

NEWS AND VIEWS

OCTOBER 2012



FROM THE FORMER VICARAGE/PAM'S HOUSE/ CHAPLAIN WITH THE DEAF COMMUNITY'S PLACE

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th October Trinity 18	9.30 am Half Hour *	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Simple Celebration of Communion	6.00 pm Harvest Festival
14th October Trinity 19	11.00 am United Service with Trinity Church St Barnabas, Easterton	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service with Trinity Church	6.00 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am Parish Communion
21st October Trinity 20	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 a.m. Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship	11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)
28th October Trinity Last after Trinity (Simon and Jude)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion	

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

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

Well, the onset of Autumn is upon us, and it seems only a short while ago that the summer heat and holidays were with us. All the children have returned to their schools and are busy learning. Most of us have returned to our daily work.

There are a great number of people who have not been able to return to gainful employment for all sorts of reasons. Some will have lost their jobs over the last few months due to the present economic climate; some may have become ill and be unable to take up their posts. Some may just have simply retired from daily going out to a place of work.

I have been struck, as I always am at this time of year, by the constant changing of the seasons so clearly seen in the farming activity around our area. The fields behind the 'former vicarage' have changed hugely with the Harvest, all in and what I name them as 'Tonka Trucks', scuttling back and forth with the produce. This frenetic activity, even with the modern machinery of farming, gives urgency to the time when even darkness is overcome with very well lit vehicles seeing their way to the next row, crop, or field.

Everything seems to be built on a timescale - our play; work; learning; retirement and Harvest. Things we as humans work to because of daylight and our human sleep patterns and needs. Is it though? I am reminded of the chapter from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 where God ordains that there is a time for everything under heaven. Not only the pattern of our days but that there is a reason for those changes. Half way through the chapter it continues with the phrase, "He has set the right time for everything; He has given us the desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does".

So it is with that thought I accept whatever comes my way with thankfulness and excitement of what is to come in God's time, knowing that all He does He does for the love of us.

Revd John Cowburn
Chaplain with Deaf/Deafblind and Hard of Hearing People
Diocese of Salisbury
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WHITE HORSE OPERA LA TRAVIATA

By Guiseppe Verdi
The Corn Exchange, Devizes
10th, 12 & 13th October at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £15 & £5 from
Devizes Books (725944)

CREAM TEAS AT GREAT CHEVERELL'S PAVILION

**Saturday October
27th 3 – 5pm**

*A 'one off' charity event in aid
of Leukaemia & Lymphoma.*

Come and enjoy a sweet cream tea (scone, clotted cream & jam) or savoury cream tea (cheese scone, cream cheese & chutney) both served with a cup of tea. Alternatively, enjoy a slice of home made cake with your brew.
Or pop in to buy a cake to take home for tea; plus local produce such as jams & chutneys.
We will also have a lovely 'Arts & Crafts' stall, plus raffle with excellent prizes including a £10 gift voucher from Planks Farm Shop at The Old Potato Yard.

Please try to support us if
you can – thank you.

GREAT CHEVERELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Following our Summer garden meetings we return to the Village Hall for our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd October at 3.00 p.m. If you are at home during the day why not come along and enjoy tea and home made cake and conversation. all for the price of £1.

Wendy Wilshin.

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR

In aid of
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**MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 2012
10.00 AM – 4.00 PM**

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WEST LAVINGTON, ERLESTOKE & THE CHEVERELLS POPPY APPEAL

Last year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised the record amount of £2830.33p.

This year's Appeal begins on Saturday 27th October and runs through to Remembrance Sunday, 11th November this year. Please give generously to our house-to-house collectors and in our local pubs and businesses. Poppy Appeal funds support all servicemen and women, ex-servicemen and women plus their families. There will be extra stress this year due to force reductions on top of operational commitments.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Steve Barr, Poppy Appeal Organiser

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

The Open Garden afternoon at Peter and Janine Fanshawe's home in August raised £270 for the Village Hall funds. The Committee would like to thank Peter Janine and Tom for all their hard work both on the day and beforehand.

There will be two Bingo sessions in the Hall on Monday 29th October and Monday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment! Donation of prizes will be welcome.

There is a Whist Drive every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall . We always welcome new players.

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%
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LITTLE CHEVERELL HARVEST SERVICE

All denominations welcome
Sunday 7th of October at 6.00 p.m.
followed by
HARVEST SUPPER in the
VILLAGE HALL at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets for supper and a
glass of wine £8.00
Phone Susie 01380-818 402
We look forward to seeing you!

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the October meeting which will be held in West Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday, 17th October at 7.15 p.m., Mr Harvey will be speaking on Creating a Downland Garden. The subject of this month's competition will be A Vase of Mixed Flowers.

BLOOD DONING SESSION

At West Lavington Village Hall on
Friday, 5th October
Sessions from 1.45-3.45p.m.
& 4.45-7.15 p.m.

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Julia Ford (812365) or
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What's on this month

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OUR FRONT COVER

Our thanks for to Fred West for this month's cover, which present a familiar view (well, to churchgoers!) looking towards where there was but is no longer an ash tree. Fred also provided the "backdrop" of the belfry behind Trevor Nutland's affectionate poem which, if you didn't read it, you jolly well should have done.

Editor

Come and find the perfect present at our
CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR!
 at the
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
 on
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH
 10am to 2pm
 Local handmade crafts and produce
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WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

Sometimes you make bad decisions and sometimes make good ones, but the late decision to move the date of the fete from June to September this year proved to be one of the latter. It was a glorious Saturday afternoon, bringing out a goodly number from the village(s) – and various attractions over and above the regular stalls. The early arrival of a stream of bikers might have suggested a disturbing invasion but these were Harley-Davidson motor bikes, beautifully presented and showing the obvious pride that its owners had taken in them. Some of us also had the novel experience of holding one of the actual Olympic torches which Paul Sperring, from Worton, who had covered one of the stages, brought along. For a small donation you could have your photograph taken while clutching it. So many thanks to Paul for taking such trouble.

The sum raised after various estimated charges, such as the use of the Village Hall, was £2,793.47p, and thanks are due to all those who ran stalls, organised the Dog Show, looked after the Car Park and the Entrance, gave bottles for the Bottle Stall or bought tickets there. who made and served the Teas, and to those who came along and spent money or just simply supported the occasion. But especially and to Quentin and Henrietta Goggs and Bob and Jeanette Giles who did all the worrying in running it.

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Thank you to all who helped before and with the teas at the fete without whom it would not be possible to serve tea and cake.

Thank you too to those who made cakes or donated towards the teas and thank you to David for providing the milk.

Mary Diccox

GET ONLINE IN WEST LAVINGTON!

A Free Computer Course
To Help Beginners use the Internet
On Tuesday, 30th October
At West Lavington Village Hall
The Course runs for 6 weeks
Times: 9.30-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
For more information and to book a place
Contact Sue Evans on 01225 792500
Or email sue@learningcurve.org.uk

AN APPEAL FROM DEVIZES FOOD BANK

The Devizes Food Bank is a charity that provides food parcels to people who find themselves in a sudden crisis, such as a house fire or loss of job. The food will keep them going just for a few days, until they get their Benefits sorted out.

In the present difficult economic climate, the Food Bank is struggling to keep up with applications for help. In particular there is a shortage of:

Tins of Vegetables
Tins of Fruit
Tins of Tomatoes

Tins of Rice Pudding
Instant Mashed Potato
Pasta Sauces

Please could you add just one or two items to your own shopping. There are collecting boxes by the main checkouts in both Morrisons and Sainsburys and (on Thursday mornings) in St Andrews Church, Long Street.

Thank you.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Well! Our trip to Thorpe Park was a fantastic success; we all had a great day - we did get lost and lost a child! But all was good in the end. If you did not join us you missed a really good day, I have never seen rides like it! The mixed weather, brilliant sun shine in the morning torrential rain in the afternoon, did not dampen our spirits; what a day!

At the time of writing this we are preparing for our camping weekend. I am sure that this will again be a really good time. If you are not yet a member you are missing out. Come and join in the fun at the Youth Club in West Lavington and Market Lavington.

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



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THE LAVINGTONS & AREA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

At the end of September next year, 2013, the combined parishes of the Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton are making an 8-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and everyone is welcome to join. You do not need to be a member of these churches. We plan to make the Bible come alive visiting the sites of its wonderful stories and meeting the people who live there now. If you'd like to know more about it, you are invited to an introductory meeting at St Barnabas's church in Easterton on 23rd October at 7.30 p.m. or you could contact Nicholas Haines on 01380 818280.

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Contact Sarah 01380 812665 / 07930 665415
sarah.myplacemaps@btinternet.com

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

I am in the process of printing some local history books and pamphlets relating to West Lavington Village History. All proceeds from these go to West Lavington Youth Club. I am currently taking advance orders for each of them, and hope they will be available in time for Christmas! If you would like a copy of any of them, please either phone me on 01380 813943, or e-mail me on lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk. No money is required until the books are available. Draft copies are available for inspection before you order, if you prefer.

1. A Brief History of the Houses in the High Street- a trawl through the census records showing who lived in each house. Covers the period 1840-1911, and also covers houses in streets off the High street. This will be printed as a paperback...£10
2. Crime and Punishment- gives details of the level of crime in the village from 1744-1749 and is based upon the notebook of William Hunt of Hunts House. The original version is a locally printed and spiral bound book.....£5
3. Crime and Punishment revised version- this will be as for 2 above but will include 19th century crime and punishment with contemporary newspaper accounts. This will be printed as a paperback (still working on it, price will be depending on finished article) ..£7.50-£10
4. Shopkeepers and Traders- from local trades directories- locally produced and spiral bound £5
5. Shore Brothers Notebook- extracts from the notebooks of James and Reuben Shore from 1889 to 1924 locally produced and spiral bound...£5
6. The Wire War 1909- an incident that made the headlines when the working man scored a victory over the Chief of Police; locally produced and spiral bound.. £5
7. A Photographic History of Littleton Panell – includes a bit of the Cheverells and past fetes and festivities. This is the first part of Ros Hooper's impressive photographic collection and a must for anyone remotely interested in our village heritage. Printed paperback..£10
8. The Lavington Imposter- exploits of a Victorian rogue and vagabond who made his mark here in the Lavingtons. An incredible story that reads like fiction, but is true!!! Will be available in printed paperback £7.50 Hardback will also be available at about £12
9. Gertrude Hildebrand's Photo Album- a recently acquired collection of photographs from around 1905-1910. Gertrude lived at West Lavington Manor and this is a lovely depiction of life in West Lavington at that time for the gentry. Will be available as a printed paperback £10. Also in hardback £17.50.
10. The Robbers Stone- by Lyn Dyson and Quentin Goggs. The story of the robbery in 1839 and what happened to everyone involved afterwards. Will be in printed paperback £7.50 or hardback £10-12

At least half of the purchase price for each book will be a donation to West Lavington Youth Club

Many thanks for your support!
Lyn Dyson

VILAGE CARE AND LINK Suggested Donations

Village Care and Link provides transport to mainly medical-related appointments for people who have no other means of getting to those appointments. It is available to residents of West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell.

In our last financial year we made 50 journeys to surgeries an West Lavington and Market Lavington, 27 to Salisbury hospitals, 16 to Bath hospitals, 13 to Devizes hospitals and 11 to other destinations

The drivers, who are all unpaid volunteers, can claim a mileage allowance of 40p per mile. Not all of them choose to claim, but the rapidly rising costs of fuel over the last few years means that more of them, quite rightly, choose to claim.

Clients have the opportunity of making a donation towards the organisation, and this is our main source of income to cover fuel claims, telephone charges, insurance premium and other minor expenses. Donations are given at the end of the journey in an envelope supplied by the driver who then passes them unopened to the organisation's Treasurer.

Village Care and Link has been operating in the villages since 1982 (prior to our amalgamation with the Community First "LINK" network, it was called "The Care Group"), and there have been only two increases in suggested donations since that time i.e. in 30 years.

We now find it necessary to increase our suggested donation rates in order to balance our income and expenditure. The reasons have been mentioned already.

The suggested rates for return journeys effective from 1st October are as follows:-

Bristol	£20
Bath	£15
Salisbury	£12
Devizes	£5
Market Lavington	£3
West Lavington	£2

These rates look very attractive when compared with public transport, but I would stress that the facility is only for those who have no other means of getting to their appointment (including public transport although this is often not a possibility because of timing or infirmity).

To use Village Care and Link, please call our central phone number 01380 816826 and where possible please give at least 3 clear days' notice to give the volunteers time to find a driver who is available.

We are very short of drivers, especially those prepared to drive to Salisbury and Bath. If you read this and feel you would like to join our happy band, do not hesitate to call our central number, which is 816826. All our volunteers have to have a CRB check.

Michael Page Chairman – Village Care and Link

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

Not long ago, my favourite song writer wrote a charming piece called Everyday Superhero. It was a eulogy in praise of all those people who work without acclaim but who are essential to keeping things going.

Such people are numerous and may well include you. Perhaps the most obvious heroes on the list are loving mothers and fathers building strong and supportive families. Good neighbours are included, as are all those volunteers who help run local institutions, parish councils, charities, etc. We have a generous stock of such individuals in Wiltshire.

Less obviously, perhaps, are those who are employed in essential jobs either in the front line or behind the scenes and whom we often take for granted. Nurses and care workers come into this category. Members of both groups have, rightly, received some criticism in recent times when individuals have shown indifference (or worse) to the vulnerable people in their care. But we rarely hear of those many, many more who do their challenging jobs with sensitivity and good humour day after day. Such qualities were in abundant evidence when I visited a care home in this area recently.

Possibly, the most unsung heroes are council staff. The Jobsworth from the council has been the subject of countless jokes since time immemorial and I receive a fair number of letters from Mr Angry complaining that "some faceless bureaucrat" has not performed to the desired level. Sometimes there is a genuine fault but more often the complainant is expecting the council to do something that is simply unaffordable or is undeliverable for legal reasons. So much of what a council does is determined by statute and regulation that officers frequently have little discretion. Many of you may agree with me that the burden of red tape needs cutting with renewed enthusiasm.

Despite the popular image, I am pleased to report that, in my experience, Wiltshire Council staff exhibit a very high standard of professionalism at all levels almost all of the time. Some are outside in all weathers. Some are dealing face to face with difficult members of the public or awkward councillors. Some are ploughing through mountains of paperwork (actually, mostly on screen now). Many are doing their jobs with fewer colleagues in support in these lean times. Many also are moving offices as the council rationalises its premises. Most are good humoured about it all.

If there is a genuine fault with the council, do let me know. If there is not, please feel free to praise the everyday superheroes!

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

At the Council meeting on 6th September members were disappointed to learn that, despite our continuing efforts to reduce the speed of traffic through the village, the latest Metrocount figures show an increase in speed at all three sites tested.

Community Speedwatch have so far conducted 32 highly visible deployments, monitoring almost 12,000 vehicles of which only 156 were recorded as speeding. However, Metrocount for Church Street recorded the 85% percentile of over 35,000 vehicles travelling at an average speed of 39.6 mph (8.5 mph faster than in 2010), and at Pagnell Lane end. The same percentile showed an average speed of 44 mph. The Council has requested that the Police commence enforcement action in the Church Street area, as risk assessments show this to be a site too hazardous for volunteer use. Speedwatch will continue to be a presence along the remainder of the village. Excessive speeding can be reported to the Police by ringing 101.

An idea of garden-sharing was raised, and we wondered if anyone having difficulty in maintaining a large garden would be prepared to allow someone to share some of the work perhaps, in exchange for some produce. If you have any thoughts on this, please ring Councillor Frean on 812612.

Could I please remind people that it is a breach of the Highway Code to park near a junction, a problem arising outside the Hairdressers, causing concern for people turning out of Russell Mill Lane.

Lastly do make sure that all sheds and garages are securely locked as there have been some incidents in the area.

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Little Cheverell Parish Council have not had a meeting since the last issue of the magazine. Residents can get in touch with the council via the clerk on the details below:

Liz Read on 01380 813 294 or email littlecheverellpc@yahoo.co.uk

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Outdoor Table Tennis Table: Just to remind you (in case you haven't noticed yet) that our new outdoor table tennis table has been erected adjacent to the Play Area. We would again like to say how grateful we are to Tom Smallman who gave an excellent presentation to the Devizes Area Board which resulted in a grant being awarded to purchase this piece of equipment.

Dog Fouling: Reports have been received about dog fouling in Green Lane and Paddy's Lane. The Dog Warden at Wiltshire Council will be made aware of this in order that he can come out and inspect the area and necessary action taken. If the Dog Warden or a member of the Public Protection Team from Wiltshire Council are in the area and witness a member of the public not clearing up after their dog, a penalty notice will be issued on the spot with a heavy fine. If a member of the public witnesses a dog owner failing to clear up they can obtain a witness statement from the Dog Warden at Wiltshire Council and from the evidence on the statement the Dog Warden can issue a penalty notice. Could we therefore once again urge all dog owners to comply with this request and clear up after their dogs.

Report of Local Enquiry Meeting on 11th July regarding Cheverell Magna Rights of Way Modification Order No.16 2011: Footpath no.20 has been added to the parish of Cheverell Magna and has a width of 2.5m and approximate length of 360m along the whole route, leading north-east from Garston Lane to its junction with public footpath Cheverell Magna 6.

Jubilee Exhibition of Photographs: If any organisation wishes to borrow this exhibition they are very welcome to do so by contacting Annemarie Seager on (01380) 812054 or by email: ia.seagers@btinternet.com.

Police Non-Emergency Number: The non-emergency number for Wiltshire Police starting with 0845 has now ceased and the number to ring if it is **not** an emergency is **101**. The number to call in an emergency is still 999.

Val Noviss, (Parish Clerk) 01380 813227
cheverellmagna@hotmail.co.uk
Website:www.greatcheverell.org



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

As we move through Autumn, we celebrate the Harvest in our school with a joyful assembly and donations to the Trussel Trust for the foodbank in Devizes. Our children are always interested in helping those less fortunate than they are and we have many fund raising events led by the children through the year. Last academic year, we had an afternoon of fundraising where groups of children set up stalls to raise funds for their charities. There were various events such as "Decorate your own cake", "Find the Treasure", "Lucky Dip" and similar activities. They are able to discuss with us what the impact of their giving will be, and really do wish to make the world a better place through this kind of outreach.

We have links with a school in India and also with another primary school in London called Holy Trinity. These links help our children to understand more about different cultures and lifestyles and to understand the dangers of prejudice and discrimination which they must challenge.

All our new children and their families have been welcomed into our school community and the term is well underway. We are planning our first trips off site – these trips add immeasurably to the richness of the children's learning experience and we are very fortunate that our parents support us so strongly with these initiatives.

Do keep up to date with our school's activities by visiting our website where you will find the weekly newsletters, photos and other information.

www.holy-trinity.co.uk

FROM HAND TO MOUTH

From the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 29th May 1834
Devizes Petty Sessions

There were several cases of assault and battery arising from the frolics of Whitsuntide. In one of these, a young man from Lavington charged another young man with biting off the top joint of one of his fingers. The defendant pleaded a justification, on the ground that the finger was violently and feloniously thrust into his mouth for the purpose of stealing some part of the contents of the said mouth, namely, the tongue or certain of the teeth; and that the defendant in order to prevent such depredation did in his self-defence, demolish that part of the said finger only which was so sacrilegiously thrust into his mouth; and thereupon issue was joined. A great number of witnesses were examined, pro and con, and it was clearly proved that in a dispute, the complainant by some means did put his finger into the mouth of the defendant, although not with felonious intent pleaded; and it was also proved that when the said finger was taken from the mouth of the defendant, it was minus the top joint. The Magistrates appeared to think that there ought to be some tax put upon such an unnatural appetite as the defendant had evinced, but they deferred giving their opinion as to the amount of that tax until the next meeting. (text © The British Library Board. All Rights Reserved)

Lyn Dyson (with thanks to the British Newspaper Archive)

BOOKMARK

Biographies and the Classics were the topics under discussion at our July session in the village hall. Amongst the biographies chosen were (i) *Boy Soldier – Sierra Leon 1980* a graphic tale deemed a shocking read, but a story which needed to be told. (ii) Bernie Ecclestone, born in Suffolk, the son of a fisherman who became president of Formula One and (iii) The life story of English musician Gordon Sumner (Sting) born in Newcastle upon Tyne. It was generally agreed enlightening to read and feel the drive behind these biographers.



From the classic section members selected Rudyard Kipling's childhood stories, which were felt to have illuminated the non imperialistic side of his nature. Also enjoyed (hankie to hand) were Thomas Hardy's *Jude the Obscure*, the little known *Ruth* by Elizabeth Gaskell and Anne Bronte's *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. The evening's wild card being the Victorian sensation novel, *Lady Audley's Secret* by Mary Elizabeth Braddon, which is possibly the 19th century's 'Fifty Shades of Magnolia!

Overall, everyone thoroughly enjoyed this evening of literary pick 'n' mix and we look forward to our September session where novels under discussion will be *Tides of War* by Stella Hillyard and Julie Franck's *The Blind Side of the Heart*. This will be followed on November 7th with *Disputed Land* by Tim Pears and Alice Hoffman's *The Dove Keepers*.

Hild Marrow (812399)

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

It is wrong to suggest that the village hall does not get the support of people living in the village. Many organisations use the building regularly, and the recent, albeit brief at this stage, questionnaire asking about possible redevelopment of the layout and building showed that everyone, including the Parish council, wanted something to happen. There is much wrong with the building, in terms of facilities and the interaction of various rooms, and the committee have reached the stage of seeking architects to carry things forward. At the right time, everyone in the village will have the opportunity to see proposals, to comment on them, and to add suggestions. It will be a big and interesting project.

Now, although we have this support in terms of what the village wants, we do not have support from people who come forward to help! Maybe this is a feature of most volunteer organisations, but at this time, the Village Hall committee needs that help, help to progress an interesting and demanding project in the right way, so that the village has an asset it can be proud of. We also know that we will need a Treasurer next year, since Su Newson, after several years hard work, and commitment, thank you, has to stand down, and we know, also, that there are going to be a wide range of other tasks if we are to succeed. You do not have to be a representative of a Hall user to be part of the committee, we clearly have a mandate to co-opt extra members. Many of you have the skills we need, whether it be helping with our website, managing our finances, or advising on a wide range of issues as we redevelop.

Is there anyone out there?????

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CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Cheverells' Garden Club 'Fun Show'

The Cheverells Garden Club "Fun" Show, which took place on Saturday 25th August in Great Cheverell Village Hall, brought together flowers and vegetables from two dozen gardens in friendly competition. If most exhibitors had struggled with their vegetables this year, there was still a healthy number of entries; and the flower entries as ever combined to provide a glorious display of colour, much appreciated by those who came to view the show. In addition to veg and flowers, the show also included jams and tarts made from garden produce and, the most popular classes of all, scones and Victoria sponges. Although these could only be admired and not eaten, there were delicious home-made cakes to go with a tea or coffee for those who called in, after the judging, to enjoy a relaxed and sociable event.

Winter's coming! - Cheverells Garden Club

It was then a bit of a shock to find *Plants for the winter* as the subject of the very next Garden Club meeting. However, Gordon Cottis, who used to run a small nursery specialising in Hellebores, gave a delightful presentation with an array of slides which showed just how interesting and colourful winter plantings can be. The pictures were lovely and his commentary was both informative and entertaining. (And anyone who can remember and reproduce long Latin plant names with such fluency is to be admired!) He communicated (supported by his pictures) a particular enthusiasm for Hellebores (some of which are more familiarly known "Christmas roses") and snowdrops, revealing unexpectedly large numbers of varieties. Although creating a winter garden is beyond the scope of most ordinary gardeners, there was inspiration to do some things on a small scale that could give pleasure in the garden in the approaching winter.

The next meeting on Tuesday 9th October will be all about *Re-creating a 1950/60's Working Farm* with David Burton, Director of River Bourne Community Farm. The meeting will be at the Village Hall Great Cheverell 7.15 for a 7.30 start and visitors are very welcome for a fee of £2.

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

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Handmade cards and decorations, Textiles

For more information, contact

Steve or Nicky Wragg on 813235



WEST LAVINGTON WI

Our September meeting proved to be a good 'Business and Social' evening where both aspects of the session were enjoyed. We sampled good wine and tasty nibbles, courtesy of Margaret, in celebration of her 80th birthday. Janet Stamp, Sue Thomas, Sue Robson and Annmarie Seager then gave an informal talk entitled, *How I came to be here* which everyone found interesting. Business was concluded, followed by coffee with lots of chat and where members generously purchased individually made bookmarks sold in aid of charity.

Lynne Raynor will be *Demystifying the Spine* for us in the Giles Room, West Lavington on October 11th. There will also be a bread making competition for the Ella Parry Cup, which can be either hand or machine made; just not from Waitrose! And on November 8th Richard Worrall will be giving a talk on an *Expedition to Bravent Island*.

Hild Marrow

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.00pm to 6.30pm,

TUESDAY 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £55 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.30 per swim)

£27.50 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.15 per swim)

Autumn Term starts SUNDAY 9th September

& ends Sunday 9th December, 2012

(24 SWIMMING SESSIONS)

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 23rd Oct; Tues 30th Oct; Sun 4th Nov

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.



Our branch met on September 10th, and we had a most interesting talk on the Salisbury Women's Refuge, by Madeleine Tarrant, who is a Trustee. The Importance of patience, education and

general changing of habits were impressed on us. They also have specific rules in the house, a routine for school and work and training on avoiding alcohol and drugs. We hope to visit the refuge next year.

I have two very big thanks. Firstly for all the help, donations of produce, cakes, jams and marmalade given by so many and for the cheerful help given in serving at the stall. We did very well, raising £412.44p, every penny needed for our church. Secondly I have to give my thanks to all those who turned out again for the Mothers' Union Deanery Stall in Devizes, with cakes and produce etc. on September 13th when £251 was made. We are so looking forward to our meeting when Sally Bullock will be doing versatile table arrangements on Monday, 8th October, 2.15 p.m., at Easterton Church.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION - Race Night



By the time you read this we will have had our Race Night at the Village Hall, and our Olympic Tennis Draw organised by Joy Thomas.

Also during the month there was a cycle ride from Devizes to Paris in aid of charities. Stephanie from the Churchill was part of the organising team, and one of the cyclists plus the support team

came from West Lavington. The group stopped off en route at St Pierre where the St Pierre Twinning Association organised a reception for them.

There is more fun to come as part of our fundraising efforts. Funds are raised to finance group events when members of the St Pierre Association visit us.

Our next event (members only) is a bonfire evening at one of our committee's house. On 23rd November in WL Village Hall we have a repeat of our very successful Skype Quiz Night combined with one in St Pierre via a video link on a big screen. Everyone is welcome to this, tickets are £20 per table of 4 to include a light supper.

To join the West Lavington Twinning Association please email Malcolm Johnson on blocker38@hotmail.com or phone 01380818147.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

The football season is now underway, following a great summer of sport with the Greatest Show on Earth having come to our shores.

New members are still welcome to join the Club, but please go to our website, shown below as details on contacts as training locations and days/times do vary by age group.

Training for the Under 7 groups (Reception year, Year 1 and 2) is every Saturday morning at 9.30 at Worton Primary School (Five Lanes) with a growing group of enthusiastic youngsters attending, who will be taught some of the basics of the game whilst having a fun experience.

Over the years this younger age group have provided the impetus for the development of the Club to the other age groups, leading to the Club having, for the first time ever, 2 Adult teams. Many of the young adults playing today started with the Club at a very young age.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

Duck Street Fair

Entrance
£2.00

In aid of Cancer Research UK &
Rowdeford Charity Trust (Hugo Halkes)

Tuesday 2nd October, 6.00pm - 9.00pm
&
Wednesday 3rd October, 9.00am - 2.00pm

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TRINITY CHURCH

Meeting Sundays at the Community Hall

7th October 11.00 am Harvest Festival and light lunch

14th October 11.00 am United Service St Barnabas Church, Easterton

21st October 10.30 am Eric Clifford

28th October 10.30 am Margaret White

Saturday 27th October Film Night 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 from Market Lavington Post Office or at the door. Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Further dates –

Saturday 17th November – The Lady – The story of Aung San Suu Kyi as she becomes the core of Burma's democracy movement, and her relationship with her husband, writer Michael Aris.

Wednesday 10th October 10 a.m. in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall Tots@Ten for younger children and their carers. New members welcome.

Sunday 7th October at 11.00 am in the Community Hall .

Trinity Church invites everybody to a Harvest Songs of Praise followed by Ploughman's Lunch. Well known harvest songs will be interspersed with readings and poetry and pictures from the Museum of local harvests past.

1 & 1a Church Street

You may have noticed activity at the premises on the corner of White Street and Church Street across from the hairdressers. Trinity Church has been able to purchase this property to develop it into something to benefit the whole community. The upstairs flat is to be refurbished for rental. The downstairs will we hope become a coffee shop which can be used as a meeting point for all who live, work and shop in Market Lavington.



WEDDINGS

Tracey Anne Marie EVES and **Anthony David CHIVERS** were married by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Saturday 18th August 2012.

Emily May JONES and **Scott Christopher Keith OSGOOD** were married at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Harold Stephens on Friday 24th August 2012.

Lacey Anne MATTHEWS and **Kye Edward William FLIPPANCE** were married by Rev Robert Bailey at All Saint's Church, West Lavington on Saturday 15th September.

BAPTISMS

Sienna Ursula Fox was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 19th August 2012.

FUNERALS

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

Jean Annie CARPENTER died aged 91 years on 6th August. Her funeral and burial took place at St Mary's Church, Woodborough on 16th August 2012.

Nora TAPP died on 15th August, aged 87 years. Her funeral at Semington Crematorium took place on 21st August 2012.

"Kay" **Kathleen Lillian Mary DAVIS**, died on 25th August, aged 87 years. Her funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was taken by Rev Ann Cocking on 5th September 2012.

Michael Earley of Easterton died aged 67 years. His funeral and burial took place at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 11th September 2012.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 first prize was Terry O'Flynn of West Lavington; and the winner of the second £20 prize was Ian Kyte of Great Cheverell. The draw was done by Moira Armstrong of Easterton.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

All good gifts around us

Autumn is in words the words of John Keats "a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". It is a beautiful time of year. Leaves on the trees turn from luscious green to shades of golden brown. Farmers gather in the wheat harvest. Apples ripen to the core. The last of the carrots, potatoes and onions are ready for picking. Every year the earth produces a rich variety of tasty and nutritious foods for us to eat. Wouldn't it be boring if we had to exist on some kind of vitamin-laden porridge that always tasted the same? The fact that food is pleasurable to eat as well as beneficial to our bodies is testimony to the goodness of our Creator. He did not make us simply to exist, but to enjoy life in the world he made.

Yet people seldom reflect on the fact that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above". I wonder how many readers of this magazine pause to give thanks to God for their food before eating? One of the reasons why churches hold special Harvest Services is to remind us that all the good things that we have and enjoy are God's gifts to us. They aren't ours by right. He gives simply because he is kind.

The fact that some people have more than enough and others struggle to keep body and soul together isn't due to a global lack of food. There is always plenty to go round. The problem is often man's greed and corruption. That is why aid supplies are sometimes prevented from getting through to those who need them most. Christian aid agencies such as Tear Fund work with local partners to help ensure that the needy don't have to go without life's essentials.

We live in a world of extraordinary beauty that is also marked by injustice and cruelty. But God has not abandoned us. He continues to provide for our bodily needs. He has also acted to deal with the problem of sin that separates us from him. That is why he sent his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into the world. He came to die for our sins so that we might be forgiven and reconciled to God. Jesus is God's best gift to us. He is the bread of God who came down from heaven to give life to the world. Those who feed on him by faith will have everlasting life.

Join us to thank God for Harvest on Sunday 7th October at 11am & 6pm. Preacher: Tom Jeffries.

Pastor: Guy Davies Tel: 01373 826727

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	Afternoons (1pm - 6pm)	£10.00	£6.00	£17.00	£11.00
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