street junction. This, we are informed, is a legal requirement and I am sorry some people will be disappointed. Thanks to our willing volunteers, the footpath survey is almost complete and, based on that information, we will endeavour this Spring to improve the village paths. May I remind all householders that now is a good time to cut back the hedges overhanging the footpaths, before the birds start to nest.

Lastly a plea from one of our local landowners concerned about dog-fouling. She writes:

The disease spread to cattle by faeces is Neosporosis. This causes 10% of all abortions in cattle in this country. To control once it is in a herd involves killing off cows and heifers that test positive to antibodies; this would be pointless if the land was re-infected by contaminated dogs. The only way to protect cattle is by people being scrupulous in cleaning their faeces off the land. Farmers are offended by the practice of people bringing dogs on to grass that animals eat in order to avoid fouling in their own gardens. A wake-up call for us all, I feel.

We are still collating ideas for the Jubilee in June, so if you have ideas or are eager to run an event, do let us know.

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

Footpath Working Party: Do you feel in need of a bit of exercise after the Christmas festivities and enjoy working in the fresh air? We are seeking volunteers to join a Footpath Working Party that we are hoping to form shortly. The role of this group will be to maintain the footpaths in Great Cheverell on a regular basis. If you are interested please contact the Clerk who will then forward your details on to our Footpath Representative.

Protection of verges: Unfortunately as a result of HGV's travelling through the village some verges have been damaged and it would appear that some people are putting out various forms of protection such as large stones, outside their properties. However, the Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the fact that this practice is illegal and Wiltshire Council are quite happy to provide poles to protect your verges. If you would like more information please contact the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch: In order to assist in preventing crime in our village the Parish Council are hoping to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and are seeking volunteers. If you would like to serve your community in this way please let us know.

Dog Fouling: There have been reports of dog fouling in Green Lane and CHEM 6 footpath. It has also been reported that people are leaving bags of dog excrement alongside the Play Area. The Parish Council would again urge dog owners to act responsibly and clean up after their dogs, thus avoiding a heavy fine, but more importantly removing the risk of serious disease to children who might be playing in the area. Please take the bags home and put them in your rubbish bins in order that they may be disposed of safely.

Finally....do remember to find out what is happening in your community by logging on to the Parish Council website: www.greatcheverell.org

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)

cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk

Website:www.greatcheverell.org

**A Winter's Journey— Stay Warm, Stay Healthy with Wiltshire Good Neighbours**

A Winter's Journey is a new service from the Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme that is designed to help you to keep your home comfortably warm during in the colder winter months. Your local Good Neighbour Coordinator will work with you over the coming weeks to support you to stay warm and healthy during this difficult time of year.

The Journey starts with a quick look at how you might pay & save money on your energy bills including giving you plenty of energy saving tips for around the house. Regular visits from your coordinator will ensure you have the security & support you need to stay healthy & warm. This on-going support can range from something as simple as picking up shopping during a particularly icy period to something as complex as arranging transport a medical appointment after a heavy snowfall. Your local Good Neighbour Coordinator is here to help you through it all.

For further information or to sign up for 'A Winter's Journey' please contact Jo Loring-Fisher on 07557 110417



GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

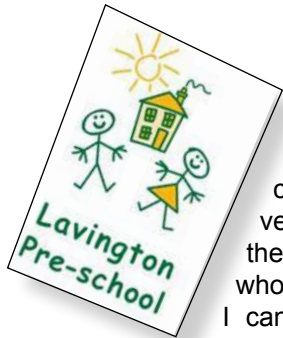
With a great sigh of relief from parents and staff, and disappointment from the children, I can confirm that Christmas is over. As ever it was marked by some wonderful performances by a variety of angels, sheep and kings in our play which was held in the school hall to a biased audience of parents, and an apprehensive group of teachers looking forward to the time when the children leave our care and join big school. We are very grateful

to the school for the use of their hall which really makes this a proper occasion for the children.

We are now looking forward to spring and for the last few weeks have been talking about, handling, and eating vegetables. We have also been on several muddy bear hunts and can confirm that any sensible bear takes cover when they hear all our splashing and squelching children coming. It doesn't stop us looking though. Thinking only of our own enjoyment; we are sad at how few frosty mornings we have had this winter. The joy of sliding onto a puddle and hearing the ice crack under your wellies is surely the greatest part of winter.

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

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



We began Term 3 by welcoming 4 new children to our setting. This term our topic will be "Families". The children have been using photos from home to make their very own family trees, and they have also been drawing their families. We have been discussing our families and who lives at home.

I can now officially announce the outcome of our Ofsted inspection which we had two weeks ago – we were given an

OUTSTANDING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, committee members and families who help make our pre-school such a wonderful place for the children to learn and play.

Thank you to everyone who support us during December. Our cuddly toy stall at the DAPS Fayre raised £96.00 and we raised £106.80 with our Christmas Raffle and refreshments after our Nativity Play. The children put on a wonderful show and we finished the year at our Christmas Party where Father Christmas came to visit the children.

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: Telephone (07730) 285998



HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY, GREAT CHEVERELL

Some terms we have a theme that is adopted by all the classes in the school, like our Carnival theme last term. But sometimes it is fun to let each class choose their own theme for learning as we have done this term. The following are the

themes they have chosen:

Stonehenge class (Foundations Stage and Year 1) : Food, Glorious Food (with some fairy tales like the Gingerbread man and Red Riding Hood).

White Horse class: (Year 1 and Year 2): Superheroes with reference to The Incredibles

Sarum class: (Year 3 and Year 4): The Victorians – their art, engineering and much more

Avebury class: (Year 4 and Year 5): The Second World War – working towards a class museum

Silbury class: (Year 5 and Year 6): The Titanic – the history and drama of this tremendous story

Of course, in the summer term, we will be following an Olympic theme for our learning, and have a visit planned to Bath university to see where the Olympic athletes train and to engage with some of the sports coaching that takes place there.

Most of the literacy, much of the science, maths, history, geography, art and design and technology as well as ICT will be learned through study of the themes. Children love to be immersed in a topic and learn very effectively if their learning is clearly for a purpose. Our creative curriculum is one of the reasons our children do so well academically and are judged to be outstanding year after year.

We have lots of clubs running for children in our school – some are free and for others there is a little fee payable. Some of the activities on offer include: Hand bells, Judo, Dance, Winter (or Summer) sports, Netball, Ukulele club, Music club, Chess, Art and Gardening. It is great to be able to offer children the opportunity to experience a variety of different hobbies and activities at this age and to help them uncover their talents and interests.

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BOOKMARK, GREAT CHEVERELL



Bookmark members enjoyed a nostalgic evening at the village hall in December of last year. Amongst the readings were Wendy's poem *Possums*, Maggie's traditional *Christmas Carol* & Bernie's *Mrs. Scrooge* by Carol Ann Duffy, delightfully illustrated by Posy Simmonds. Pam brought along a series of enchanting picture books for children that she had discovered during her visit to Australia; which had us all 'ooing' & 'ahhing'. And then, fortified by mulled wine and festive food, Hild, tongue in cheek, told the origins of Panettone, the traditional north Italian Christmas cake.

The two novels under review at our January session were *Night Waking* by Sarah Moss & Amanda Hodgkinson's debut novel, *22 Britannia Road*. Although the former was enjoyed by several members, it really irritated a number of others. Everyone seemed to enjoy the latter book, which was recommended by Penelope Lively. Two new members, Bridget & Kathryn, were warmly welcomed into our reading group.

Our next session will be on Wednesday, 22nd February. Under review will be *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh and Anthony Quinn's, *Half of the Human Race*.

Bookmark members meet on a Wednesday every 5 – 6 weeks in the village hall for a 7.30 p.m. start. For our yearly reading programme please check the Parish Council Website under 'What's On' in the village section.

Hild Marrow

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

The Cheverells' Garden Club News

The club enjoyed a very festive end to the year with carols a quiz and much more at the December meeting. The new programme was launched and subscriptions were paid.

Then, it was 'Happy New Year' and an excellent start to 2012 with Dr John Austin, who talked to us about the 'Birds in our garden and on Cheverell Down' a fascinating illustrated journey through the changes in bird populations over recent years.

There were two raffle prizes, one was won by the speaker's wife and the second by Ian.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th February at Great Cheverell Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30 and it's a Steamy Affair for Valentine's Day!!! The topic is 'Compost' with Alison Peterson.

It's still possible to pick up next year's programme and to join the club, membership costs £8 for a single or £15 for a couple, BUT visitors are always welcome for a charge of £2 for the evening.

Some topics for the year include

13th March Friend or foe? – pest identification Aldetha Raymond a lecturer at Lackham college

10th April My favourite garden plants – a gardener's choice Richard Cripps an accredited RHS speaker

8th May Growing from seed Lyn Miles has a National Gardens Scheme garden

12th June Flora and fauna in a churchyard a guided tour of Great Cheverell churchyard. Ivan Randall Chief Adviser, Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project

10th July Visit to "The Courts", Holt BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, a guided tour of this National Trust Garden with Paul Alexander, Head Gardener.

14th August Visit to "Sunnyside", Great Cheverell a social visit to a smallholding - veg patch, orchard, soft fruit, traditional hedging, bees, chickens, geese, horses, sheep (rare breed)

11th September Plants for winter gardens. Gordon Cottis Runs a small nursery – plants for sale!

9th October Re-creating a 1950/60's working farm. Community supported agriculture and habitat restoration. David Burton Director of River Bourne Community Farm

13th November Weather Malcolm Thomas former Weather Forecaster

11th December Annual Review and Christmas Party a lighted hearted evening

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

"I love Blackpool. We're very similar, We both look better in the dark" - Ian Holloway (Blackpool Manager).

The Badgers Under 11s' first season at 11-a-side soccer is a season in two leagues, with a 'seeding' process taking place for the second half of the season, which is now underway. The final match of the first season was a home match against Castle

Combe. With a rotational squad of 16 players available, first half goals were scored by Joseph and Alfie to take the lead despite a missed penalty. An early second half goal from Charlie seemed to do the trick, but a response from Castle Combe put pressure on the team until the final stages when Badger's striker Charlie scored to make it 4-1. League position : Joint top, winning 9 and losing 1.

The U11 are now placed in the top league, against big town opposition for the second half of the season (Chippenham, Westbury, Trowbridge, Warminster, Melksham...). Good luck, and also a welcome back to Lewis, who has recovered from a recent injury to strengthen the squad further.

Other news:

- Interesting, that the Government have announced a plan to encourage more secondary Schools to open up for clubs in the local community to use their unused facilities, as part of a promotion to encourage more sport for youngsters..... (refer November edition).
- Adults next home fixture against Bratton on 25th February, 14.00hrs K.O. at West Lavington. Supporters welcome.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976



Our first meeting of 2012 was our Annual General Meeting, which was held on Monday afternoon, 9th January. We were happy to welcome Evelyn Grant, Devizes Deanery Chairman, who was in

attendance for this special afternoon. During the meeting our triennial election took place. Janet Hodges expressed sincere appreciation to Paul Noviss who was standing down as Treasurer. The officers elected to serve for the next three years are:

Branch Leader: Mrs Janet Hodges
 Branch Secretary: Mrs Val Noviss
 Branch Treasurer: Mrs Sandra Gamble.

Preceding the AGM there was a short Communion Service led by Revd Canon James Campbell. In his address he talked about the gifts the three wise men brought to Jesus and challenged us about the use of our gifts of time, talents and treasure.

There followed a brief enrolment ceremony again led by Revd Canon James Campbell, in which Sheila Holt was enrolled as a member of the Mothers' Union. We were all delighted to welcome Sheila into our Branch.

In her report Janet Hodges gave details of some of the events planned for 2012 and thanked everyone for their support. The Deanery Chairman also added her thanks on behalf of the Deanery, especially mentioning Janet and thanking her for all her commitment throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 13th February, when Jane Simkins will be making a return visit to talk about her work with the street children and orphanages in Vietnam.

Just a reminder that our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 2.15 p.m. in the Vicarage, White Street, West Lavington and all are welcome. If you would like more information about the work of the Mothers' Union you can contact me on the number below or visit the Mothers' Union website on:

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Val Noviss, (Secretary, West Lavington Branch)



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WEST LAVINGTON WI

In mid-December, we gathered in the Giles room to taste Heather's delicious mulled wine (her secret recipe) and nibble tasty WI festive treats. However, our mince pies and vol-au-vents were eclipsed by items on the biggest (& best) nature table I have ever seen! We were surrounded by an abundance of environmental treats brought along by Mrs. Sally Bullock to make natural table decorations for Christmas. There were pine cones, poppy seed heads, beech nuts, love-in-the-mist, Chinese gooseberries, choux fly, raffia and believe it or not - walnuts. And so for one evening only, with not a paper chain in sight, the Giles Room began to look as jolly as a jelly as we ladies each took a conical oasis in a flower pot to adorn. Guided by Sandra Bullock, the outcome was amazing – and every creation an individual delight.

The first WI meal of the year was enjoyed on January 4th at The Owl, Little Cheverell and our Resolutions meeting followed on the 12th in the Giles Room. Some of the topics which the NFWI urged her majesty's government to address were: Field Study centres and outdoor education, Airborne Litter and Reducing fuel poverty. This led to a lively discussion and a longer than usual coffee break where plans to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee were considered.

As February is the bi-centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, members requiring tickets for 'What the Dickens' at The White Horse Country Park in Westbury need to book by February 23rd. The event takes place on March 23rd 10.30am – 3.30pm (with buffet) £16 admission. Dr. Tony Williams, retired Hon. Sec. of the Dickens Fellowship will give a talk on 'Dickens' Women: Fact, Fiction and Speculation. There will also be a quiz, plus readings and a short play by the Bristol & Clifton Dickens Society; our day concludes with a sing-song from the musical 'Oliver'.

WI members meet again in the Giles Room, West Lavington on 9th February to hear Lynn Dyson's talk on 'Village History'. Meanwhile, we take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy & healthy New Year.

Hild Marrow

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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



After Christmas we held an "Epiphany evening" at Malcolm Johnson's house where he prepared a delicious French-style diner complete with three traditional *Galette des Rois*. (Look it up!) More recently we took part in a "French themed soiree" at Dautsey's school on 19th Jan. where Mrs Wingham and Nick Spears kindly organised a room with computers showing slide shows of our various visits to St Pierre d'Autils. Our thanks to all concerned.

Our next event is a French Quiz evening open to non-members to be held in the village hall on March 9th at 7.30 p.m. There will be a wine bar, but sorry, no food this time. Tickets for the quiz will be £10 per table of 4.

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

2012 Twinning Association calendars are now available at £4, i.e. half price from Michael Page.

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



Wiltshire
GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A Social Start to the New Year

Good Neighbour Scheme is a free and confidential service, which provides information and signposts older residents living in Market Lavington, West Lavington, Easterton, Urchfont & Wedhampton to the excellent services and organisations that are available to them. The Good Neighbour Scheme provides information about any and every service available to help older people to live more independent and fulfilling lives.

February can be a cold and grey month where we can all feel a bit stuck in due to the cold and sometimes icy weather. So I wanted to draw your attention in this article to some of the great social groups and activities available for older people in this, and the surrounding area.

Sometimes it's hard to find out what's on and how to access these groups or a bit scary to turn up on your own for the first time, so that's where I come in. I can provide you or your friends or neighbours with information about these groups and even come along with you for the first time.

Below are some of the activities / events you can get involved with here:

- Gentle exercise groups,
- Friendly coffee mornings / afternoons and lunch clubs,
- Local Arts and Craft and special interest groups

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above, please contact me, and I will do what I can to provide you with the information you need and put you in touch with the right people.

So if you think I can help you or someone you know, or if you have any questions, or would like further clarification about the service, do please feel free to ring me (Jo Loring-Fisher) for a chat or to arrange a home visit on: 07557 110417 or email me on: gncarea09@communityfirst.org.uk.



FUNERALS

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

The Ashes of **Mrs Ruth KIRKBY**, who died 15th February 2011, were interred in All Saints' Churchyard in the grave of her husband Roderick Kirkby on 25th November 2011.

Victor GEORGE WHEELER of Market Lavington died on 15th December 2011 aged 82 years. His funeral at the crematorium took place on 22nd December.

Dorothea JAMIESON, died on 2nd January 2012, aged 87 years. After cremation a Service of Thanksgiving was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 13th January 2012.

John Robert James Janes, died on 13th January 2012. A Thanksgiving Service was held at All Saints, West Lavington on 20th January.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Two very well deserved winners in December, both long standing supporters of the 200 Club. Louise George from Gt. Cheverell wins the £40 prize, and Frank Sawyer from Mkt. Lavington the £20 prize. The draw itself was done by Sally Lort-Phillips on behalf of Mkt. Lavington.

In January the first prize of £40 went to Anne Welford of Great Cheverell and the second of £20 to Hugh Davy of West Lavington. The draw was done at the Benefice Council meeting at the Rectory in Market Lavington where the winning tickets were drawn by Bob Giles.

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

BENEFICE QUIZ

Many congratulations to Joy Thomas and Anji Scofield who both achieved 100% in our quiz this year and have received their prizes. We had lots returned this year and many of them scored over 90%, so well done, everyone, and we do hope you enjoyed our annual challenge! Many thanks to those who supported it this year, in particular the setters, and Market Lavington Post Office who sold a record amount!

The answers are as follows:

LAST WORDS OF FAMOUS FILMS 1. King Kong 2. A Christmas Carol 3. The Wizard of Oz 4. Yankee Doodle Dandy 5. Meet me in St Louis 6. Singing in the Rain 7. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers 8. Gigi 9. Some Like it Hot 10. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid 11. Diamonds are Forever 12. The Rocky Horror Picture Show 13. Tron 14. Romancing the Stone 15. Who Framed Roger Rabbit? 16. Jurassic Park 17. The Flintstones 18. Babe 19. Casino Royale 20. On Her Majesty's Secret Service

COLLECTIVE NOUNS 1. Geese 2. Seagulls 3. Peacocks 4. Lions/Ostriches 5. Flamingoes 6. Porcupines/Hedgehogs 7. Chickens/Hens 8. Whales/Pelicans/Dolphins 9. Partridges/Quail/Grouse 10. Rooks/Owls 11. Oysters/Clams/Worms 12. Woodpeckers 13. Ravens 14. Eagles 15. Bears 16. Racehorses/ponies 17. Locusts 18. Moles 19. Worms 20. Bees/Wasps/locusts

ROUND AND ABOUT IN WILTSHIRE 1. Marlborough 2. Royal Wootton Bassett 3. Tisbury 4. Winterbourne Stoke 5. Salisbury 6. Chippenham 7. Alton Barnes 8. West Lavington 9. Fovant 10. Warminster 11. Edington 12. Downton 13. Dauntsey 14. Easterton 15. Chirton 16. Devizes 17. Melksham 18. Atworth 19. Westbury 20. Seend

NAME THE NOVEL 1. Little Women 2. Doctor No 3. Cakes and Ale 4. Oliver Twist 5. The Woman in White 6. The Camomile Lawn 7. Catch 22 8. A Room with a View 9. Wild Swans 10. The Thirty Nine Steps 11. Jamaica Inn 12. Golden Eye 13. Scoop 14. Frankenstein 15. Swallows and Amazons 16. Jane Eyre 17. The Railway Children 18. The Canterbury Tales 19. Tom Jones 20. Lord of the Rings'

OLD SAWS 1. Don't put the cart before the horse 2. Don't upset the apple cart 3. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth 4. Pay peanuts, get monkeys 5. A Bull in a china shop 6. The law is an ass 7. Sick as a parrot 8. Makes our hair stand on end 9. Half a loaf is better than no bread 10. A stitch in time saves nine 11. Cut your coat according to your cloth 12. Let sleeping dogs lie 13. Wear your heart on your sleeve 14. Never judge a book by its cover 15. A leopard cannot change its spots 16. Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone 17. Look before you leap 18. Don't put all your eggs in one basket 19. Behind every great man is a great woman 20. A wolf in sheep's clothing

Henrietta Goggs

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Truth Matters

One of the first lessons that parents impart to their children is the importance of telling the truth. But one of the first lessons that children learn in life is that it sometimes seems easier to lie than to tell the truth. This is especially the case when they are tempted to be dishonest in order to avoid being punished for being naughty. Of course, when the lie unravels, they find themselves in double trouble. As the Good Book says, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Relationships are based on trust and relations soon sour when it turns out that someone has not been honest with us. When governments casually break their manifesto promises the electorate quickly becomes disillusioned. The phone hacking scandal has broken the bond of trust between newspapers and their readers. If, on a personal level it turns out that someone has lied to us, we find it difficult to believe their word ever again. Remember the boy who cried, "Wolf!"? The Christian faith recognises the vital importance of honesty. One of the Ten Commandments tells us, "You shall not bear false witness".

God is almighty. Nothing is impossible for him. But the Bible tells us that there is one thing that he cannot do. He is "the God who cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). That explains why human beings, created in the image of God also have an inbuilt concern for truth. That is why dishonesty is an expression of something badly wrong with the human heart.

Christian believers follow Jesus not because their faith makes them feel good about themselves, but because they are convinced that the claims of Christ are true. He really is the Son of God who became man. He really did die on the cross for the sins of the world. He really did rise again from the dead. He really will give forgiveness and hope to all who trust in him. Truth matters. Jesus said, "I am the truth".

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