



# News and Views

## March 2012

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>4th March Lent 2</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>11th March Lent 3</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas	9.30 am Parish Communion*	11.00 am United Service	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (Traditional)
<b>18th March Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)</b>	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	5.00 pm Evensong followed by Annual Parish Church Meetings
<b>25th March Lent 5</b>	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,**

The place of the Christian Faith within contemporary society has again been in the news recently. There was the case of the Bideford Council and the objection to the saying of prayers at meetings. In that debate it was interesting to hear the opinion of those of other faiths.

Writing in *The Times* on 16th February, a member of the Jewish Orthodox community was 'horrified to learn that prayers at Council meetings had been outlawed'. With the marginalisation of RE in schools, he wrote that 'it will not be long before the public perception of what Christianity has meant to this country, and what it still means to millions of people today, will be at best hazy and at worst non-existent'. He attended a school in which he was the only Jewish person. He recalled standing respectfully in assemblies without actually taking part in them – something, he suggests, that secularists and other non-Christians could do today.

The author believes that 'the severing of Britain from its Christian past will leave it morally rudderless'. He continues that 'in a society that doesn't recognise values as divinely ordained, everyone suits themselves'. He concludes that 'in such a society there is unlikely to be any consensus over values and little toleration or respect for any religious faith', his own included.

Increasingly the former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, has been forthright in his criticism of what he sees as the marginalisation of Britain's Christian traditions in a 'crusade' against religious belief.

However, the last word on this subject should go to the Queen beginning her Jubilee celebrations with a visit to Lambeth Palace. There she said, 'We should remind ourselves of the significant position of the Church of England in our nation's life. The concept of our established Church is occasionally mis-understood and, I believe, commonly under-appreciated'. Her Majesty's Christian conviction is increasingly evident from her Christmas Day broadcasts and is a source of very considerable encouragement to many of us.

James Campbell

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**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell**  
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## ANN COCKING

At the end of April Ann will retire after serving in these parishes for many years and latterly as an Associate Priest. She needs to spend more time with her family and to protect her health. We are so grateful for her contribution to the life of these parishes in so many ways.

The good news is that John and Ann are not leaving us. Ann is required to take a break from active public ministry for six months; she will then return and continue certain aspects of ministry but doing less than she has been doing in recent years.

If you would like to make a contribution in gratitude for Ann's ministry in our five parishes, please give it either to your PCC Treasurer or direct to Quentin Goggs, the Benefice Treasurer, before the end of March. Any cheques should be made out to 'The L C & E Benefice' marked for Ann. Thank you.

To mark the occasion, and to also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the creation of this United Benefice of five parishes on 26th April 2002, there will be a special joint service on Sunday 29th April at St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington at 10.30 a.m. to which all are warmly invited to attend.

JMC

## LENT 2012

**Lenten Reflection:** 7.00 – 7.30 p.m. in the a Beckett Chapel, West Lavington Church  
Briefly looking at Jesus' "I am" sayings, with opportunities for quiet.  
Four Tuesdays: 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 3rd April. (not 27th March)

Note: *additional heating will be in situ!*

**The Alpha Course:** continues at Easterton Church on Wednesday evenings except Ash Wednesday.

### Recommended reading for Lent

#### a) Love Unknown by Ruth Burrows.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2012

"In this book Ruth distils the wisdom and experience gained from her life as a Carmelite nun into a vigorous and compelling presentation of what it means to be a Christian." Burns & Oates £9.99

#### b) The Way of the Desert by Andrew Watson

Daily Bible Readings through Lent to Easter

Andrew takes us on a journey from the parting of the Red Sea to Israel's entry into the promised land. Combining these Old Testament scriptures with insight from the Gospels, he reveals the continuing relevance of the exodus story to all who would seek to follow Christ. Bible Reading Fellowship £7.99.

Sample copies are available at West Lavington Church.

Books can be ordered via the Benefice Office.

Try The **Carbon Fast**. Produced by Tearfund; provides daily actions and prayers for Lent to help you protect poor people from the changing climate and care for God's creation. Copies available in church or from [www.tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://www.tearfund.org/carbonfast).

## PALM SUNDAY – 1st April

Morning services in Church – see Calendar of Services

**Annual Palm Sunday Walk:** East > West through the parishes

2.00 p.m: Stage 1 – Easterton Church > West Lavington Church

3.00 p.m: Stage 2 – West Lavington Church > Great Cheverell Church,

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

*Join at either stage, come to the service – or just turn up for TEA.*

*Well supervised four-legged friends welcome.*

## 2012 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS IN THE 5 PARISHES

### LITTLE CHEVERELL

Sunday 18th March at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. short Evensong .

### MARKET LAVINGTON

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

### EASTERTON

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

### WEST LAVINGTON

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

### GREAT CHEVERELL

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

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

JMC

## CHANGES TO THE PATTERN OF SERVICES

Following discussions with the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils, the following changes to the existing pattern of regular services will come into effect from 1 May 2012:-

### Market Lavington:

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

**West Lavington:** - no changes.

### Easterton:

1st Sunday: Parish Communion not Matins.

3rd Sunday: Matins not Parish Communion.

### Great Cheverell

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

3rd Sunday: 'Welcome to Worship' at 11.00 a.m. not 9.30 a.m.

### Little Cheverell

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

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

Overall the alterations are fairly minimal; there won't be an 8.00 a.m. Communion in the Benefice on the 1st Sundays.

For the full pattern, please see the Calendar of Services or Church Notice Boards.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2012

### MAUNDY THURSDAY – 5th April

7.00 p.m: Agape, Easterton Church

### GOOD FRIDAY – 6th April

11.00 a.m. – *The Devizes Passion*

2.00 p.m – A Service of music and readings, West Lavington Church

4.00 p.m – Procession with the Cross to the Plain, Easterton

### EASTER DAY – 8th April

6.30 a.m. – Sunrise Service, The Vedette, Market Lavington

8.00 a.m. – Early Communion, Market Lavington

9.30 a.m. – Easter Day Services, Market Lavington & West Lavington

11.00 a.m. – Easter Day Services, Easterton, Great Cheverell & Little Cheverell

## 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 call Helena Warnock on 813487 or Greta Taylor on 812409 or e-mail [helenawarnock@btinternet.com](mailto: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

## BENEFICE SERVICE and BIG LUNCH

There will be a Benefice Service to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June at All Saints West Lavington at 11 a.m.

We hope you will join us after the service for a picnic lunch - please bring your own picnic and rugs etc. There will be further details in next month's magazine.

Lavender Davy, Chairman Social & Fund Raising Committee (01380 813782)

## LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the club will be held in West Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday, 21st March at 7.15 p.m. when Mr D.Moon will speak on *Gardens*. The subject of this month's competition will be a Pot of Marmalade.

Put a spring in your step and come along to our

## EASTER COUNTRY FAIR!

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Sue Bonney on 01380 812757

or email [thebonneys@waitrose.com](mailto:thebonneys@waitrose.com)

## 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 and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco.

Tickets £8 from Devizes Books Tel: 01380-725944

Please visit [www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk](http://www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk) for further details

## FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY

### Annual General Meeting

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

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

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

## WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Our last report was rushed! We really wanted to ensure that the very important mentioning of the renaming of the youth club centre, The George Baker Youth Centre, the unavailing of the new plaque and the tree planting, made it to the February edition. So thank you all that attended we really do appreciate your support, and thank you again to Sarah, Georges daughter and Patrick, George's brother for attending.

So what else can we look forward to? Coming up in June will be a concert put on by Michael Read who produced *Phantom of the Opera* and many other musicals and of course our previous concert. The concert will take place on Sunday 10 June at Lavington School; this will be a very high key event such as you will only see in The West End. More info later but make a note in your diary now.

Ruth and Andrew Dolman have agreed, that on 7 July they will open The West Lavington Manor to the public where we will be providing teas and cakes. We have always enjoyed our association with the Manor and Ruth and Andrew. More information soon.

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-opening sessions for our junior members; this will start on Tuesday 17 April 2012 from 5.30pm - 7pm. The committee have wanted to do this for some time and now have some limited funds available.

### Youth Club Members can attend as follows:

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

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

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

Again thank you all for your continued support.

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

## TRINITY CHURCH



### Stert country house CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday, 19th May, 2012

Buyers – 08:30 hrs

Manor Farm, Stert, Devizes  
(off the A342)

All pitches to be pre-booked and pre-paid

[www.devizescruk.org](http://www.devizescruk.org)

07831 376688

## ST PETER'S CHURCH GREAT CHEVERELL

### Easter Bingo

There will be a Bingo evening on March 26th, starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Prizes will include Easter eggs and cakes. There will also be a raffle.

Any donations for prizes will be gratefully received by either Wendy Wilshin or Janet Bailey. We hope to raise a good amount towards Church running costs.

There is a Whist Drive in the Village Hall every Friday starting at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## Cinema Nights at Market Lavington

Sat 24th March	The Help	7:30pm
Sat 21st April	My Week with Marylyn	7:30pm

## You are invited to a CHORAL CONCERT

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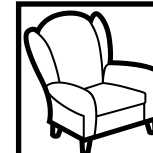
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## FLOWER LADIES

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

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

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

We also hold workshops and occasional Coffee Mornings.

Membership costs £28.00 pa.

For further information please contact Cathy Barr 01380 818782 or Gill Thompson 01980 630699

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

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

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

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

## FRIENDS of ERLESTOKE PRISON WE NEED VOLUNTEER MINIBUS DRIVERS AND HELPERS IN THE PRISON VISITOR CENTRE! CAN YOU HELP?

Are you interested in helping a new charity, which has been established to support the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners at HMP Erlestoke?

One of the key elements in supporting the rehabilitation of prisoners is keeping families together; this means that facilitating regular visits from their partners and children is an important activity for the prison.

HMP Erlestoke is in a remote location and families often find it difficult to get to the prison at the right time for visiting sessions because the transport links to and from Erlestoke are poor. The Friends of Erlestoke Prison are therefore setting up a shuttle service to and from Westbury Station and Devizes on Sunday afternoons and are looking for volunteer drivers. You will receive training and support to drive the minibus. Time commitment will be approximately 4 hours per session.

We are also seeking volunteers to help in the Visits Centre (which is outside the gates of the prison) to welcome visitors with drinks and refreshments and put them at ease before they enter the prison.

If you would like to help with either of these important services, please contact: [info@friendsoferlestokeprison.com](mailto:info@friendsoferlestokeprison.com) and a member of the charity will talk to you more about what's involved.

Please also visit our new website: [www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com](http://www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com) for more information about the charity.

## JUBILEE EVENT

4th JUNE 2012

Plans are proceeding for the Jubilee Event to be held by Village Care and Link in association with West Lavington Parish Council on June 4th.

The event will highlight the range and variety of activities that regularly take place in West Lavington. All organisations that have been approached have replied and will be having an information stall at the event.

Refreshments (tea and cakes) will be provided free and there will be two Punch and Judy shows, one at 2.30 and one at 3.30.

There will be an inflatable obstacle course courtesy of the Youth Club, and a bouncy castle sponsored by the Care Group.

It is hoped that there will be other entertainment...watch this space!!

Michael Page, Chairman

## A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR LOCAL POLICEMAN

On Saturday 17th March myself and Gareth Milnes have booked the large Police display vehicle and will be up at the West Lavington Village Hall between 10.00-14.00 hrs, this is for local residents to drop in and say hello, ask any questions or let us know of any concerns they may have.

We will be bringing some helpful literature and we will also be bringing along some items to sell from our Bobby Van Trust should anyone be interested.

## PORK FOR SALE

Free Range Traditional Breed Pigs  
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## MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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10:00am to 1:00pm

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Handmade cards and decorations, Textiles

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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](mailto: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](mailto:mm.rclarke@btinternet.com) for details about joining.

**VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

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

I am standing down from the committee at the AGM, so there will be a vacancy for the position of Chair and also a need for additional committee members to help run and improve the facilities at your village hall. Meetings are held every two months. If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julia Ford, Chair WL VH, Tel 812365

**LAVINGTON WEATHER 2011**

Apologies to readers, and to Michael Peet in particular, for some misleading figures in last month's report. Editor's carelessness.

The figures for Temperature and Rainfall should have read as follows:

<i>Average Temperature for 2011</i>	<i>11.61 C (52.89 F)</i>
<i>Average Temperature over 34 years</i>	<i>10.43 C (50.77 F)</i>
<i>Total Rainfall for 2011</i>	<i>529.1mm (20.8ins)</i>
<i>Average rainfall over 34 years</i>	<i>913.6mm (35.96ins)</i>

**WEST LAVINGTON**

**MAJOR MAINTENANCE WORKS 2012**

Wiltshire Council will be undertaking drainage and kerbing repair works, footway and carriageway resurfacing throughout the villages of Littleton Panell and West Lavington.

Works will take place from the speed limit signs on the southern approach to West Lavington, north to approximately 150 metres before the traffic signals at Chocolate Poodle Railway Bridge.

Works have been programmed to commence with drainage and footway operations on Monday 26th March and last for approximately 2 months. Carriageway resurfacing is proposed to commence on Monday 28th May for approximately 1 month.

The drainage and footway works will take place using temporary traffic signals between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30 weekdays; works may take place on Saturdays depending on progress, weather, delays, etc. Although yet to be 'finalised' it is envisaged carriageway resurfacing operations will take place within temporary road closures between the hours of 19:00 and midnight, weekday evenings; access to the villages will be maintained for local business, residents and emergency vehicles.

A daytime temporary road closure will also be in operation in Duck Street for a short period to allow installation of new drainage.

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## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Are you one of those people whose heart lifts with excitement when the word "budget" is mentioned? Perhaps not. But even if we don't like it, almost all of us have to ensure that what we spend is in line with what we can afford. We may borrow to pay for things we need but we still have to pay back the money, with interest, in the time allowed. The same is true of businesses and of governments, local or national.

The penalties of failure to pay debts when due can be painful. At the personal level, goods may be seized and the house repossessed. For companies, insolvency usually means the end of the business.

For governments, it's a bit different. According to Wikipedia, "Generally, a **government's debt** is not secured by the assets of the government, but by its ability to levy **taxes**. By the standard definition, all governments would be in a state of insolvency unless they had assets equal to the debt they owed. If, for any reason, a government cannot meet its **interest** obligation, it is technically not insolvent but is "in default".

Britain has been close to being in default in recent years as a result of a budget deficit that, proportionately, is even higher than that of Greece. To cope with this, the government has adopted a variety of measures including raising taxes (principally VAT), printing money (quantitative easing) and cutting spending where possible. These are all uncomfortable measures but are prudent and necessary in a time of need.

Wiltshire, like all other local authorities, has felt the pressure of the government spending cuts. About one third of Wiltshire's income comes in the form of government grants, with the other two thirds being raised from council tax. The largest part of the government contribution, the "formula grant", is being cut over 4 years by nearly 30%. Meanwhile, the Council faces growing bills to pay for an ageing population, rising numbers of cared-for children, increasing costs of waste disposal, all on top of general inflation running at about 5% a year. At the same time, the government has asked local authorities not to raise council tax. In the face of these multiple pressures, how are we doing?

So far, pretty well, as it happens! Wiltshire has made substantial savings by being very careful on the goods and services it buys, by reducing the number of buildings it uses and, more painfully, by reducing its staff. Cutting senior staff has saved many hundreds of thousands of pounds without any discernible loss of performance. Some services have also had to be trimmed, including bus services, but all essential services have been maintained and some have been improved. Not many other local authorities have done so well.

These are challenging times for many people and my heart goes out to those who have suffered badly from a loss of income or worse. But Wiltshire, even now, is one of the better places to be and we can be grateful for that.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

[richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk)

or by phone on 07762 018209

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has funded, and our Parish Clerk has produced, a Rights of Way leaflet that should have been posted through every door in the village, with this magazine. It explains the partnership between Wiltshire County Council, our landowners, and your Parish Council. It also explains how we can play a part in protecting our footpaths, bridleways and by-ways for everyone to enjoy in safety. I hope you find it useful.

We also had a visit from Gareth Milne, our Community Policeman. He asked us especially to keep an eye on our domestic heating oil tanks and to keep these and garden tools secure. We all need to keep alert and report suspicious incidents. Remember, the new emergency number is 101.

The B3098 road will be closed at Erlestoke for carriageway repairs from March 6th for 3 days:

Monday 5th March -	09.00 to 15.00
Tuesday 6th March -	09.00 to 15.00
Wednesday 7th March -	09.00 to 15.00.

The road will be accessible outside of these hours, but during the off peak hours stated above, disruption will be inevitable; however, designated traffic management operatives will be at strategic points to advise motorists and the general public. Hopefully you will be able to read this in time to plan an alternative route to and from Westbury.

Lastly, our Village Hall, used by all sections of the community, is badly in need of people to sit on its committee. The Hall is a tremendous asset for the village, but it cannot exist without volunteers to help run and maintain it. The present committee have drive and enthusiasm to update the facilities, but are struggling with a lack of willing helpers, If you have any spare time, do please contact Julia Ford on 812365. The committee meet bi-monthly in the Hall.

**Liz Evans, Chair (01380 813929) [esevans@hotmail.com](mailto:esevans@hotmail.com)**  
**West Lavington Website;** The website is [www.westlavington.info](http://www.westlavington.info). The site is full of local news and links to many organizations, both local and County wide.



## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

**Outdoor Table Tennis Table:** At a recent meeting of Devizes Area Board one of our young people went along to give a presentation in order to bid for a grant for an outdoor table tennis table for the youth of our village. We do congratulate him on taking on this responsibility and are happy to report that the bid was successful. Rumour has it that there are one or two older "young at heart" parishioners who have shown an interest in its use, so the young people had better be on their guard!

**Protection of Verges:** HGV's have been causing damage to the grass verges in the village. However, please note that **it is illegal to put out your own form of protection such as large flat stones, etc.** Bollards (poles) can be obtained from Wiltshire Council Highways Team after a technician has been out to assess the situation. Their contact details are 01225 702649 or email: centralhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Diamond Jubilee:** Plans are well in hand for celebration of this event which will take place on Monday, 4th June at the Pavilion. Volunteers are required and if you would be willing to help out or have any suggestions on how to mark this important occasion please let me know and I will pass your details on to the organisers.

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:** We are still seeking volunteers as, in order to set up the Scheme, a minimum of 5 people are required.

**Footpath Working Party:** Spring will soon be here and hopefully the better weather when it will be a good opportunity to get out and tidy the footpaths.....but we still need more people to form a working party. Please contact me if you would like to join this group and I will pass on your details to our Footpath Representative.

**Cheverell Magna Rights of Way Modification Order No 16 2011:** This has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. It concerns the adding of footpath 20 starting at its junction with unclassified road 7086 at OS grid reference ST98539, 53979 and following a general north-easterly direction to its junction with footpath Cheverell Magna 6. The Order will be determined following a local inquiry which is due to be held at 10.00am on Wednesday, 11th July 2012 at The New Pavilion. The inquiry is scheduled to last 2 days. If you wish to contribute to the inquiry it is important that you attend on the first day. Further details are posted on the notice boards in the village.

Val Noviss, Parish Clerk (01380 813227)

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## GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

**Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121**

At last nature has handed us some proper frozen puddles, not those pretend ones that crack as soon as you step on them, but the ones that need several of you to break through but can still guarantee a wellie full of muddy water when the mission is accomplished.

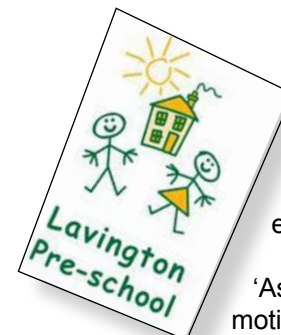


It's not all fun and games though; there is the serious business of organising fun and games. Having celebrated the English New Year as well as Chinese New Year we are now turning our attention to Easter and will be holding an open session this month to make Easter Cards with the children. If your child is not currently attending the pre-school this could be an excellent taster activity to come along to. Please give the pre-school a call and join us.

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## HOLY TRINITY CE AIDED PRIMARY, GREAT CHEVERELL

Our children recently asked us, through their school councillors at one of our council meetings, to open up and make more accessible for them an area that has been called "The Wild Area". We have moved forward with this project and have partially cleared the area whilst leaving as much of it as undisturbed as possible. Low hanging branches have been cut away and the thorniest brambles have been removed. We have now found several clumps of bluebells in the area (and are now calling it the Bluebell Wood rather than the wild area, since one of our youngest children wondered whether the children had to act in a "wild" way when they went in there!). There is also lovely evidence of small animals living among the trees and shrubs. The children would like to put some bird boxes and feeders, a hedgehog shelter and some insect homes in the wood to provide better for the natural inhabitants. They understand the importance of preserving this little habitat and treating it with respect. We are always delighted when our children come up with great ideas for improving the school and for supporting their own learning. The snow provided us with another great learning opportunity. Children at Holy Trinity are allowed to sledge down our slopes in snowy weather under strict supervision, and they love building snow models all over our big field.

Lots of our classes have been out on school trips this term – Avebury class went to the Steam museum in Swindon where they had a wonderful day of World War 2 activities, including pretending to be evacuees and taking part in an air raid. Children in Sarum class walked around Great Cheverell village to spot any Victorian architecture and artefacts as part of their work on this topic. Mrs Heath and her parents, Mr and Mrs Hayward, organised some wonderful learning experiences for the children during this village walk – we are very grateful to those members of our community who help so much to make learning fun and engaging for our children. Several of our classes were given road traffic safety instruction with an expert coach this term and had practice in small groups on the roads around Great Cheverell.

We are preparing for the annual residential trips that all our KS2 children are offered in the coming months. These provide great opportunities for them to learn to be even more independent, to explore their environment in a different way and to work together with their peers to challenge themselves in adventure activities.

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## Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

The New Year has seen lots of activity here at Dauntsey's Aided Primary School!

Firstly, we welcomed Mrs Laura Wiltshire on to the team. Mrs Wiltshire will be teaching Ganges Class and is the Curriculum Manager for the school. The second week of term we received 'the phone call' and were inspected by Ofsted on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th January. We were judged as being a 'Good' school and received a record number of positive feedback forms from parents for which we are very grateful. We are heartened that our school is considered to be such a great place for the children of this community to make their learning journey.

Mr Lakin became the proud father of twins on the 18th January. Skye Isabella and Poppy Summer are at home, doing well! Congratulations to Rob and Kirsty.

We celebrated Chinese New Year on the 23rd February by making a dragon, dancing and eating Chinese food.

Miss Walsh has now gone on maternity leave and Mrs Wendy Blankly is sharing the teaching in Nile Class with Mrs Grant.

Rugby players from Ganges and Mississippi attended a rugby festival on Wednesday 8th February. A great time was had by all, despite the bitterly cold weather. Our team played six games, winning every single one and only conceding 4 tries throughout all games played. The skill and teamwork on show from our children was simply outstanding. On Saturday 11th our team played at the Bath Recreation Ground in front of a capacity crowd at half time of the Bath v Newcastle game - a great opportunity.

The school held a sponsored skipping day on Thursday 8th in aid of the British Heart Foundation. We raised over £700! Thanks to all you sponsors out there. On Tuesday 21st February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancake baking and pan cake races!

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



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

Managers come and go.

Following the recent moves of Capello and McCarthy, the Under 10 'Badgers' manager, Steve Walker, is moving on to Swindon town (.....house move !), meaning the team are now in search of a replacement. Many thanks to Steve for all his help and encouragement over the last few years in developing the team, and we wish him all the best.

Planning for the end of season Presentation and Fun Day is underway, with a date planned for your diaries of Saturday 9th June (week after Jubilee celebrations). This year it is planned to take place at Great Cheverell, with full details to be announced in a future publication.

Some match cancellations and re-arrangements have taken place at the start of this year, with the Under 11s waiting 3 weeks before their first match in the new League, where they faced Westbury Youth away. Great game, with the Badgers only just winning by 3 goals to 2, with a follow up on a missed penalty securing the points.

Meanwhile the Adult team have faced a difficult start to 2012, with a recent lost away match against Boomsbury (7-2), following a home defeat by 1-2 to Holt.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976



We were delighted to welcome back Jane and Andrew Simkins to our meeting on 13th February. Jane gave a very interesting illustrated talk on Life in a Vietnamese Orphanage and a personal

glimpse of modern-day Vietnam. About three or four years ago Jane attended a Charities Day in London and was fortunate to win a two week project for work in Vietnam. She began her travels in Saigon, which is now called Ho Chi Minh City. The population of Vietnam is 85-86 million people. 94% of the people are Buddhists and the orphanage where Jane went was run by Buddhist Monks, who were very caring ladies. She noticed that the children all seemed to get on very well together and there was no evidence of bullying amongst them. Children are taken there from birth and stay until they are 18 years of age. Sadly, babies are often left outside the gates to be taken in and cared for. The babies are looked after by surrogate mothers until they are 5 years old, when the older children take over their care. Jane goes back every year to spend some time in the orphanage. She takes a supply of knitted glove puppets with her which are made by supporters here, as the children really love to play with them as they do not have many possessions to call their own. Jane is now a trustee of a small charity that serves children there on sponsorship schemes where the money is used for vocational training, purchase of livestock, aids for the disabled, promotion of good health and general purposes. If you would like further details I have the relevant paperwork available. If you enjoy knitting and would like to make some puppets for the children please contact me for the pattern. Jane is going back to Vietnam in November and will be happy to take a supply over. We were shown a photo of the children happily playing with the puppets. We were very grateful to Jane and Andrew for coming along and giving us an insight into life in a Vietnamese Orphanage.

Val Noviss,(Secretary, West Lavington Branch)

## THE CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

It's still possible to pick up this 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.

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



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## WEST LAVINGTON WI

On February 9th, Lynn Dyson gave a talk on *Village History* which was both informative and entertaining. For example, Littleton Panell was bigger than West Lavington and animals, including pets, were transported around the county unaccompanied on the trains. And as Graceless Grace had produced six children by six different men, the

local magistrate stepped in to force the last 'gentleman' to marry her!

Together with a list of individual names, we were given a 1922 photograph for our WI album; members dressed up to the nines in hats, wraps and furs, sitting in a charabanc ready to visit Spye Park. No doubt an interesting contrast to some of our more recent images! However, we all came away with a pennant to design for the Queen's Jubilee.

Mid month we visited a dairy farm to support a W I mission for better milk prices for farmers. We saw over 200 individually named cows, which were listed on a computerized database to enable the farmer to monitor their day to day progress and milk yields.

Our next WI meeting is on Thursday 12th April in the Giles Room, West Lavington Hall at 7.30pm, when a WI adviser will be present. Mr. Bill Moore will be giving a talk on 'The Mary Rose; Past, Present & Future'. All interested (ladies & gentlemen) are invited to this Open Meeting.

Janet Stamp & Hild Marrow

## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next event is on Friday March 9th at 7 p.m. and is a Quiz Night in West Lavington Village Hall. Our friends in St Pierre are hold a simultaneous quiz and we hope to have a Skype video link between the two events. There will be 2 bottles of champagne for the winning team.

Tickets are £2.50 each and we shall be arranged in teams of four. There will be a wine bar and "nibbles". Tickets from Michael Page on 818510 or michaelpage007@btinternet.com.

Unfortunately we have had to reschedule the visit by our French friends to West Lavington because of municipal elections in France.

The visit will now take place on the weekend of the Church Fete and will feature Scottish dancing in the Village Hall on the Saturday night.

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



## FUNERALS

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

**John Robert James JANES** of West Lavington died on 11th January 2012, aged 78 years. A service was held at All Saint's Church, West Lavington before cremation on 20th January.

**Edith Hope MACEY** died at BUPA Market Lavington on 18th January 2012, aged 96 years. A service at Salisbury Crematorium was held on 1st February.

## NOTICE FOUND ON THE CHURCH DOOR

### All Saints, West Lavington

The beauty of a place is not in its architecture, nor its landscape. The beauty of a place is the nature of those beings who inhabit it.

Yesterday, 8th January 2012, it was exactly one year since my mother passed away. I was on a small spiritual journey, hitching home to Cornwall from Yorkshire, with a slight detour through Avebury, for that particular place, for reasons unknown, always draws me to it.

Because of this tugging at my feet I ended up hitching through West Lavington. It got dark – I got stuck!

Two local boys (men) pulled me from the roadside, and proceeded to show me wonderful hospitality in a public house, even offering me a couch for the night. I couldn't bring myself to impose, as it was at one of their parents' houses. So I came here to sleep before continuing my trip.

Early, very early, one man stopped by the door to wish me good morning, quickly followed by a possible saint of a lady who left me food and coffee.

I have travelled much on this island, and this is the first time in 15 years I have been treated so kindly in one night/ morning.

So, West Lavington, thank you. Your village is amazing, beautiful and friendly; long may it be so.

You will always be special to this poor poet, and I will never pass by without stopping in this exact spot to give thanks.

May the light illuminate you all.

Yours, Graham Eccles (the jack of piel)

## BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the first prize was Tom Gye of Market Lavington. He gets £40. The second prize of £20 went to Nan Saunders of West Lavington.

The draw was done by Victor King of Little Cheverell.

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

## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Who would have thought that prayer would be the subject of headline-grabbing controversy? Mr Justice Ouseley of the High Court ruled that Bideford Town Council has no power to include prayers as part of the formal agenda of its meetings. The case was instigated by the National Secular Society. The judge's ruling has implications for local councils across the country. Secularists greeted the ruling with glee. Their rejoicing looks to be short lived. Eric Pickles, the Government's Communities Secretary has vowed to pass legislation that will give councils the right to begin their meetings with prayer if they so wish.

It is interesting that it is prayer of all things that has thrown up the issue of the role of faith in public life. For what could be more essential to the life of faith than prayer? A person becomes a Christian when they call upon God to save them from sin through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian life is sustained by prayerful communion with God. Jesus taught his followers to pray to their Father in heaven, to worship him and bring their requests to him.

Christians may pray to God for all manner of things; for the provision of their daily bread, for guidance when perplexed, for strength to resist temptation and so on. But prayer involves more than brining a "shopping list" of requests to God. It involves enjoying fellowship with God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of his Spirit.

But prayer is not simply a matter of "private spirituality". It is right that believers pray for God's blessing on the country in which they live. The apostle Paul wrote, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

For Christians, prayer should always be top of the agenda.

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