

News and Views



**July and August
2012**

Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
July 2012

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st July Trinity 4	9.30 am Half Hour *	9.30 am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Communion by Extension	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
8th July Trinity 5	11.00 a.m. United Service	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	11.00 a.m. United Service At St Marys	6.00 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
15th July Trinity 6	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 a.m. Matins (BCP)	11.00 a.m. Matins (BCP)	9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship	11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd July Trinity 7	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	9.00 am <i>Join St Joseph's RC Church, Littleton Panell</i>		11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)	
29th July Trinity 8			10.30 am Benefice Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	

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

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August 2012

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
5th August Trinity 9	10.30 a.m. Half Hour Service*				8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
12th August Trinity 10		10.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)		
19th August Trinity 11	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)			10.30 am Simple Celebration of Communion	
26th August Trinity 12		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)			10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)
<p>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.</p>					

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

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

Dear Friends,

For those who enjoy sport, this summer is a rich feast. As I write the England football team are still progressing in Euro 2012, and the Olympic Games are just round the corner.

There have been many disappointments for British competitors in all sports over the years. So we remember the triumphs that much more: 1966 of course and more recently Jonny Wilkinson's last minute drop goal against Australia to give England victory in the 2003 Rugby World Cup.

The thrill of breaking the tape is a joy denied the modern sprinter, but keeping going right to the end is essential in all sport, not just in the 100 metres. In any race, however we start, the aim is to finish well.

St. Paul used the analogy of the race as a picture of the Christian life a number of times in the Bible. In Hebrews 12 Paul speaks about throwing off anything that hinders us and 'running with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus'. In Philippians 3 he writes of 'forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me...'

These qualities which will be required of any athlete if they are to succeed in the forthcoming Games: perseverance, a refusal to be distracted by past failure, a single minded pursuit of the ultimate goal. A similar challenge faces the Christian day-by-day – but the great advantage is that there isn't just one winner: victory is assured for all who keep their eyes fixed on eyes on Jesus, for it is through him that victory is secured.

James Campbell

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TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN

In September I shall be going to Kajo-Keji in South Sudan as part of a team of five including Jonathan Triffitt who works at St. James' Church, Southbroom and is Rural Dean of Devizes. We shall be taking part in a clergy conference and developing the link between their diocese and our deanery.

South Sudan is the world's newest country, having acquired independence from Sudan almost a year ago. It is also amongst the poorest countries in the world after a generation of civil war and continued conflict with the North. Kajo-Keji is south of the capital Juba on the Ugandan border– and so relatively safe.

The people out there have many, many needs , but we are being encouraged to take out the following items: reading glasses; newish short-sleeved T shirts for women; back packs; navy suits, jackets or skirts for women; children's colouring/ easy work books; children's outdoor games such as bats or light balls; inflatable footballs; watches + new batteries; small soft knitted toys; and bibles.

If anyone would like to give any of the above to the people of Kajo-Keji, please bring it round to The Rectory by 25th July. There are many costs associated with the trip, including the request to make a contribution towards the expenses of the clergy conference; any assistance with that would be very gratefully received.

James Campbell

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

CELEBRATORY EVENT

Lavington School Reunion!

The Social and Fund Raising Committee is organising another Progressive Dinner on the 6th October 2012 in aid of Church Funds. We are only in the preliminary stages of arranging this and further news will be in the September magazine.

We would be interested in knowing of anybody who is willing to be a host/ hostess for either a main course for 8/10 or pudding course for 8/10.

We would also like to hear from anybody who is interested in coming. We have not yet arranged a price!

Please contact me, Lavender Davy, on 01380 813782 if you would like to be involved.

The BIG reunion to celebrate the last 50 years of Lavington school! For all past and present teachers and students! Saturday 21st July 2012, 7 p.m. till late, at Five lanes farm, Potterne, SN10 5PT. Includes buffet, disco and licensed bar! Tickets £5. Tickets available from Devizes Books, Potterne Post Office, School office, Five Lanes Farm, or phone Teresa Chandler (nee Billet) on 07970 953557.

WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. / TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Worton and Cheverell F.C. under 13's football team were privileged to represent both their club and the village of West Lavington in a recent football tournament in France.

The team were invited to take part by hosts St Marcel in conjunction with the residents of Saint-Pierre d'Autils who are twinned with West Lavington, and very kindly offered to provide accommodation for the boys throughout the weekend of the tournament.

Our journey started on Friday 25th May very early in the morning from The Churchill car park with the coach from Pewsey Vale picking us up at 0415. We then travelled to Dover and caught the 0730 ferry to Calais; we then had rather a long journey by coach to our final destination St Marcel.

We were met at St Marcel F.C. by Lauren the main organiser of the competition who immediately made us feel so welcome. The boys then met their host families from Saint-Pierre d'Autils who had kindly offered to accommodate the boys throughout the weekend.

The whole weekend was amazing; the tournament was so well organised and the hospitality of our friends from St Marcel and Saint-Pierre d'Autils was second to none.

With very strong teams from France, Germany and England (Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy) the boys performed exceptionally well, playing seven games, winning three and losing four, finishing a respectable 11th out of 20 teams, with Wolverhampton Wanders Academy winning the tournament. We also had a very special guest player, Sebastian, who was the grandson of one of our host families, and we presented him with a Worton and Cheverell F.C. shirt, signed by the coaches and all the boys.

We cannot thank our hosts enough; this experience and the friendships made will stay with us forever.

Russ Bishop (Manager)



WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

This month has been a very eventful one. It saw a group of members travelling to The Cotswold Water Park enjoying several water based activities, organised by YAW. The members with three of their Leaders did Wind Surfing, Raft making/paddling and Kayaking. It was a really lovely sunny day and all, including the leaders, who also took part in the activities, had a great day.

The major event for around 250 of us, this month and for some time previously, must be "A Concert for George"; what a fantastic occasion this was. Produced and Directed for us by Michael Reed and Hugh Wooldridge, with a cast that included: Stephanie Cole, Simon Shepherd, Sarah Payne, Paul Arden-Griffith, Petronella Dittmer, Peter Land, Helen Habershon and local new talent Victoria Wilkinson. Hosted by Mike Read. (DJ). All these wonderful people gave up their busy schedules to entertain us, with the proceeds going to the Youth Club. I know that all of you that attended will remember the singing, reciting and anecdotes for a long time. Thank you all for your support.

The concert was followed by a delicious supper and cabaret performed by Michael Reed and some of the concert stars. This was an evening the likes of which you could not attend anywhere else for love nor money.

We know that we were only able to have these stars come and put a concert for us because of George Baker; these are friends of his that have not forgotten him and what he did for the youth of West Lavington and surrounding villages.

I cannot list all the people that did so much. Giving up their time. Preparing of the delicious food. Running the bar. Taking the meal orders. Washing up. Moving furniture and so much more - you will know who you are, and we thank you so much.

Please now make a note in your diaries that Andrew and Ruth will be opening the West Lavington Manor Gardens on 7th July, Noon to 6 p.m. The Youth Club will be providing their sumptuous teas(!) and benefiting from the tickets sales. Please come and see this wonderful garden and Ruth's and Andrew's mark upon it. For details of Youth Club openings please see a previous edition.

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

A LIFETIME IN WEST LAVINGTON

A surprise birthday tribute from his daughter to a gentleman known to many of us.

My father, Patrick Gilliam-Hill, was a Londoner and settling in a small village with a large family of 6 children wasn't easy, even though large families were not unusual in those days. He wanted us to grow up in the country to have space to play and freedom, and he certainly achieved that. Our early memories were of life as one big adventure. Dad had some very hard years finding work, cycling all over the county and even to Bristol, often with his dog in the basket on the front. While working in the canteen at the army camp he set about fixing bicycles to bring in a bit of extra money and managed to set fire to the chip fryer (twice!). The obvious career choice after that was to become a fireman at RAF Lyneham where he had many happy years. The bike renovating continued of course with the occasional dash up the runway when a Hercules was due to land.

Shift work had its advantages, as Dad would often be home during the day and always prepared for an exciting adventure with his children and anyone else who wanted to tag along. This could include walking over Salisbury plain with the red flag flying, apparently quite safe if we kept to single file! At home he would send mother to a neighbour, then unclip the stair carpet to make a slide we could hurtle down on cardboard sleds, or turn out all the lights and play hide and seek in the dark! My sister recalls sitting proudly on the rec with many local children while Dad told stories he had made up. Dad started a village football team, and travelled to matches with the entire team in his car (surely a record) and no health and safety to stop him in those days. It was a difficult time when mother died as he continued his job as a fireman while still caring for my younger brother and ME but he managed the dual role admirably and we survived!

Patrick and Pauline married in 1973. Mother to just one daughter, Pauline inherited 5 more and a son! Far from retiring, in later years they ran a successful antique business. Now they have been married for almost 40 yrs; their 7 children have produced 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, the most recent a little girl born to the second Patrick Gilliam-Hill (Patrick's grandson) living in Germany.

Pauline is very much part of village life, belonging to the Friendship club and running the Dolls House Club. This hobby has resulted in some amazing houses including a thatched cottage, teashop and even a replica of the 'Queen Vic.' The dolls house club exhibits regularly in libraries and village events. Another of Pauline's hobbies is her lovely garden created over many years for her and Patrick to enjoy and anyone else who calls in.

In his retirement Dad returned to singing, a former career he was forced to abandon as a young man. He still owns a wonderful voice and has appeared in many productions, still performing and enjoying membership of a local choir. We grew up listening to songs drifting from the bathroom every day. Perhaps the acoustics were the best in there!

Every week Dad listens to children read at the local primary school; a lovely link to the past and the pleasure he gave his children and others storytelling all those years ago. In July they celebrate their 80th and 90th birthdays with a big party for family and friends. We all want them to know how much they are admired, appreciated and especially loved.

Happy birthday Patrick and Pauline!

SUNNYSIDE STREET PARTY IN WEST LAVINGTON

For the third year in succession a Street Party was held, this time over the Diamond Jubilee Weekend, in Sunnyside, West Lavington. Previous events to bring the community together have celebrated a 90th Birthday (2010) and The Royal Wedding (2011). On this occasion the attendance for the Diamond Jubilee was 50 residents of Sunnyside and Orchard Place along with a few local guests, who were blessed with very good sunny weather.

The Sunnyside Street Party Committee, on behalf of the residents, wish to record their very grateful thanks to The Devizes Area Board for the award of a Diamond Jubilee Celebration Grant. This funding was used to purchase a new 4m x 8m Marquee which can be used for future events and which was an integral part of The Street Party this year. Currently plans for an Olympic Street Party in early August to celebrate 'London 2012' are being considered.

The Committee wish to make this versatile marquee available to other West Lavington residents for suitable events and celebrations (for a small fee which will be used to help defray costs to maintain or perhaps even extend the marquee in the future). It is easy to erect if 3 or 4 adults are involved following full instructions which are supplied. It has already been used successfully in the village in the last few days for a birthday celebration at a private house and is ideal for a large flat lawned area.

Applications from West Lavington residents to obtain more details and a booking form for a proposed booking should be directed to Liz Evans (01380 813929) or David Haywood (01380 812129), respectively Secretary and Chairman of the Street Party Committee.

The Committee also wish to thank Dauntsey's School for their considerable help with equipment for the day, and for use of the playing field adjacent to Sunnyside, where the marquee was erected.

BIKE & BUGGY SALE SATURDAY

13th October from 9.30a.m.
West Lavington Village Hall
Sell your unwanted children's
equipment, bicycles,
scooters, toys, baby furniture,
prams or buggies, high chairs.
Pick up a bargain. 25%
to All Saint's Church

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On July 5th there will be a visit to Beggars Knoll Garden at Westbury. Then on Wednesday, July 18th there will be a talk on The Gardens of Lacock Abbey, by Mrs S. Carter. This will be held in West Lavington Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. The subject of this month's competition will be a Vase of Sweet Peas.

There will also be a visit to Bourton House and Sezincote House and Garden on July 19th.

The Annual Summer Show will be held on August 25th in Market Lavington Community Hall.

VILLAGE AWARENESS DAY

West Lavington and Littleton Panell

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Village Awareness day on The Queens Jubilee, and I would especially like to thank Julie Collins for organising the day.

I hope you all benefited from it; it was certainly a very interesting event.

The Punch and Judy show can be described as memorable, and Ann Walker's sketches were superb.

We held an art competition leading up to the day in which children were asked to design a greeting card for The Queen. We had 15 entrants and the winning card was designed by Sophie Lawrence, shown in the centre spread of the magazine posting the card to Buckingham Palace. Well done Sophie and thanks to everyone who sent us their design.

Michael Page, Chairman



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Let the Jubilee and the Olympics get you in the mood to light up for the village event of the year!
**The 2012 WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE
on Saturday 8th September from 2.00 pm
on the Village Playing Field**

With your help, it will be another fun-filled afternoon for the whole family!

To keep you entertained after the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics, West Lavington once again offers you a fun-filled afternoon at the Fete, with lots to see, do and buy! The afternoon will begin with a not-the-O-word Torch Relay!

The ever popular **Fun Family Dog Show** will run throughout the afternoon with 8 classes. These are: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest bitch – Belle of the Ball; Most handsome dog – Prince Charming; Best puppy (up to 9 months); Young handler (14 years and under); Waggiest tail; Best 6 legs; and The Dog the judge would most like to take home. Entries will be taken from 1.30pm and classes will start at 2.00. Entries cost £2 per dog per class and there will be rosettes and prizes!

PLUS!

Go Karts, Grand Draw, Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Dolls Houses, all your favourite stalls and some new ones including Glam Gals, not forgetting the ever-essential Teas and Beer Tent!

Don't forget contributions for the stalls and raffles! Our Stalls need YOU!

Book Stall: Contact **Richard Matters on 816133** about collection/delivery of your unwanted great reads!

Bottle Stall: our collectors will be calling on YOU during the week before the Fete. Or contact **Quentin Goggs on 813736** if you can deliver.

Bric a Brac: **Jean Morton, on 812107** will collect, or please deliver your unwanted treasures to Dial House.

Glam Gals: let **Lynne Rayner on 812881** know if you have any glamorous girlie gear to donate.

Mothers' Union and Cake Stall: **Janet Hodges on 812467** would welcome jams, jellies, fresh garden produce and will collect cakes, biscuits, buns, scones, or bring your cakes to the stall on the day.

Plants: **Debbie West, Tel: 813345** Deliver your plants to Parsonage House on Friday 22nd, or bring to the stall on the day.

Teas: **Mary Diccox, Tel: 813319** Cakes, tea and sugar most welcome. Mary can collect, or deliver to her on the day at the Village Hall after 9am.

If you would like to run a stall at the Fete, or have any other ideas to contribute, or would like more information, please contact **Bob Giles on 813256**, or **Quentin Goggs on 813736**.

This is YOUR Fete, so please help us to make it a good one!

Prizes for the Grand Draw would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact M Page on 01380 818510.

EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks to Nick Cox for the cover picture for this magazine. Whilst the craft on display might not have qualified for the Jubilee River Pageant it nonetheless displays the sense of celebration and patriotic loyalty suitable for the occasion.

A reminder that there is no issue of *News and Views* in August.

MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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

I am not known for my athletic physique or my sporting prowess. Nowadays, I generally need to sit down at the mere prospect of a little light housework or gardening. Nevertheless, in my younger days I played a passable game of rugby and I was a good enough swimmer to make my county team (but only once). My father loved cricket as a player or as a spectator all his life and my son has enjoyed participating in almost everything, including ice hockey (which is rather violent), American football (also violent) and surfing (where nature can be violent). I may have failed as a parent there.

On reflection, I should have tried harder to keep up my involvement in sports. I would not only be fitter now but, assuming fitter also means slimmer, I would probably find it easier to find clothes that fit.

It is more or less universally agreed that participating in sport is a good thing, especially for the young. According to the BBC, regular sporting activity reduces body fat, strengthens bones, aids co-ordination, balance and flexibility, improves stamina and concentration and fights depression and anxiety. Not bad for starters!

Furthermore, being part of a team gives children a great sense of belonging. It also challenges them to work in a group, and encourages them to think of others.

Sport doesn't have to mean competitive teams and expensive equipment but it should always be fun. What's more, says the BBC, all that activity should have the children exhausted by bed time. That's got to be good news!

An active child is more likely to become an active adult, so it pays to start them young. It is a matter of concern, therefore, that according to the Wiltshire Strategic Needs Assessment, 1 in 3 (31.5%) of the children measured in the Devizes Community Area were found to be overweight or obese compared to an average of 21.8% in Wiltshire. Devizes ranks 20th out of the 20 Community Areas. You can read it for yourself on <http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/local-area-profiles/>.

Bob Young of Market Lavington recently told the tale of the father who was in the garden playing football with his sons when the wife called out to complain that they were damaging the lawn. The father shouted back that they were raising children, not raising grass!

There are many local groups in this area that are helping people enjoy sport – too many to list but easily found on the internet. The message here, therefore, is to extol readers to not only enjoy watching the Olympics but to get out there and take a little exercise as well. If you see me perspiring, you'll know I too am trying!

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

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Diamond Jubilee



West Lavington, Sunnyside Party



Punch & Judy
West Lavington Village Hall



Little Cheverell, Evening Party

A card for the Queen

Great Cheverell, Maypole Dancing

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

By the time you read this the roadworks will be complete – if they are not, then the rain falling at the time of writing this will have delayed the schedule even more!

I hope we will all find the new surfacing on both the main road and our pavements much smoother, quieter and safer. You will notice that there are not so many white lines or cats eyes, which is quite deliberate and supposed to keep us on our toes as we navigate a safe course along our way.

In the last month, our journeys have been less than smooth of course and during the works there has been much disruption especially for those who live close the A360, and particularly the businesses that rely on our trade. The Parish Council is very aware of the contribution made to our community life by the Costcutter shop, The Churchill Arms and The Bridge Inn. Whilst everything that could be done to minimise disruption was planned into the roadworks, all have nevertheless seen a marked drop in their trade during that time. Could I ask you to please consider using the shop and the pubs as often as possible – they really would like to welcome you all.

Still on a highways theme, Wiltshire Council Highways officers have given us advice on the placing of obstructions in the grass verge to some of our roads. Some householders have placed objects such as rocks or cut tree stumps in the verge, either as decoration or more usually to deter either parked or passing vehicles from that space. It has been pointed out that these are classed as obstructions to the highway (the verge being part) and can be dangerous either to passing cars, especially when turning, or to cyclists who could catch their pedal. Such obstructions on a verge where there are highway rights over are unlawful, and should be removed. It is possible to guard verges with posts or shallow planted shrubs, and Wiltshire Council Highways officers will be able to advise on suitability and siting if you contact them. You can ask for the Area Highways Manager Peter Hansen or Paul Bollen by calling Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100. If you would like to plant shallow shrubs instead, you can contact Helen Pickett on the same number, or email helen.pickett@wiltshire.gov.uk - Helen will let you know the procedure to follow. Please check before digging – only licensed contractors can dig down into the highway verge in case there are buried pipes or cables. So, if you have a verge that may be owned by Wiltshire Council, please consider carefully what you do – ultimately their staff will enforce the rules for everyone's well-being. The Parish Council next meets on Thursday 5 July at 7.30pm in the Giles Room, West Lavington Village Hall. This will be the last meeting before September, so do come along – we aim to have a presentation on the practicalities of setting up a Community Transport bus scheme, which I hope will be of interest to many.

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations – to Lynda Wearn and Rob Hayward who were re-elected to the posts of Chair and Vice Chair of Cheverell Magna Parish Council respectively at the May meeting of Council.

Annual Parish Meeting: This was held on Thursday, 24th May and we were pleased to have as our Guest Speaker Mr Chris Minors, Senior Planning Policy Officer, Wiltshire Council, who gave an illustrated presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. The Parish Council will shortly be preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and would be interested to hear from any parishioners who would like to be part of the working group to progress this project. Carolyn Gibson, Core Strategy Manager, Economy & Enterprise DNP at Wiltshire Council, has offered to attend the meetings in order to give her advice. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in serving the community in this way in order that we can arrange a mutually convenient date for the group's first meeting.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 4th June: A big Thank You to all who organized what turned out to be a very enjoyable day and many people have expressed how much they enjoyed both the afternoon and evening events. Many thanks also to the volunteers who gave so much of their time and energy to make the occasion a big success and of course, thank you to all of you who came!

Neighbourhood Watch: Volunteers are still required in order to form a Neighbourhood Watch Team in the village. Some insurance companies give a discount on their house and contents policies to people who are Neighbourhood Watch members, so please let us know if you are interested in joining this scheme.

Footpath Working Party: Our Footpath Representative is still looking for more people to join this group. Please contact me (details below) if you are interested in taking part in either of the above projects.

Annual Village Clean Up Day: You are probably wondering why this hasn't happened yet – but we haven't forgotten and a date has provisionally been booked for 29th September. However, this will be confirmed in the September issue of News & Views.

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Website:www.greatcheverell.org

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

Before half term we have been learning about the Queen and London. We have looked at pictures and photos of Buckingham Palace, the guards, crown jewels and Big Ben to name a few. This is all great learning stuff as we discuss the differences in size between little villages and the big city of London. We have had some great comments as well with one of our children identifying the Queen as "Nanny Lilys!" and another describing her as the "boss of the whole world!"

We have spent a lot of time outside without getting too wet from the rain, but seem to be getting even wetter from playing with water trays, buckets and hosepipes. Even this fun has educational value as we look at measuring end emptying, and then there is how far you can throw it!

We are now leading up to our own mini Olympics with some very competitive training taking place and our own Olympic committee making sure not too much gluing of eggs on to spoons is going on. This will happen on the same day as our End of Year party where we will be saying goodbye to some of our bigger little ones as they move onto school.

Registrations are taking place for next year. If you wish to visit or come in with your child for a trial session please call on the number above. www.greatcheverellpreschool.co.uk

Great Cheverell Pre-School and Nursery is a charitable pre-school. Based in the grounds of Holy Trinity School and enjoying close links with the school and community. Reg. Charity No. 1037654

Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

On Friday 1st June Dauntsey's Aided Primary School celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee with a Street Party. The school was a hub of activity with members of the Governing Body, families and friends in the community all welcomed and enjoyed a traditional street party on the school playground. Following the Jubilee Street Party, guests were welcomed into school to view learning produced in Artsweek. The day ended

with a performance of the Jubilee Song, a truly fantastic day that the children will remember for years to come.

On Monday 18th June we had our annual sports day. We were fortunate with the weather allowing children, parents and staff to enjoy a fun day plus Mums and Dads joined children for a picnic lunch. Following competitive sports in the morning, children were involved in team games designed by children in Orinoco class. Congratulations to Orinoco class for planning and running a super afternoon of sport.

On Friday 22nd June all junior children are planning to join other schools from our cluster for an Olympic themed sports day at Lavington School. All infant children will not miss out, having the infant fun day across at Urchfont Primary School on Monday 25th June. All children are looking forward to an exciting day and we are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.

Michel Tietz, School Business Manager

Dauntsey's Aided Primary School Tel: 01380 813373

BOOKMARK

Bookmark members met at the village hall on Wednesday 6th June to chat about two novels with a traditional farming theme. We decided to adopt a scoring system for this and all future reading group sessions. *The Proof of Love*, Catherine Hall's second book scored 8½ out of 10 and is thoroughly recommended. This atmospheric story of relationships is set in a remote English country village during the hot summer of 1976, and from the beginning there is a brooding feel of menace. The novel portrays the practical aspects of agriculture and its economy, with a sense of place which is beautifully rendered. The only criticism offered was the author's abundance of adjectives - but we are all still queuing up to read her previous novel, *Days of Grace*, so we can't be that over described!



Belinda McKeen's debut novel, *Solace* is a strong portrait of loss, exploring the bonds between a father and son; a sad story of a hard working Irish farmer who champions honour, loyalty and responsibility, while his son is pleased to leave home for Trinity College - drifting through an alcoholic infused thesis. The group scored this novel 8 out of 10 for its revealing portrait of contemporary Irish life, but some members found the cheerless plot and tension throughout a bit of a head spinner. Nonetheless we all had a very happy evening with numerous giggles and nibbles shared over 'almost' chilled wine and/or mugs of steaming tea. We meet again on Wednesday 18th July, when we shall be looking at *Gillespie and I* by Jane Harris and Geraldine Brooks' *Caleb's Crossin'*. Our August session on 22nd is lined up to be members' choice: Biography or Classic.

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It was lovely to be met for our June meeting at the home of Revd John and Ann Cowburn by a nice warm fire! As we had expected to prepare for our Fete on June 23rd, arrangements were

suggested for the new date – September 8th. We also discussed arrangements for our next meeting on 9th July when Ann Howard, our Diocesan President, will be our speaker, followed by a Ploughman’s Lunch. After lunch the Revd John Cowburn will lead a meditation on the Mother’s Union Prayer.

Other arrangements are the Wave of Prayer on Tuesday, 31st July, 3.30-4.00, meeting at 3.15 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage.

On July 18th at St Pauls Church Fayre, Salisbury, 11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. there will be an opportunity to think about and discuss the current marriage legislation. Three from our group would like to go. We were delighted to welcome Jeanette Giles; we hope to enrol her at our next meeting.

Janet Hodges (812467)

THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday June 12th, on a bright and breezy evening, the Cheverells’ Garden Club monthly meeting moved outside!! Members met with Ivan Randall, Chief Adviser, Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project at the gates to St Peter’s Church. Ivan had brought several albums of pictures from churchyards where work had been completed to create environmentally friendly areas for flora and fauna.

Then, with accompaniment from the bell ringing practice, we walked round the churchyard, and Ivan talked at various points, explaining what could be achieved with particular management, for example, the cutting back of the stronger grasses to allow less invasive varieties to grow through.

The Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project holds seminars throughout the year and the next is on September 1st at St Giles Stanton St Quintin. Ivan suggested that anyone interested in churchyard flora and fauna from Great Cheverell could visit any of the churchyards where work has been undertaken, for ideas and inspiration.

Projects have been carried out at St Nicholas, Biddestone; All Saints, Broadchalke; the cemetery at Bromham; St Bartholomew’s, Corsham; St John the Baptist, Hindon;; St Katherine, Savernake; and of course St Giles Stanton St Quintin.

Next month, the club is out and about again. On Tuesday 10th July, by special arrangement, there is a guided tour of the Courts, NT Gardens led by the Head Gardener, Paul Alexander.

PLACES HAVE BEEN PRE- BOOKED.

Please meet at the village hall at 6.15 to arrange lifts



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

‘The Badgers’

Club membership for next season is now open for new players, with training to commence on the first Saturday following the start of the School term in September (but please contact your coach as this may vary). If you are interested in joining, please log into the Club website shown above and contact the relevant coach.

The Annual Club Presentation event took place at Great Cheverell on Saturday 16th June. Although not perfect weather, we would like to thank all the teams and parents for attending this important event and for your continued support throughout the season. Each individual team coach made the award to their respective teams with comments on their performance throughout the Season. Award winners are listed below.

July 12th is the date the Club Secretary and founder, Paul Sperring, will be making his Olympic Torch Relay event near Shaftesbury – all are welcome to come along and support. Following this, Paul will be presenting the Torch to the children in Primary Schools in the area (Five Lanes, Holy Trinity, St Barnabas, Urchfont, DAPS and St Josephs).

Worton and Cheverell F.C. ‘The Badgers’ 2011 / 12 Presentations - June 2012			
	Player of the Year	Players Player / Clubman /Most Improved	Golden Boot
Under 7	To Be Announced		
U8	Will Cook	Jeremy Banfield	Sebastian Keyte
U9 (2 Teams)	Liam Scott	Jack Pike	Nadim Searight
	Jake Duckett	George Clark	Gabriel Armstrong
U10 Wizards	Jack Swan	Jamie Gatland	Archie King
U10 Badgers	Kian Fulford	Harrison Damon	Morgan Spruce
U11	Simon Gale	Harry Davis	Charlie Strickland
U12	Mat Taylor	Reeve Stevens	Seth Nain
U13	Cameron Evans	Sam Warren	Brandon Simmonds
U14	Trophies awarded to all players - well done		
U15	To Be Announced		
U17 / 18	Liam Yates	Jimmy Dunford	Joe Moloney

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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Saint-Pierre
d'Autils

By the time you read this we will have had the visit from our French Friends on the weekend of 22nd June. We had about 30 coming. On the Saturday we visited Avebury stones/museum/manor. On the Saturday evening we had Scottish country dancing. There is a strong link between St Pierre and Scotland since the three airman shot down over the village during World War II were from Scotland. Their graves are in the St Pierre.

To join the West Lavington Twinning Association please email Malcolm Johnson on blocker38@hotmail.com or phone 01380 818147.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



WEST LAVINGTON WI

Well, the Calendar girls are at it again! 'Wiltshire in bloom' will blossom for 2013 and 'Water in Wiltshire' is already in the pipeline for the following year.

Beneath a mass of umbrellas there was a jolly good spirit at the Wiltshire Federation of WI's garden party. Everyone rallied round and the tea tent was a definite winner

through popular demand (and cloudy skies). From Lavington, Heather attended a patchwork class and brought her handiwork to the Giles Room, Margaret gave a good account of the Sheep Bells evening and Liz reported how well our afternoon teas were received by the ladies of Broadchalke & Bowerchalke.

A visit to the Hawk Conservatory is planned for 26th July; meeting at West Lavington Hall at 12.50 which will cost £11.50p per person. Looking ahead there is a planned trip to Windsor, including Virginia Water, on 4th October – 8.15 a.m. coach collection from Devizes and the following week on the 10th there will be country/folk dancing at Market Lavington – details to be announced.

Meanwhile, Hazel Gillingham enthralled us with her talk this month. She spoke of the life of Octavia Hill, incorporating her connection to the National Trust – and we were delightfully enlightened. Born in 1838 in Cambridgeshire, Octavia (being an 8th daughter) was a conservationist, artist, writer, teacher and social reformer. She was the pioneer of affordable housing and can be seen as the founder of modern social work. She became the first person to offer a local pension scheme and to mention an individual's right to space; fighting for a green belt area in Victorian times. For those interested, Ms. Hill is a fascinating character to 'google' and The NT has just published her biography.

On July 12th Andrew Taylor will talk on Stained Glass in the Giles Room. No, actually to rephrase that, Andrew Taylor will be in the Giles Room talking about stained glass – phew! August we have our established WI break and September 13th will be our social and business evening. Happy summer everyone.

Hild Marrow



BAPTISMS

Archie William SHARPLES was baptised by Rev Ann Cocking at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 22nd April 2012.

Edward Alfred Jack GODDARD was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 10th June 2012.

FUNERALS

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

William Albert DYSON died on 8th May, aged 92 years. His funeral service and burial were at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 17th May 2012.

"Ken" Kenneth Simpkins James EDWARDS died on 13th May, aged 87 years. His funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell was on 23rd May 2012.

Gladys Maud REEVE died on 1st June, aged 93 years. Her funeral on 13th June 2012 at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell was followed by cremation.

Ethel Elizabeth OSBORNE died on June 13th, aged 97 years. Her funeral was held at All Saints Church, West Lavington, on June 27th. Our sympathies go to Bob, her devoted husband.

TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Church meets on a Sunday morning in the Community Hall. Our services are varied and informal. Children are made welcome and not expected to sit still and quiet for an hour. A separate activity is organised for them.

- » 1st July 10.30 am worship leader Daphne Goodwin from Westbury.
- » 8th July is Market Lavington and Easterton United Service and is at St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m. Theme loosely tying in with the Olympics!
- » 15th July 10.30 am Rev Tom MacMeekin will be leading and including the celebration of Holy Communion.
- » 22nd July 10.30 am Rev Chris Cory
- » 29th July 10.30 am Mr Tom Hill

On the second Wednesday of every month (11th July- Tots Olympics!) in the Fuminger Room in the Community Hall is invaded by little people and their mums/carers. Tots@Ten is a friendly time of activities, songs and stories, chat and refreshments. For one hour there is lots of laughter and fun. New members welcome. No Tots@Ten in August.

Saturday Night at the Movies with Wiltshire Moviola. This month "Warhorse" based on the book by Michael Morpurgo will be shown on Saturday 14th July. Doors open 7.00 pm Tickets £5 from the Post Office or at the door. No Film night in August

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Running the race

Apparently, a certain sporting event is due to take place in our country this July and August. Something to do with interlinked coloured rings, flaming torches, gold medals etc. I think its called the Olympic Games. Some of the events in the modern games, like running, jumping and throwing stuff would not have been out of place in the original Olympics. But I'm not sure that the Spartan and Athenian competitors of yesteryear went in for synchronised swimming. How would that have helped at Thermopylae or the Battle of Marathon?

The biggest event of the modern Olympiad is undoubtedly the men's 100 metre race. Will Usain Bolt manage to nonchalantly chalk up another record braking win? The Jamaican makes it seem so effortless, but he must put in hours of hard training to be the undisputed Fastest Man on Earth. I can't be sure about this, but I think that the apostle Paul was a bit of an athletics fan. His writings in the New Testament make reference wrestling and running. He admired the athletes' single-minded dedication, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Paul viewed himself as a spiritual athlete, who had been called to run the race of faith. Following Jesus demands self-denial and perseverance. The apostle kept on running to the end. He maintained a steady gaze on the prize that was set before him. Some of the last words he wrote reflect this,

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day —and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Are you running the race?

Grace and peace,

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