

NEWS AND VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2012



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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd September Trinity 13	9.30 am Half Hour *	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Simple Celebration of Communion	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
9th September Trinity 14	11.00 am United Service with Trinity Church at the Community Hall	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service with Trinity Church at the Community Hall, ML	6.00 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
16th September Trinity 15	9.30 am Harvest Festival	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 a.m. Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Harvest Festival	9.30 a.m. Welcome to Worship	11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)
23rd September Trinity 16	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Harvest Festival		9.30 am Harvest Festival	
30th September Trinity 17				10.30 am Benefice Communion	

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all those of you contributed something for the people of Kajo-Keji in South Sudan – including, I reckon, over 100 pairs of specs which will be sorted out at a local hospital – and those who have generously made a financial contribution.

There will be five of us in the team flying out on 3rd September: three from the Chalke Valley together with Jonathan Triffitt from St. James' Church, Southbroom, and myself from Devizes Deanery. The visit is being coordinated by Caroline Lamb who lives in the Chalke Valley. She set up a charity CRESS (Christian Relief and Education in South Sudan) a couple of years ago. Their work is focused on supporting church workers, sponsoring children and providing medical supplies.

From Entebbe in Uganda the team will fly into South Sudan on a small 6/10 seater MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) plane. The principal event is a clergy conference at which we will all speak. As each sentence has to be translated that itself will be an interesting exercise.

Some may question, why go to all the expense of going out there? If they are so poor, why not just give them the money? It's a fair question. I haven't been to South Sudan before. However from my two visits to neighbouring Northern Uganda I do know that if you ask people there what they most want from their links with the Western churches, they say that they appreciate visits more than anything – because it shows that we care, that we care enough to make the effort to go and see them.

It is amazing how some of the poorest people on the planet do remain positive about life. The apostle Paul wrote, '*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth*' (Colossians 3:2). It's my experience that the hearts and minds of African Christians can be so captivated by the love of God that they do find it possible for joy to replace despair as they learn to cope with life in dependence upon Jesus Christ. I'll tell you more about life in the world's newest nation when I get back.

James Campbell

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Progressive Dinner is on 6th October and is a "Safari" supper around the village, having your starter at one place, your main course elsewhere, pudding somewhere else, and finishing up at the home of Jeannie and Terry O-Flynn for cheese and coffee. The cost will be £18 per head (the same as the last time we did it, in 2010) and will include all your wine – you don't need to bring a purse or wallet!

There are still tickets available and we are looking for hosts both for the main and pudding courses.

If you would like to come or would like to be a host, pleased contact me.

Lavender Davy 01380 813782

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

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!

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.

New/returning donors are always needed and welcome
Any queries, please contact
Julia Ford (812365) or
National Helpline (0845 711 711) for further information

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the September meeting, which will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19th, in West Lavington Village Hall, Mr M.Burgess will talk on *Improving Vegetable Yields*.

The subject of this month's competition will be a Vase of Michaelmas Daisies.



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 Diccocox, 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.

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OUR FRONT COVER

This month's cover page is a kind of last word, bidding farewell to the great Olympics events of August. But it also looks forward in accordance with the theme of "Legacy" in showing a young member of the West Lavington community, Clare Dyer, who has already achieved distinction in this demanding event, representing Team Bath U17, Team Avon for regional competitions at Under 20, and Wiltshire for the Schools' competitions.

Oddly enough, more than fifty years ago the Pole Vault became a popular event at Dauntsey's School as a result of having one particularly proficient performer in its midst. Pole Vaulters at that time were particularly vulnerable, with not very flexible steel poles and a rather crude and unforgiving sandpit as the landing area. As a consequence those who aspired to emulate their hero frequently found themselves in the school sanatorium, conveniently only a few yards away, having their grazes, bruises and – occasionally – fractures treated by the School Matron.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Well, we have all been on holiday, so not much to report at this time.

Did you see the Olympics? Did you see the BMX racing? Don't forget that we have a super track of our own; get down there and enjoy it!

I am looking forward to taking a mini-bus load of members to Thorpe Park. What a day that is going to be! We will have been by the time you read this. If you did not go, watch out for future external events and after the holidays 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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APPLY TODAY AND BE PREPARED FOR WINTER

Government funded grants of up to £3,500 (and up to £6,000 in areas where there is no mains gas) are available to homeowners and private tenants receiving certain income-related benefits, to help them keep warm and save money on energy bills.

The Warm Front scheme provides a package of insulation and heating measures tailored to meet individual needs, including loft and cavity-wall insulation, draughtproofing, hot-water-tank jackets and additional heating solutions such as installing a new central heating system, or repairing an existing one.

Keeping warm is important, especially in the colder weather, when some people find themselves spending more time at home. These improvements are designed to help you to keep warmer, healthier and more comfortable in your home.

If you think you are eligible for the Warm Front scheme - apply now. An appointment will be made for a technical surveyor to visit you and discuss what energy efficiency and heating measures are suitable for your home.

You could claim a grant for heating and insulation if you own your home or rent it from a private landlord, and you are on certain benefits.

- ☐ **Pension Credit**
- ☐ **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance** (that includes a work-related activity or support component.)
- ☐ **Income Support Allowance (ISA)** OR
- ☐ **Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)**, with one of the following;
 - » A Pensioner Premium
 - » A Disability or Severe Disability Premium (DP)
 - » Disabled Child Premium (DCP)
 - » Child Tax Credit (which includes a disability or severe disability element for a child or young person)
 - » A child under the age of five living with you

Warm Front will organise and pay for all work up to the value of the grant. This scheme is funded by the Government and managed by Carillion Energy Services. All you have to do is **call free on 0800 316 2814** or apply online at **www.warmfront.co.uk** to find out if you're eligible.



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Recycling charity appeals for your unwanted domestic white goods

Since the white goods recycling charity Refurbiz was established in 2003, more than 8000 low income families in Wiltshire have benefited from around 12,000 quality, reconditioned, white goods at prices they can afford. However, in the current economic environment we are struggling to source enough feedstock to service our demand.

With people hanging on to their old models & machines for longer we are increasingly in need of unwanted free standing electric cookers, washing machines, dryers and refrigeration. We simply can't meet the demand we now have for them and if the economy continues to be slow and more people find themselves in difficulties, the demand is only going to go higher.

So please, if you are replacing any white goods, particularly electric cookers and working fridges, then phone us and we will come out and remove them free of charge (although, as a charity, donations to cover our fuel costs, etc., are always welcome!)

We screen the goods, restore those that can be repaired and then pass them onto those in need. Typically, the cost of a washing machine or cooker comes to about £85 with a three month warranty – vastly lower than buying new goods from the stores.

Any appliances that are beyond repair are stripped down to reusable components and finally any bits left over are sent to the Hills Waste Materials Recovery Facility, near Calne, for onward, licenced recycling, avoiding any waste electrical items going into landfill.

So, if you have any white goods you no longer want and wish to donate, you can help a family in need by contacting Refurbiz on 01380 720200.

If you know any person or family in need of a low cost washing machine, dryer, cooker or fridge, please tell them about us. Many of our items are displayed on our Facebook page.

Refurbiz operates out of the Hopton Park Industrial Estate in Devizes, and supplies refurbished white goods across Wiltshire and Swindon. The charity was set up by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust nine years ago to encourage electrical waste to be re-used for the benefit of those in need. It is an independent not-for-profit charity supported by self-generated income and charitable grants.

SKIMMINGTON

Whilst doing some local history research I was intrigued to discover that in June 1857, ten young men from West Lavington appeared in court charged with resisting police arrest.

Clearly this was a major incident for a reasonably law abiding rural community. What on earth had happened?

It has taken me a while to find out the story behind this event, but I have managed to track down a newspaper report, which throws some light on an ancient custom.

These young men were involved in a rather bawdy procession, which was called skimming, or skimmington. This was an old custom of publicly humiliating a man or a woman who was believed to have been unfaithful to his or her spouse. They would process down the street, banging on pots and pans, singing rude songs and carrying some graphic images or effigies. Whilst it was mainly done to humiliate an unfaithful wife or husband, it was sometimes arranged to humiliate a cuckolded man who accepted his wife's adultery.

In this particular case, there did not appear to have been any indecencies which frequently attended such exhibitions, nor did there appear to have been any mischief resulting from the noise and clamour with which the demonstration was celebrated. However the local policeman thought that a breach of the peace might arise from it, and he tried to stop it, presumably not with total success.

As a result all ten men appeared in court and they were each fined one shilling and dismissed with a caution as to their future behaviour.

Lyn Dyson

Editor's Note: In Thomas Hardy's "The Mayor of Casterbridge" the Skimmington was used with frivolous but malicious purpose to expose a previous affair between Michael Henchard and his former lover, Lucetta, shortly after her recent marriage to Donald Farfrae. Two figures, thinly disguised, were seen proceeding through Casterbridge, tied back to back on a donkey, bringing shock and eventual death to the newly pregnant woman – and eventually the tragic end of the former Mayor, Henchard. Despite the tragic consequences, the perpetrators in this case went unpunished.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL IS BRINGING IN THREE DOG CONTROL ORDERS.

The first two relate to any land within the administrative area of Wiltshire Council which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on at least one side, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment of the following descriptions:

(a) Any highway, footways, footpaths and towpaths within the area of Wiltshire Council District Council over which the public have a right of way on foot and adjoining verges which are maintained at public expense. This may include some areas of access land.

(c) All pedestrianised areas within the area of Wiltshire Council to which the public have right of access.

All open spaces which are owned, occupied or maintained by or on behalf of Wiltshire Council, a Registered Social Landlords/Housing Association or any Town or Parish Councils, and any public open space held by any Body on behalf of a community within Wiltshire Council.

The first order requires the person in charge of a dog to clean up after it has defecated. The second states that where an authorised officer considers that a dog is causing alarm or distress or is dangerous, that officer may require the person in charge of a dog to put it on a lead of no more than 2 metres in length.

The third order makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow it to enter into to any area enclosed by a fence or wall or similar structure which is used as a play area for children, unless it includes a Public Right of Way.

The maximum fine for a breach of these orders is level 3 on the standard scale, currently £1000. An authorised officer can give an offender a fixed penalty notice of £75 in lieu of prosecution.

The orders are expected to come into force September 1st 2012

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I have a confession to make. When I was first selected to stand for the council, I was asked if there was anything on my record that I should tell the selectors. "I have 6 points on my driving licence" I admitted. I had broken the law speeding, twice as it happened. Each time there was no malice aforethought, M'Lud, merely lack of attention until my eye caught sight of the speedometer. Many of you, I'll wager, have also been guilty of that offence at one time or another.

My licence is now clean as the points have expired and, as crimes go, you might think my transgressions were at the lower end of the spectrum. But a research programme at TRL some years ago demonstrated beyond doubt that the faster drivers choose to travel, the more likely they are to be involved in an accident.

Clearly, lower speeds save lives so you may welcome the fact that the speed limit on the A360 between Littleton Pannell and Potterne Wick will soon be reduced to 50 mph and from Potterne Wick into Potterne it will become 40 mph. Likewise, all the parts of the B3098 between Little Cheverell and Westbury that are currently unrestricted (i.e. the national speed limit of 60 mph) will become 50 mph. Meanwhile, the experimental 20 mph limit in Great Cheverell is being evaluated and will be made permanent if it is judged to be a success.

But there is a problem. Research by the Federal Highway Administration in the USA concluded that "Neither raising nor lowering the speed limit had much effect on vehicle speeds. The percent compliance with the posted speed limits improved when the speed limits were raised. When the speed limits were lowered, the compliance decreased." So why bother?

In my view, changing the speed limits still has value. A speed limit provides a label about road conditions that can be especially useful to those who are unfamiliar with a particular route. For example, Great Cheverell High Street is very narrow indeed so a driver who encounters the 20 mph signs has a better idea what to expect ahead. The message is reinforced by the white "gates" that have appeared at the entrances to several villages in this area, which emphasise to a driver that he is no longer on the open country road.

And then there is enforcement. Police resources are too stretched for officers to monitor our local roads very often but concerned citizens are filling the gap with Community Speed Watch. The sight of those yellow jackets certainly stimulates me to glance at the speedometer.

Drivers who are recorded speeding receive a polite letter from the police (which I helped to write) reminding them of the error of their ways. A repeat offence prompts a sterner warning. Serial offenders, of whom there have been a few in the county, are prosecuted. The fact is that Community Speed Watch works and I commend all those volunteers who brave the weather (and a few rude gestures) to make our roads safer.

You may contact me about this or any other matter on

richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by phone on 07762 018209

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Summer draws to a close and the Parish Council is due to meet on Thursday, 6th September after a welcome Summer break.

The road and pavements through the village are so important and I think we look very smart. A gentle reminder to householders to prune hedgerows overlooking pavements and footpaths. The greenery has grown so fast this year but soon schools and playgroups will restart and pavements and footpaths will need to be clear as we encourage our children to walk to and from school.

As I write, two new Jubilee benches are being installed and varnished so hopefully by the time you read this we should be able to admire the beautiful view of the hills from the Village Hall, and perhaps on Fete Day you could even drink your cup of tea from them.

All are welcome to our Council meetings which are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Giles Room of the Village Hall.

I would like to thank all those on the Footpath Committee who have worked this Summer to upgrade some of our paths. We would always welcome new members and if you feel you have some time, please contact Julia Ford on 812365.

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 has been busy in recent months with concerns over heavy traffic travelling through Little Cheverell and Great Cheverell. The Council responded to the consultation by Wiltshire Council and encouraged residents to respond.

The Council has been taking forward the concerns of villagers who attend our meetings to raise issues. The Council recently wrote to the Co-op concerning their large delivery vehicle using Low Road as a short cut, and received a letter reassuring them that it would not happen again. The Council has also been responding to planning applications, large and small.

The Council is currently looking at getting a Council website and at the work needed on footpaths and drainage issues in the village. The date of the next meeting is the 27th of September at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, although please keep an eye on the notice boards for any extraordinary meetings or changes to meeting dates.

If you would like to get in touch with Little Cheverell Parish Council please contact the Clerk:

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

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Village Clean Up Day: This will now be held on **Saturday, 29th September at 10.am** (and we apologise that it had to be postponed from the usual Springtime date). Please do come along and join our happy team of litter pickers. Litter picking tools, gloves and sacks will be provided. If you would prefer to tidy up some of the footpaths and can bring along your own pair of shears or other suitable tools, then your help will be much appreciated! Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion on your return.

Hedge trimming: Now that the bird nesting season is over could we request those of you who have hedges bordering the road to ensure that they are trimmed back in order that motorists can see clearly ahead of them and thus avoid any accidents.

Neighbourhood Plan: We are hoping to arrange a meeting towards the end of September with a representative from Wiltshire Council to discuss the formulation of our Neighbourhood Plan and would again encourage you to let us know if you would like to take part in this important project. Please contact me in order that I can let you know the date of the first meeting once this has been confirmed.

Neighbourhood Watch: A further reminder that we are still seeking members to form a Neighbourhood Watch Team in order to help prevent crime in our village.

Council Meetings: Our Parish Council had a break during August, but will be meeting again on **Monday, 3rd September at 7.30pm**. All parishioners are welcome to attend any of our Council Meetings, which are held on the first Monday of every month (except Bank Holidays, when they are held on the following Monday). There is an Open Forum at the beginning of the evening when parishioners can bring along any issues for discussion, before the formal Council Meeting takes place. If you would like to serve your community by being a member of the Parish Council there will be an opportunity to do so in May next year when elections will be held. If you would like any information about the role of a Parish Councillor please contact me and I will be happy to furnish you with the necessary information.

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A LIFETIME IN WEST LAVINGTON

About 1947 my father, Frederick Arthur James Nutland, set about restoring "ALL SAINTS" silent church clock. During this restoration my brother Keith delivered the "second-hand spindle" to Mr Kelloway the local blacksmith who soldered in the 60 "second-hand rods", an operation carried out many times before becoming a firm fix. In turn restoration of the church clock was completed, striking on the hour, but with no face. My father wound up the clock until about 1970 climbing in the region of 28 tower steps, every day. About 1975 the clock's winding and striking mechanisms were electrified by Mr Bob Osborne and the late Mr Roy Lye.

I remember the first time when, as a young lad,
I went to ALL SAINTS with my dear Dad,
He opened a large door that would creak and then groan,
Were we walking on granite or walking on stone?
I remember large ropes hanging directly ahead,
"They are pulled to ring bells," Dad turned and said.
I looked up at the high ceiling; no bells could I see.
"Come on," said my Dad, "you just follow me."
He opened a small door; inside was quite dark,
Stone stairs curved upwards to form a stone arc.
"Go on," said my Dad, "start climbing the stairs."
"I'm frightened," I said, "but then who cares?"
I spiralled the stone stairs, my Dad close behind.
The stairs in the tower would continually wind,
"Am I going to heaven?" I said to my Dad.
"Not yet," he replied, "you are only a lad.
You just keep on climbing with a hand on the rope,
As I'm right behind you in case you can't cope.
If you look to your left you will see a small door.
When I open it up you will see a lot more."
We entered a large room; I was in for a shock.
"That, son," Dad said, "is the parish church clock."
I laughed and said, "But Dad where is its face?"
A clock with no face is an utter disgrace,
"The clock's wound by handles and it lifts those weights high.
Go on," Dad said, "why not give it a try?"

I tried turning the handle. "You need muscle," said Dad.
As I huffed and I puffed it made me feel bad.
Dad took hold of the handle; we turned it around,
Up went the weight to a loud clicking sound,
The weight slowly rose until reaching the top.
"That's enough, son," said Dad. "There we must stop."

I sat down exhausted; I needed a rest.
"Never mind," said Dad. "You gave it your best."
"Let us move on," said Dad. "There's still a lot more."
As we left the clock tower, Dad closed the small door.
I started to climb with my hand on the rope,
Dad following behind in case I can't cope.
Higher and higher in the spiralling mode,
The stone staircase seemed serenely cold.
Another small door set in the stone wall,
I'm feeling quite nervous. I hope I don't fall,
"The bells are in here," said Dad as he opened the door.
When the door opened up I stood there in awe.
Six great bells not making a sound,
Each with a thick rope dropping down to the ground,
"If they start ringing now," Dad jokingly said,
"We would both finish up going daft in the head."
We climb on up after Dad closed the small door.
"When we get to the top you will see a lot more."
My legs are tired, my arms also ache,
Having come all this way with not even a break.
"Nearly there now, son," Dad encouragingly said.
"You should see a small door directly ahead."
I breathed a sigh of relief when he opened the door,
And gulped in fresh air as never before,
The blue sky above so nearly to touch,
In such a short time I've experienced so much,
With Dad's hand on my shoulder we look down at the scene,
The village below so peaceful and green.
As the flag on the flagpole flaps melodiously away,
I thank my dear Dad for a wonderful day.
We leave the church tower through the door at the top,
And wend our way downwards past the bells and the clock.
I follow my Dad down with my hand on the rope,
As I did on the way up in case I can't cope.
I look back at ALL SAINTS CHURCH from the ground to the sky,
Did I really go up there where the flag flies so high?
As we walked down the road and along by the stream,
I remember that time, or was it a dream?

TREVOR J. NUTLAND son of FREDERICK A.J. NUTLAND ex. churchwarden, chorister,
clock warden, and bell ringer. (For 450 years there was a Nutland in West Lavington, Trevor, who was the last, now lives in Devizes)

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

Ready, steady, go.... Quick get the paints out, aprons on, try some shaving foam, whack on the paper. That's one done. Run around. Stop and pull out all the farm animals, then decide not to play with them and try the peg puzzles instead. More art, this time with bottle tops and curly ribbons. Look, I just made mum. Snacks, walks, PE in the school hall. Lunches and laughter and so much to tidy up. Singing and shouting with bells and whistles. So much noise. Is it time to go home already? Bye then, see you tomorrow. Day one...tick.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (as followed by schools) which centres on play orientated learning in a relaxed, light and friendly environment. We are open from 8.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. Monday to Friday for 2 to 5 year olds, following the normal school terms. We are registered to take younger children if your child is ready and if the staffing ratios allow. If you wish to register your child or arrange a trial session please contact Gill Tayler.

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

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well what a fantastic year we have had. Following our Ofsted inspection we were given an **OUTSTANDING!!!!** I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, committee members and families who help make our pre-school such a wonderful place for the children to learn and play.

We have had some fantastic topics this year starting with The Power of Nature, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Our Families and Pets and the Jubilee Celebrations. Through each topic the children have been able to explore all the aspects of learning.

We sadly say goodbye to 22 of our older children who move on to various schools, each beginning a new chapter of their learning journeys. We wish them all well, and hopefully one day they will visit us telling us about all the new friends they have made.

We would like to thank Mr Lakin and Mrs Kerr for inviting us to join in with numerous DAPS celebration assemblies. We have enjoyed visits to reception class, and in return having the children from reception class visiting us here at pre-school.

I would like to finish by saying a big THANK YOU to all our families and friends who continue to support all our fantastic fundraising events throughout the year. With monies raised this year we are able to re-design our back garden during the summer holidays. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing when we return on Tuesday 4th September.

For any further information, please contact Vici Knott,
Pre-school Supervisor on: Telephone (07730) 285998



HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

It is a great joy to be back at school, ready for the excitement and fun of a new school year. We always enjoy welcoming new families into our school at this time of year, both those whose children start in the Foundation Stage and those who have moved into our school in other year groups. We wish them many happy years here at Holy Trinity.

The academic results for our children have once again been outstanding and we are very proud of the hard work by our children and the staff that have resulted in these excellent outcomes. But we are even more proud of many other aspects of our children's work - their generous, caring and responsible behaviour and the wide variety of skills and talents that they use to make our school and the community a better place. It is a joy to work in such an environment and people regularly remark on the happy and contented atmosphere in our school – the result of a community working hard to be productive, fulfilled and engaged in helping each person to be the very best that they can.

In the coming year we will be working, as we always do, on creative and exciting themes. These will include a painting by Salvador Dali (The Madonna of Port Lligat) and Space (with special reference to The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst). The children will have many day trips to support their learning in various areas and all KS2 children will also have the opportunity to go on a residential trip. We have some exciting new extra-curricular clubs as well as our old favourites. We now offer Judo, Dance, Hand bells, Drama, Ukulele, Choir, Street Surfing, Winter sports, Summer sports, Chess, Gardening and various other special interest clubs – something for everyone, we hope.

This is your local school. Please do pop in and visit us and see what we do. Lots more information, newsletters and photos can be found on our website at

www.holy-trinity.co.uk

SUMMER FUN WITH THE CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Cheverells Garden Club spent an evening in July being shown round the National Trust garden, The Courts, in Holt by its Head Gardener. The Courts is a gem of a garden, well worth a visit under any circumstances, but on this occasion brought to life by an infectiously enthusiastic commentary from the Head Gardener – the history and evolution of the garden, recent developments and changes, what does and doesn't seem to work in the garden's design and hints about possible future developments. The two (short) hours of the guided tour were full of information and insights as well as impressive garden vistas and lovely trees and plants. A real treat!

Then the August meeting found us out and about again, this time a local visit to smallholding in Great Cheverell, where members discovered how to create traditional hedging and were able to observe the cutting and baling of hay using machinery from the past. There were rare breed sheep, horses, geese and chickens to see as well as an orchard, vegetable garden and soft fruit. Everything was fully explained by Alan, a garden club member who, with his wife, works the small holding. A truly inspirational visit.

(To find out what we do next, you can go to the Great Cheverell parish council website greatcheverell.org select "What's on" and click on Programme under "Gardening club".)



MONTHLY LOCAL CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

at The Green Dragon, Market Lavington
on second Saturday of every month
10:00am to 1:00pm

In aid of a different charity each month

Lots to buy, including

Paintings, Jewellery, Jams and Chutneys, Walking Sticks,

Handmade cards and decorations, Textiles

For more information, contact

Steve or Nicky Wragg on 813235

OXFAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When disaster strikes people need help - fast.

Oxfam saves lives, swiftly delivering aid, support and protection. We need volunteers to take part in collections and fundraising events to help raise vital funds for our emergency response team, so they can keep saving lives.

Currently Oxfam is in West Africa where they aim to reach 1.8 million people who don't have enough to eat due to drought, poor harvests and poverty. So far Oxfam has reached over 450,000 people but there are still more who need help.

Collections are currently being organised for the Devizes area so if you can spare an hour or two collecting these vital funds, please contact Catherine on 0781 7944315 or email oxfamemergencyappeals.wilts@gmail.com

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.



On August 9th 1876, Mary Sumner formed a small house group in her Vicarage at Old Alresford, near Winchester. Supported by her husband, George, she was worried about the high unemployment, health problems and lack of education in the community. From this other groups developed beyond the parish and became the basis of The Mothers' Union with the result that today there are four million members, working in 81 countries. The aim and purpose is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its various forms. Ann Cowburn, our coordinator, gave us a very informative talk on the work we do in our own country, with our work in prisons, our holiday schemes and our Parenting facilitators. Overseas we have the M.U. Literacy and Development Programme in Burundi, Malawi and Sudan. In 2011 Comic Relief awarded us nearly one million pounds which means we can confirm our programmes and extend them, showing how we can use this wonderful donation. More information on our work can be found from Mary Sumner House (020 72225533) or www.themothersunion.org Our September diary is full, with the Church Fete on 8th September (our stall is Produce and Cakes – we can collect or deliver on the day), and on 13th September the Market Stall in Devizes, which is our big Deanery fund-raising day. At our next meeting on Monday, 10th September at 2.15 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage, we shall be having a talk on the Women's Refuge. Our thanks to the Cowburns for having us.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION Race Night



Join us in a fun fund-raising night at the races at West Lavington Village Hall. There will be light supper and a wine bar. Pounds to be won! Tickets (members and non members) are £6 each from Mike Page 818510. 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'

Preparation for the following season starts with training for the younger age groups at West Lavington Village Hall pitches on Saturday 8th September from 9.30 a.m. New members, both boys and girls, are welcome to come and start on that day – but please contact the relevant person below for times beforehand, as it depends on age group..

This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/ assistants, and represents all of the Villages in the area, and the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

The age groupings are for example: Under 11 on 31st August 2012.

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- Under 8 - Steve Dagnall (temp) 01380 727976
- Under 9 - Ian Cook 01380-848437
- Under 10 – Steve Vickery 01225-811387
- Under 11 – Chris Damon 01380-818502
- Under 12 – Neil Black 01380-818193
- Under 13 – Andy Duckett 07970-028330
- Under 14 – Russell Bishop 01380-813238
- Under 16 - Chris Pearce 01380-812339
- Under 17/18 – Peter Assirati 01380-816076
- Adult - Paul Sperring (Olympic Torchbearer)- 727242

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk>
Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

Duck Street Fair

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

New Stalls and Old Favourites
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Entrance
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WEST LAVINGTON WI

We hope everyone enjoyed the summer. Now, how did we do in the federation's WI quizzical pursuits at Trowbridge way back in June? Well, both West Lavington teams were only one away from the overall winners. Regrettably that's one village away, not one point - the undisputed champions were the Market Lavington & Easterton WI.

Congratulations! We did however contribute as usual with our inventive answers. Who dug the grave for Cock Robin? Apparently it was 'The owl with his trowel' – not the mole wot dug the hole!

No matter, Jeannie Gye took the July meeting as our president, Janet Stamp, was attending a family wedding. And as we knew they were coming we baked a cake, to celebrate the birthdays of Helena Warnock, Greta Taylor and Margaret King. Our thanks to Judy Page who performed the culinary honours.

Andrew Taylor came to the Giles Room to give us the history of stained glass. Andrew has been working with stained glass for over 22 years and is a fellow of Master Glass Painters. Over the years he has designed and produced 50 church windows, both at home and abroad. In addition to local tours upon request, courses are offered at Andrew's studio, which also caters for the conservation and restoration of stained glass. www.aptglasspainters.com .WI members were fascinated by his knowledge on this specialized subject and question time was extended.

Unfortunately our summer outing to the Hawk Conservancy was cancelled, but some members hope to visit on another occasion. Meanwhile, on 13th September there is to be a Business & Social evening at the Giles Room, West Lavington. And our own Lynne Rayner will be 'Demystifying the Spine' for us on 11th October, where the competition for the Ella Parry cup will be a loaf of bread (either machine or hand).

Hild Marrow

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The July draw was done by Anne Walker of Little Cheverell. The winner of the £40 prize was Priscilla Challinor of West Lavington; and the winner of the £20 prize was Les Charlton of Drove Lane in Market Lavington.

The winner of the £40 prize on August was Jane Garbutt of Market Lavington, and the winner of the £20 second prize was John Wilding of Great Cheverell.

The draw was done by Brenda and Mike Nock of Great Cheverell.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator



WEDDINGS

Sarah Anne MUNDY and **Stewart Edward BATES** were married by Rev James Campbell at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 4th August 2012.

BAPTISMS

George Harry HOLLOWAY was baptised at All Saints' Church, West Lavington by Rev James Campbell on 24th June 2012.

FUNERALS

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

Ethel Elizabeth OSBORNE of West Lavington died on 13th June, aged 97 years. Her funeral and burial was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 27th June 2012.

TRINITY CHURCH

Meeting Sundays at the Community Hall

2nd September 10.30 am Mrs Janet Tanner

9th September 11.00 am United Service

16th September 10.30 am

23rd September 10.30 am Rev Chris Cory Holy Communion

30th September 10.30 am

Saturday 22nd September Film Night 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 from Market Lavington Post Office or at the door. The popular and star-studded film

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Further dates – Saturday 27th October – Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

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 12th September 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.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

More than Gold

We all no doubt hoped that Team GB would perform well in the Olympics. But who'd have thought that we would win 29 gold medals and end up third in the medal table, just behind the sporting superpowers of China and America? The London Olympics was a great sporting spectacle, in the words of IOC President, Jacques Rogge, a "happy and glorious games". Who could forget witnessing (albeit on the telly) Jessica Ennis' triumph in the heptathlon, or Mo Farrow's double gold in the 10,000 and 5,000 metres, or Usain Bolt winning his three gold medals? Not to mention the exploits of Bradley Wiggins, Chris Hoy, and our own Wiltshire golden boy, Ed McKeever.

The Opening Ceremony included the playing of Vangelis' score from Chariots of Fire. The film featured the story of Eric Liddell winning the 400 metre race in the 1924 Paris Olympics. He was a 100 metre man really, but he famously withdrew from that event because the heats were on a Sunday. Liddell, a devout Christian believed that Sunday should be kept as a day of rest and worship. Inspired by the bible text, "for those who honour me I will honour" (1 Samuel 2:30), the athlete not only won the gold medal, but broke the world record.

What is not so well know is that after his sporting success Liddell became a missionary in China. Someone once asked him if he regretted giving up athletics for the mission field. He replied, "It's natural for a chap to think over all that sometimes, but I'm glad I'm at the work I'm engaged in now. A fellow's life counts for far more at this than the other."

But this was to be a costly commitment. When Japan invaded China in World War II, Liddell was held in an internment camp, where conditions were harsh. The former athlete gave himself to helping those in need. In a prisoner exchange negotiated between the British and Japanese, Liddell was given an opportunity to leave the camp, but he gave up his place to a pregnant woman. Shortly afterwards he died of a brain tumour. His condition was probably exacerbated overwork and malnutrition.

Liddell's act of costly sacrifice reminds us of the Lord Jesus Christ who laid down his life to bring us back to God. For Eric Liddell the joy of knowing and serving Jesus was worth more than gold.

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