

NEWS AND VIEWS

April 2013



*Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
April 2013*

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th April 2nd of Easter	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30 am Parish Communion (Trad)	10.30 am Parish Communion +APCM 11.30 am	9.30 am Communion by Extension	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
14th April 3rd of Easter	11.00 am United Service At St Barnabas, Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service Bring & Share Lunch	5.00 pm Evensong (BCP) +APCM 5.45 pm	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
21st April 4th of Easter	9.30 am Parish Communion +APCM 10.45 am	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	9.30 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	5.00 pm Evensong + APCM 5.45 pm
28th April 5th of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour Service +APCM 10.15 am		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	

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

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* 17th and 24th February
11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

Dear Friends,

The message of Easter is the central focus of the Christian Faith. The apostle Paul said, *'If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile'* (1 Corinthians 15:17). If Jesus is still dead, he cannot be our Saviour; if he died like other men, he cannot be the Son of God – and heaven's doors remain locked.

But if Christ is risen, as the Bible teaches and as hundreds of witnesses testified, then we have the ultimate hope for humanity – new life with the God who made us and the certainty of life beyond the grave.

For many people these things remain a mystery. In 1920s a sceptical writer named Frank Morison set out to investigate the evidence for the Resurrection. However the exercise *'led in a new and unexpected direction'*, he wrote. *'It was as though a man set out to cross a forest by a familiar and well-beaten track and came out suddenly where he did not expect to come out. The point of entry was the same; it was the point of emergence that was different.'*

As a young man Morison had studied Christianity but had concluded that *'it rested on very insecure foundations.'* As his research progressed, so *'the conviction grew that the drama of those unforgettable weeks of human history (the last of Jesus' life on earth) was stranger and deeper than it seemed. It was only later'*, he adds, *'that the irresistible logic of their meaning came into view.'*

Frank Morison's book *'Who moved the stone?'* was published in 1930. In the last sentence he writes of *'the deep and profoundly historical basis for that much disputed sentence in the Apostles Creed – The third day he rose again from the dead.'* That investigation changed Frank Morison's life in a way that he'd never have anticipated.

Happy Easter
James Campbell

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

2013 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS IN THE 5 PARISHES

EASTERTON

Sunday 7th April at 11.30 am, after 10.30 am Parish Communion.

GREAT CHEVERELL

Sunday 14th April at 5.45pm, after 5.00pm short Evensong.

MARKET LAVINGTON

Sunday 21st April at 10.45am, after the 9.30am Communion Service.

LITTLE CHEVERELL

Sunday 21st April at 5.45pm , after 5.00pm short Evensong .

WEST LAVINGTON

Sunday 28th April at 10.15am, after 9.30am Half Hour Service.

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

'Hope and heartache'
James Campbell's talk on his time in
Kajo-Keji, South Sudan
Easterton Church

Wednesday 17th April
Supper 7.30pm
Talk 8.30-9.30pm

It is very helpful to know numbers so if you would like to come please
telephone 816963
or email lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com
Donation for supper £3 – please let us know if you have food allergies

SUNDAY 5TH MAY: ROGATION SUNDAY

The annual Rogation Day Service at Great Cheverell will begin at St. Peter's Church at 12.00 noon. There will be for a short procession down the High Street. Then everyone will move by car to Common Farm for a short service with prayers and readings around the Pearce's Farm before a enjoying a Ploughman's Lunch together. All are very welcome.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Social & Fund Raising Committee of All Saints' Church have organised another "Progressive Dinner" in aid of Church Funds.

This will be on Saturday May 18th. For those who don't know, a "Progressive Dinner" is when about 50 people all meet in one or two houses for "starters", then move on to somebody else's house in groups of 6 to 10 and have their main course. We then go on in different groups to a third house where we will have our puddings and finally all meet up at one house for cheese/biscuits and coffee. It is great fun and one gets the chance to meet lots of different people. The cost of a ticket this year will be £25 per head. This includes all your food and wine and you don't need to bring another penny with you.

We need Hosts and hostess' for various courses - i.e. starters, main course and puddings. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. If you would like tickets for the event, also please contact me. We do hope you will participate - it is great fun!

Lavender Davy 01380 813782

LITTLE CHEVERELL'S SPRING WALK

Get fit for the Spring and join us on Sunday 14th April, 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 continuing financial pressures on everyone. Dogs are free. If the walk is too much then please join us for lunch only. To book your place please telephone Helena Warnock on 813487 or e-mail helenawarnock@btinternet.com We can only fit so many into the Hall so please book early. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Village Hall Committee

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

For Cancer Research UK
West Lavington, Saturday 11 May
The annual coffee morning for Cancer Research UK will be held at the West Lavington Village Hall on SATURDAY 11th MAY from 10.30 a.m. to Noon I shall be pleased to receive bric-a-brac, cakes, produce, plants and toys for the stalls. I can collect, or you may leave items at the Village Hall from 9 a.m. on 11th. Join us for a cup of tea/coffee and cake and support this cause. ALL PROCEEDS made will go to Cancer Research UK.

Mary Diccox (01380 813319)

What's on this month

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FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY (FOCS)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Monday 15 April

The Friends of Courtyard Surgery AGM will take place at the Courtyard Surgery, High Street, West Lavington at 7 p.m. on Monday 15th April.

Come along and see how lives of patients are improved by the equipment bought with funds raised by FOCS and by donations. Ask questions of the experts in the surgery, and see how you could help.

Richard Matters, Chairman FOCS

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 10th, in the Giles room. Apart from the formal business, there will be an opportunity to learn about progress on upgrading/redeveloping the hall. It is an open meeting, and anyone is entitled to attend.

DAUNTSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

The next concert will be on 21st April, featuring arias and choruses from many famous operas. Admission is free and tickets are available from School Reception (01380 814500;

info@dauntseys.org).

PLANT FAIR

Barbury Racecourse, Barbury, Wiltshire SN8 1RS
(By kind permission of Mr & Mrs N Bunter)

**Sunday 28th April
10.30 to 4 p.m.**

Adults £3, Children (under 12 yrs) FREE

Plants planters and garden sculptures tea tent, lunches

In aid of Kennet Valley Carriage Driving Group RDA
Reg. charity no. 1074359

MAY COUNTRY FAIR

at the
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
on
SATURDAY MAY 18th
10am to 2pm

Local handmade crafts including:

Toys, Paintings, Cards and Stationery, Knitwear, Glass, Scented Candles, Silver, Silk, Glass and Indian Jewellery, Dolls, Home and Garden Accessories, Textiles, and lots more!
Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity
Coffee and cakes!

For more details, or to book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757 or email: thebonneys@waitrose.com

WASTE NOT WANT NOT

Waste Not Want Not (WNWN) is a furniture recycling project where the primary aim is to help those 'in need' to furnish their homes with good quality second-hand furniture, at low cost.

Sadly, owing to some Charity Shops now selling second-hand furniture, WNWN is suffering from a lack of donated goods. This not only affects the disadvantaged (those on benefits or low income – and Senior Citizens, who are also able to avail themselves of this service), but it also means that the future of WNWN is questionable?

In order that the superb charitable work of Waste Not Want Not can carry on, it is important that more donations of furniture and household goods are received. So many people/families have been thankful for the Charity's help in furnishing their homes over the past decade, in fact Waste Not Want Not has an excellent showroom displaying quality furniture and household goods (for every room) at: 303 Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham.

So please, when disposing of your furniture think of WNWN, your contribution will be so greatly appreciated.

If you wish to donate goods, please call: 01249 447140

SPONSORED WALK SUNDAY 12TH MAY

FROM REDHORN VEDETTE TO GT. CHEVERELL 10 MILES ALONG THE RIDGWAY PATH

STARTS 11 am.

ALL WELCOME

incl. children on bikes and dogs

provided they are on leads
All proceeds to The Friends of Erlestoke Prison to help reduce re-offending
For more particulars ring 01380 813736

Stert country house

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday, 18th May, 2013
Buyers – 08:30 hrs

MANOR FARM STERT

DEVIZES SN10 3JD

(off the A342)

All pitches must be pre-booked and pre-paid

www.devizescruk.org

07831 376688

GREAT CHEVERELL WHIST CLUB

On Saturday 9th March the Village Hall was filled with eager card players who had a "No trumps" evening. It was well attended with some players coming from as far away as Andover. We have a normal Whist night every Friday night and new players are always welcome.

Pat Wilshin.

DARK SIDE DIARIES

Cast your mind back 40 years, back to the days of beads, flared trousers, Top of the Pops and lots of hair. It is 1973. Where were you the first time you heard Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon? There was something about it - once you heard it, it was never forgotten - and it seems to thrill now just as much as it did then.

I'm not quite sure which one of our merry band suggested it first, but it's somehow happened that we have started to learn the songs, discuss production, sound and lighting arrangements, think about possible venues and come to the conclusion that, yes, we will be performing Dark Side of the Moon later in the year!

We promise to keep everyone updated, watch this space.

Purple Fish

RETURN OF NICOLA FARNON

Nicola Farnon and her fabulous Quartet will be at Market Lavington Community Hall again on Sunday 16th June. Doors open at 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets @ £10 available from Beth Warren (818252), Jackie Clark (813233) or at Market Lavington Post Office.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!

CLIC SARGENT

Thank You to all who continue to collect used postage stamps for Clic Sargent; it is so very kind of everyone.

I have just delivered a large bag of stamps and foreign coins to the shop in Trowbridge; also some clothes for the charity shop to sell. They were so very pleased.

Please continue to collect and let me have the items to take to the charity. Please phone me on 01380 813625 if you need to.

Sally Bullock.

DELIVERY OF NEWS AND VIEWS IN GREAT CHEVERELL

Thanks are due to all who deliver *News and Views* to every house in the village. Some have been doing so ever since the magazine under that name started. Mrs Viv Pearce has delivered magazines for some 30 Years but now wishes to retire! We wish to thank Viv and ask for a volunteer to take on the delivery in part of Great Cheverell. Anyone willing to do so please speak to either Pat or Wendy Wilshin (813735).

NEW FOR DEVIZES – EXERCISE AFTER STROKE

If you or anyone you know has experienced stroke, they may like to attend our group sessions to further improve their mobility, fitness and well-being. Specialist instructors will provide the opportunity to exercise in a safe, enjoyable environment. The activities can be adapted to suit individual needs.

Starting 10th April – the class does require a referral from a GP or health professional.

Cost £2.50 per session including refreshments afterwards. For more information contact Paul Needham 07823536256 or paul.needham@wiltshire.gov.uk or Pat Baxter 07725753422 – patbaxter@sky.com

DEMENTIA ADVICE AT THE COURTYARDS

There is a new face at The Courtyards surgery in West Lavington.

Anna Spear, a care co-ordinator for the charity Alzheimer's Support, is now based in the surgery, where she is available to give advice and information to anyone concerned about their memory. Anna manages a team of support workers who visit people in their own homes to offer support and companionship, and can visit at home to help set up services for people living with dementia.

The surgery also has a supply of DVDs produced by Wiltshire Council which give advice about memory worries.

If any local groups would like to arrange a speaker to talk about memory worries, dementia, and what support is available, contact Alzheimer's Support's Devizes office 01380 739055.



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To book call **08456 525255** option **2**
For information **01380 860100**

To contact us from the hospital dial **1444** from any hospital extension.
Connect at Erlestoke or Great Cheverell to use this service.



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LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Summer 2013



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 5.00pm to 6.30pm,
TUESDAY 7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £50 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.27 per swim)
£25 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.14 per swim)

Annual Membership Fee Available

Summer Term starts TUESDAY 16th April

& ends Sunday 7th July, 2013

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 26th May; Tues 28th May

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.



WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS NEWS

This month I would like to tell you about services that you may not know you can receive at home.

You could be entitled to an **NHS sight test at home** if you are unable to leave home by yourself or have a significant disability. It is likely to be free if you are over 60 and on the guaranteed element of Pension Credit. Wherever you have your sight test, you could qualify for help towards the cost of your glasses if you receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit.

You could also be entitled to a **free NHS Hearing test at home**.

Do you know about the **Home Library Service**? This is a free service for people who have problems getting to their local library due to disability or illness, and for carers. A member of library staff will talk to you about what you like to read. They will then visit you at home with a library volunteer and bring you some books. Every few weeks, the library volunteer will call and exchange your books. You can borrow any kind of book, including talking books and CDs.

If you would like more information about any of these things, or any other issues, please contact me.

Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour Co ordinator for Devizes villages
on 07557 922027 or email devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

VISIT OF LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

On Saturday 27th of April members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at The Village Hall in West Lavington as part of our Community Consultation and we would like to invite villagers to attend to discuss any issues you may have with your local officers.

We will be there between 1500 and 1600 hours. Please do come along. Our team's new priority will see us concentrating our efforts on ASB recently reported in Worton.

Should anyone need to contact a member of the team please either email us at

devizesnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

for the attention of PC Pete Lawson, PCSO Fiona Marno or PCSO Oliver Nash or phone us on 101.

MOBILE LIBRARY – DATES AND TIMES 2013

Tuesdays

Dates: Feb 5,19 May 14,28	March 5,19 June 11,25	April 2,16,30
Great Cheverell Lay-by near school		9.45-10 a.m.
Great Cheverell The Old School		10.05-10.20 a.m.
Littleton Panell Lay-by in High Street		10.30-10.45 a.m.
West Lavington School		10.50 a.m.-12.10 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

Volume 2 of Ros Hooper's Photographic History of West Lavington is now available. It covers from the Ebenezer Chapel to Rickbarton, including Duck Street, Stibb Hill and White Street. This is £10.

The History of Houses in Church Street should be ready by the time you read this. This is a detailed history of who was living where in the 19th century. It covers from Duck Street to the outlying farms, and includes Stibb Hill, Rutts Lane and White Street and Rickbarton. This is £10.

The Wire War of 1909 should be available very shortly. This is a new edition, containing more information than the previous home-made edition. If you purchased the original home-made edition, you will be entitled to a discount on this new improved model. Pricing isn't known yet, but if you would like to pre-order, please let me know.

If you would like to order any of these, please contact me on 01380 813943 or by e-mail at lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk. All the earlier books produced in this series are available. I try to keep a small stock, but they can usually be received within a week of ordering.

All profits do of course go to the West Lavington Youth Club. I am hoping that by the end of March we will have made enough money from these books to pay for youth club sessions for one night a week for the following year, or to pay for some really good character building trips and events for the young people of West Lavington and Market Lavington, and surrounding villages.

Thank you for all your support.

Lyn Dyson

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Hi, Youth Club Members; we need your help! It is now the time when we plan the events for you, but we cannot do that without you.

We have come up with some ideas but we need your input, so get down to the Youth Club and make your views known. These are some ideas that we came up with:

Oxenwood Adventure Centre, Youth Action Wiltshire Programmes,, Dry (or wet) skiing, Cotswold Water Park, Go Ape, Laser Experience, Archery, Thorpe Park again!!!, Quad Biking, Paintballing.

What do you think? Come and tell us!

Monday	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	Younger Members at West Lavington
Wednesday	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Seniors at Market Lavington

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Eric Freeman -

Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

FIFTY YEARS ON, STILL A FOREIGNER.

We arrived in West Lavington in January 1963, following the snowplough across Salisbury Plain between newly-made cliffs of snow. 'I give you six months,' said my brother as we left London. I thought he was probably right.

Fifty years ago Philip Holloway used to let the end section of The Manor as a flat. Someone had arranged for us to take it. What a delight it would have been had it not been one of the coldest winters of the century. All we could do was to marvel at the huge size of the rooms and the minute size of the radiators, and wonder what was outside our windows, for it was late March before we could see what was grass, what was tarmac, what was flowerbed.

I used to pop across the road to the Horse and Jockey of an evening, where Mr Gourlay would offer me draught cider at about 4p a pint (10 pence in old money) or ordinary bitter at 6p. Circumstances forced me to develop a taste for the cider. There I would chat with old Bob, retired shepherd who had lived up on the plain with his sheep for weeks at a time. 'Of course I'm a foreigner here' he said. When I expressed surprise, he told me he was a Hampshire Hog, and had only lived in these parts for 25 years. I can still remember my astonishment that anyone should consider themselves 'a foreigner' after such a great length of time!

In those days we were much more aware of living in a Wiltshire village. Old Bob sounded authentic enough to me, and although there were many exceptions the majority of the voices one heard in the pubs or shops were local voices. Who remembers Mr. Wiltshire, so aptly named? 'Have you any cheese, Mr. Wiltshire?' and the inevitable reply 'Certainly Mr. Er....er...er... Would you like mild or tasty?' But nowadays, greater mobility has given us a far greater mixture of accents; lump all the Geordies and Cockneys and Mancunians together and they could well outnumber the Moonrakers. Another great change, suffered nearly everywhere of course, is the loss of shops. I can remember eight in 1963, not counting petrol station or garage. Have I forgotten any?

And so the six months allotted by my brother extended itself somewhat; there never seemed to be any reason to move. I remember old Ron Barron, who lived out his last decades in Holly Cottage, telling me that in his 40 years here he had known many people who had left West Lavington for fresh fields, but to his knowledge not one of them had been happier for the move. You may believe it or not, but a lot of people simply stay as I have done.

But old Bob was right; even after 50 years I'm still a bit of a foreigner.

Bill Parish



EDITOR'S FOOTNOTE

No, not a little waif, scavenging through a pile of rubbish to eke out a meagre existence; just Arlo Stone (Womble) with the litter he picked up within a short distance of West Lavington Crossroads. All credit to Arlo, but little credit to the various people who dropped it – or indeed to anyone else who “passed by on the other side”.

Jim Hodges

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Little Cheverell Parish Council met on March 19th and listened to concerns from residents about large lorries getting stuck on Low Road. These lorries have damaged property and verges and cause inconvenience to residents.

The Council have agreed to support the concerns of the residents and will be in discussion with Wiltshire Council regarding improving signage. It is hoped that the signing will enforce the 7.5 tonne limit and confirm that the proper diversion of HGVs is not through Low Road. This will not affect deliveries such as oil tankers, or refuse collection.

Lorries over the 7.5 tonne limit found to be using the road can be reported to the police using the 101 number, giving the number plate of the lorry and the company, and the police will look into the issue. Previously Little Cheverell Parish Council was successful in highlighting the use of Low Road by one company's lorries, and the Council received a letter apologising for the inconvenience and confirming that lorries will take a different route in future.

If you would like to contact the Council on this or another matter concerning Little Cheverell, please email the clerk Liz Read on littlecheverellpc@yahoo.co.uk or attend the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on May 14th in the Little Cheverell Village Hall.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the March meeting of the council P.C. Lawson and P.C.S.O. Nash warned us that there had been a number of non-dwelling burglaries in the area. He advised the use of domestic CCTV, outside lights, marking personal items, and to use strong padlocks on garage and outhouse doors. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicions to the police, using the non emergency number 101

We were sad to accept Miss Green's resignation from the council; she has been a loyal member for many years and her advice, especially on trees and all things agricultural, has been much appreciated. We shall miss her.

A reminder of the elections on 2nd May. If you are considering standing for the Parish Council, you do need to complete your forms before 5th April so that your nomination can be cleared by Wiltshire Council. If you need advice then do please contact the clerk or myself and we will be pleased to help.

Lastly a date for the diary. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 24th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We hope to have a presentation on the possible development of the Hall and to seek advice on the surrounding playgrounds and playing fields. We hope to see you there

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.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL					
HIRE RATES FROM 1st JUNE 2011					
Booking Clerk Steve Cox tel 01380 812143					
		RATE 1 (A)		RATE 2 (B)	
		Hall	Meeting	Hall	Meeting
A) Charities, local organisation and villagers	Mornings (8am - 1pm)	£10.00	£6.00	£17.00	£11.00
	Afternoons (1pm - 6pm)	£10.00	£6.00	£17.00	£11.00
B) All others, commercial & private	Evenings (6pm - midnight)	£20.00	£12.00	£30.00	£18.00

Charges strictly by time blocks. Bookings > 5 hours will incur two, or more block charges.

Terms and Conditions available on request **Changing Rooms (Flat Rate) £20.00**

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Elections: By the time you read this the deadline for receipt of nominations will almost be upon us. These should be received by noon on Friday, 5th April. Nominations can be hand delivered to the Nomination Reception Desk, Ground Floor, The Council Offices, Snuff Street, Devizes. Polling Day for both Unitary and Parish Elections is on Thursday, 2nd May, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting: You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of Cheverell Magna Parish Council to be held on Thursday, 25th April, at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close, Great Cheverell. Do come along and find out what your Parish Council have been doing for you over the past year.

New Bus Shelter: A new bus shelter has been erected near Victoria Park to replace the previous shelter which was damaged beyond repair last October. It has been erected 70m further along the road than the previous one. This decision was taken in order to give motorists exiting Victoria Park a clearer view of oncoming traffic.

Recycling Bins: If you require a new recycling bin this can be obtained by ringing 0300-456-0100 and requesting a new bin. (A parishioner recently had her bin damaged and thought that other people might find this information useful if they should experience a similar occurrence.)

Rubbish in Play Area: Could we please remind parents and children to take their rubbish home, if the rubbish bin is full.

Bus Services:

The No.2 Salisbury bus picks up from the village shop at around 9.05 a.m. on a Tuesday only for Salisbury Market and will return passengers to the village on request on the 12.55 p.m. bus. This service runs during term time only.

The X.88 Chitterne to Bath bus will pick up at 9.25 a.m. on Wednesdays, returning at 1.30 p.m. This works out at a much faster service than the bus which runs from Easterton through Devizes and Melksham to Bath. This service runs throughout the year.

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

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AREA

Residents of West Lavington and Littleton Panell may recall receiving a leaflet last year explaining how the new powers to write our own Neighbourhood Plan, as laid out in the new Localism Act, 2011, were being used in the parish. The Parish Council has agreed that such a Plan should be prepared, and several articles in this magazine have invited volunteers to come forward who would like to bring their skills and experience to a community Steering Group. We are delighted to announce that a large Group has come together, and a formal submission has now been made to Wiltshire Council who have to approve our way of working and the Planning Area (in this case, the existing parish boundary). Before they do so, the next stage is to consult you, with an opportunity to comment on whether there should be a Plan at all and if so, over what area it should cover. You can see the documents and comment through Wiltshire Council's Neighbourhood Planning portal on <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning.htm> or through the Parish website http://www.westlavington.info/public_notices.html and follow the links. The consultation period will run from **8 April until 22 May**. If you would like to discuss the process or get involved in writing the Plan do please contact the Steering Group Chair Sandra Gamble on 01380 812616, or the Clerk to the Parish Council on 07734 483883.

THE CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Great Cheverell Village Hall was packed for an evening with John Adams, a gardener of many years of experience, who has been to the club's 'Fun Show' to judge some of the classes.

The evening was highly entertaining, sprinkled with anecdotes, advice, information and humour.

John is a keen supporter of the charity *Tools for Self Reliance* which supports workers in some of the world's poorest countries by providing basic hand-tools and helping promote local tool-making initiatives. John collects garden tools, some of which are quite old; he then restores them to their former glory and sells them to raise money for the charity.

He brought a wide selection of tools with him, which he had been working on in his spare time. The majority were priced from £1 to £3, and every one of them was sold to members of the club. It was an excellent donation to a most worthwhile charity.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at Great Cheverell Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30. Christina Stapely will be talking about *Herbs in Cookery*.

Christina has been growing and using herbs for over 35 years and her talk will include the use of herbs in winemaking and liqueurs!!

Visitors are very welcome for a charge of £2 for the evening.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

We are delighted with the academic achievements of our children, once again. The validated data analyses from the government show that in the Value Added measure (how much extra progress children make, over and above what was expected), our school is in the top 3% of schools nationally. The attainment of our children in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two in all areas is statistically "Significantly Higher" than national levels. These are outstanding academic results but we are just as delighted with all the other aspects of our children's learning – they are aspirational, courageous, compassionate young people of great joy and integrity. These values are just as important as great academic achievements and are at the heart of the education we provide here at Holy Trinity.

Our Pilgrimage Day took place on 19th March in Edington Priory. Various "Stations" were set up around the church which allowed the children to engage in reflection and activities about the Easter story. There was playdough, music, drawing, palms, water and food, ending with a great celebration of song to mark the Resurrection. This event was the result of collaboration between the parishes in our designated area and the school – and shows once again the strength of the community support which enables us to provide the very best for our children.

Parents who applied for a place in our school for September 2013 should receive their offers of places shortly after 19th April and need to respond to the Local Authority, accepting the place before 10th May. Once this process is complete, parents will receive a letter inviting them to come to our school for an induction evening and we will explain the induction programme for their children which will take place during the Summer term. Transition arrangements with the local nursery school and preschool are in place to ensure that the new children make a great start when we welcome them to Holy Trinity in September.

We wish everyone in our community a very Happy Easter.

**Do visit our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk
for more about our school.**



Dauntsey's Aided Primary School

The New Year started with a Damian Harvey visit discussing his text *An Itch to Scratch* with all children having an opportunity to work alongside Damian.

Our topic for this term was *Write On* which ended with a Celebration, where all parents were invited into school to view all the learning completed. We were very kindly supplied with complimentary cakes from Hayden's Bakery.

DAPS Choir at the O2 Arena

What a fantastic day! 38 members of the school choir visited the London O2 to participate in Young Voices. Along with a further 3,200 other children from schools all across the UK they sang and entertained a capacity crowd for in excess of 2 hours. It was a fabulous day and the children were simply magnificent. I would like to thank all the children for giving their time and also the parents who supported us. Thanks to Mrs Stone for coming along and helping; it was a late one. Finally a huge THANK YOU to Mrs Kerr and Mrs Wiltshire for all their efforts; the hard work certainly paid off.

Gardening Club

Sadly, Mrs West will be stepping down as Garden Club leader after Easter. We would like to thank Mrs West for ALL her help over the years. We are very lucky indeed to have a beautiful garden in which to grow fruit, vegetables, flowers and more. Mr Roger Scriven will be putting on the gloves after Easter and we would also like to thank him for volunteering.

Tag Rugby Tournament

What a great day; the sun was shining, lots of fun and good sportsmanship. We met Thinus Delpont, a South African International Rugby Player and we returned with a trophy!

Textile Recycling

The PTA do regular textile recycling which raises money for the school. Please bring any bagged items to the village car park between 8:30 and 9:00 on any of the following dates.

29th April 10th June 15th July

We can't recycle pillows or duvets but can take shoes, wellies, boots, slippers, clothes, coats, curtains etc. and bedding – in *any* condition. Thank You

Michel Tietz, School Business Manager
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GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Taylor Pre-School: 01380 812121

This term we welcome Karen Dwyer as new Preschool Manager; she brings experience as an early year's teacher in a range of settings.

We have had a busy and exciting Spring term enjoying the snow and our theme of animals.

Finding out about animals has led us to many places:

- 'To China' to find out about Chinese New Year and the Zodiac story, with tasting of food, taking part in dragon dancing, trying Chinese writing and a visit from a snake
- 'Under the sea' where we tried on diving gear, worked as a team to rescue Nemo, explored sand and shells, and made wave writing patterns.
- 'Back to the past' to visit Dinosaur land where we found bones and named body parts, looked at fossils and moved to dinosaur songs.
- Then to 'Old Mac Donald's farm', where in the 'farm kitchen' we made butter, bread and burgers; we had a visit from a tractor and went for a walk to see local farm animals.
- We finish the term with an Easter Fun Session of games, number hunts and crafts.

We currently have vacancies for children to start in April and September, for more information or to arrange a visit contact Karen Dwyer on 01380 812121.

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



WEST LAVINGTON WI

Our AGM in March was well attended and Janet Stamp was appointed president for one further year; she sincerely thanked her committee and all other members for their vital support. Anne Janes and Liz Bord continued with our theme of *How I came to be here*, which was really interesting to all.

Everyone looks forward to taking a posh picnic to Salisbury Racecourse on 30th July. Meanwhile, we recently enjoyed a 'hands on' morning of authentic Bristol Blue Glass and a 'hands off' afternoon of underwear and clothes from the 1950s; the latter being modelled by 'The History Wardrobe'. And the Mamma Mia singing workshop was so popular we had to move to a larger venue.

On Friday 25th April we will be currying favour (or should I say flavour) at Sue and Rob Robson's home at West Lavington, when after our Tandoori tasting we shall attempt a little sari sashaying. And on this note, if there are any like-minded ladies who would like to join the West Lavington branch of WI, please do come along to the Giles Room on the second Thursday of any month a little before 7.30 p.m. We are a small, sociable group. Naturally we've built up good WI credit points over the years, but we don't always get it right. At our last meeting we experienced a synchronised senior moment - not one person remembered the 'in house' competition for a spring photograph!

So, we won't be surprised if your cakes don't rise - and we just won't fret if your jams don't set! If you think it's for you, please come along; you'll be most welcome.

Our next session will be on Thursday, 11th April, when Roger White will be revealing the *Magic of the Scillies*, and on Thursday 9th May Sue Roberts will be introducing *Animal Adventures on Holiday in South Africa*.

Hild Marrow



This month we had no formal meeting but we did join the Mothers' Union Festival at Salisbury Cathedral on March 9th. It was a great event, beautifully organised. The

Bishop of Salisbury was himself welcomed into the Mothers' Union! As was our own Liz Evans. Jeanette Giles who carried our banner, which was beautifully decorated by Ann Cowburn, was also welcomed as a new member.

At our next meeting at West Lavington Vicarage on Monday, 8th April, Revd Jennifer Haynes will give us Communion and talk to us at 2.15 p.m. about her experiences in the Himalayas.

Janet Hodges (812467)



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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next fund raising event is on April 17th at 7 p.m. in the Market Lavington Secondary School.

It will be a repeat of our successful Skype video link-up with our friends in France when we shall hold a joint quiz evening. A light supper will be included. Further details to follow.

We have now held two French conversation classes for members only. Why not join? Our membership fees are unchanged at £15 per household (£12 for seniors).

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'



Following from last month's news on the Cup competition, in the semi-finals the results were as follows:

U12 - Beat Trowbridge Town Youth 2 - 0, with goals from Jammo and Harry on a bitterly cold day. They will now go through to the Final to play Trowbridge Wanderers.

U16 - Lost 0-2 to Castle Combe Colts. Bad luck!

U17 - Won 3-1 against Castle Combe and will meet Trowbridge

Town Youth in the Final.

The Adult 1st team also reached the Semi-Finals for the first time ever, in the Trowbridge and District Cup, with goals from Martin Dickinson and Scott Shroud (who both started playing for the Club at Junior level) securing a 2-0 win against the Lamb in Trowbridge, to now face Melksham Town Reserves.

At the Junior end of the Club, we have both U6 and U7 age groups (Reception/Year 1/Year 2), with fully qualified Class 1 coaches. Training takes place on Saturday mornings, and we are now seeking more players to come along. Please refer to the Club website on the 'Mini' section to find out info.

Reminder : date for your diaries is the Club Fun/Presentation Day which is currently being pencilled in for Saturday 8th June - TBD

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

BOOKMARK



Ticket wise we missed out on the 'Nine Decades of Radio' and the Darcy Bussell experience at the Bath Literary Festival, so our first event was at the Mineral Hospital where Sarah Maitland mixed social history with natural history, literary criticism with fiction; championing the cause for children to interact with the environment. And one of her soap box points was the omission of words such as 'catkin' and 'acorn' from the new junior English dictionary. We then dashed across to the Guild Hall for two landscape events via a doctor's year in Antarctica and a teacher's view of living and working in Iceland with a young family. Afterwards we had tea with cake and a quick trip to Jolly's, making it a most enjoyable day. The following Sunday four of us were back at the Guild Hall for a reading of the trial sequence from the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The supporting roles were played by students from Bristol Old Vic and Bath school girls. The production was excellent and the gospel choir gave the performance great atmosphere - which was subsequently discussed over a good curry. A week later a few of us experienced the 'Bloomsbury Group'; a Saturday workshop at Urchfont village hall which was hugely stimulating (although the chairs weren't the most comfy for the occasion).

However, these artistic events are now done and dusted and we are happily back at the village hall in Great Cheverell for our 5 - 6 weekly Book Club sessions. On Wednesday, 20th March we met to discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce (hugely enjoyed by absolutely everyone) and Harriet Lane's *Alys, Always* (quietly sinister in appreciation, although a disappointing ending for some). But a great animated group discussion and a really lively evening.

Please note our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May (change of date) for a *Beginner's Goodbye* by Anne Tyler and the feel good factor of Elizabeth Von Arnim's *Enchanted April* (with DVD viewing). This will be held at Bernie Maltby's home at The Green, Great Cheverell for a 7 p.m. start.

If interested in our Book Club please contact Hild Marrow on 01380 - 812399 (hildward@tiscali.co.uk)

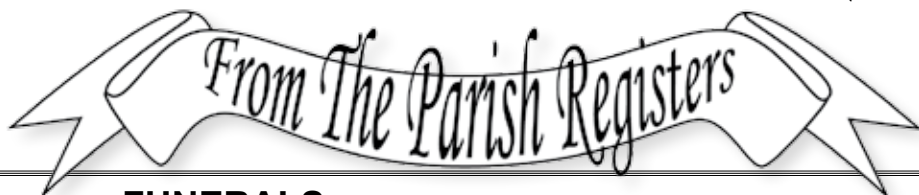
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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

First prize this month was Philip Bullock of Easterton. He wins £40. Second prize (£20) was Carol Part of Market Lavington.

The draw was done by Bob and Sylvia Young of Market Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator



FUNERALS

Derek "Dick" Powell of Easterton died on 4th February, aged 80 years. His funeral at West Wilts Crematorium was on 18th February 2013.



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APRIL AT TRINITY CHURCH

In the Community Hall

Sunday 7th 10.30 am Mr John Williams

Sunday 14th 11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

Visiting speaker Mr James Vaughton from Bath Youth for Christ.

Followed by bring and share lunch.

All are invited to come and hear about Youth for Christ and the possibilities of future project involvement in our area.

Sunday 21st 10.30 a.m. Miss Janet Ruddick

Sunday 28th 10.30 a.m. Rev Tom MacMeekin Holy Communion

Tots@Ten meet again in the Fuminger Room in the Community Hall at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 10th April. This month we will be thinking about the Lost Sheep. New members always are welcome to join in the fun and friendship.

Trinity and Moviola present "**The Hobbit An Unexpected Journey**" on Saturday 19th April. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. Bar available. Tickets £5, on the door or from Market Lavington Post Office.

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