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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th October 19th after Trinity	9.30 am Half Hour Service jmc	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad) jcc	11.00 am Parish Communion jmc	11.00 am Simple Celebration pas	11.00 am Matins (BCP) ray
13th October 20th after Trinity	11.00 am United Service at Trinity jmc	9.30 am Parish Communion jmc	11.00 am United Service at Trinity jmc	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP) jmc	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) jmc
20th October 21st after Trinity	9.30 am Parish Communion jmc	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) jmc 9.30am Matins (BCP) ray	11.00 am Matins (BCP) ray	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	6 pm Harvest Festival jmc
27th October Last after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) jmc 9.00 am JAM Club (Old School)	9.30 am Half Hour Service pas		11.00 am Parish Communion jmc	

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

PREACHER: jmc = James Campbell, jcc = John Cowburn, alc = Ann Cocking, pas = Pat Strowger,

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.

VILLAGE CARE

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

Dear Friends,

'Thankfulness isn't our usual response when something goes wrong. We may have a hundred good things for which to be thankful, but let one bad thing happen, and it's all we think about!' I read this in Billy Graham's little book *Hope for each day* – and know it's true of myself too often.

Cultivating an attitude of gratitude is an antidote to a happier, healthier life. St. Paul wrote that we are to '*give thanks in everything*' in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. It is a tough call to give thanks no matter what happens, remembering all the blessings that most of us do enjoy; to thank God that things aren't worse. That stoical generation brought up amidst the privations of the Second World War, and now all elderly, quite often comment how there are others worse off than themselves.

Billy Graham suggests that having an attitude of thankfulness in all of life's circumstances will help us react as Matthew Henry, the well-known Presbyterian minister and bible commentator from 300 years ago did.

In old age he was mugged; he wrote in his diary that day, '*Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before; second, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.*'

'I wonder if I could be that thankful?' asks Billy Graham; and I ask that of myself.

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell
The Vicarage, Market Lavington
e mail lavingtonrector@goolemail.com
Tel. (01380) 816963
Office lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Services and suppers this year:

12th October: Great Cheverell Supper (7.00 p.m.), The Pavilion
 20th October: Little Cheverell (6.00 p.m.),
 followed by *Harvest Supper in the Village Hall*

All contributions of produce will be gratefully received, including fruit and vegetables in advance to decorate the churches in the traditional way.

After the services:

Fruit and Veg. will be available to be bought or distributed as appropriate.

Tins and packets etc; will be given to the Devizes Food Bank.

If you're not planning to come to a Harvest Service in Church, you could still drop off donations of dry food for the Food Bank either in one of the wooden boxes provided at the back of most of our churches or at the checkout at Sainsbury's or Morrisons in Devizes. JMC

CAR BOOT SALE

West Lavington Playing Fields
 Saturday 5th October
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

£5 per pitch : Refreshments
 All proceeds to All Saints Church
 Contact Bonnie Matters 816133

NEPALESE SUPPER EVENING

In aid of
 Destitute and abused
 children of Nepal
 23rd November, 7.30 p.m.
 At Market Lavington Community Hall
 Tickets £5 available from Post
 Office, Market Lavington
 Or Devizes Books, Devizes
 Or e-mail
 sue@hambling8.wanadoo.co.uk

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Bingo Evening in the Village Hall on Monday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. A wide variety of prizes and a raffle. Why not come along for an evening's amusement.

There will also be a Bingo Evening on Monday 18th November.
 All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

HARVEST LUNCH

(Soup and Ploughman's)

for Farm Africa

Friday October 18th

Market Lavington Community Hall
 at 12.30 p.m.

Tickets £7 Raffle

Come and enjoy good food and company and support this excellent charity which assists African farmers through practical projects.

Names and numbers please to
 Ann Janes 01380 813505 or
 to Liz Thom 01380 818335, liz.
 thom2@btinternet.com
 to help with catering.

COME TO OUR HARVEST LUNCH !

Everybody is welcome to our Harvest Lunch on Saturday 12th October at 12.30 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall. Admission is FREE , but you do need to have a ticket (for catering purposes). Children are welcome
 Soft drinks will be available but please bring your own wine/beer etc.
 Get your tickets from Lavender Davy (813782). We look forward to seeing you there.

LIFE IS WORTH EXPLORING

The Alpha Course

Starting Monday 7th October 7.30pm
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Harvest Supper



Tickets from :
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LITTLE CHEVERELL HARVEST SERVICE

All denominations welcome
Sunday 20th of October at 6.00 p.m.
 followed by
HARVEST SUPPER in the VILLAGE HALL at 7 p.m.
 Tickets for supper and a glass of wine £8.00
 Phone Susie 01380-818 402
 We look forward to seeing you!

What's on this month

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A Date for your Diary!



**The third
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Thank you

to all who helped with the TEAS at the
above fete. It was a busy time and I know
the kitchen helpers, the cake server and
the tea servers were kept on their toes
all afternoon.

To those who kindly provided tea, sugar,
cakes and donation a big thank you.

I am indebted, again, to David who so
kindly provided the milk.

Mary Diccox

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR

Devizes Corn Exchange

Tuesday, October 8th, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

I am particularly glad to include as our cover the reminder of one aspect of last Saturday's West Lavington Fete – the Dog Show. For all those present it was not only this but it was, in almost every other sense – the weather, the Bottle Stall, the various other stalls, the go karts, the teas, the Classic cars, the Lavington Community Band, the Guess the weight of..., and heaven knows what else, a happy afternoon.

That a sum of around £3000 was raised is important, but just as important is the fact that, like most village fetes, it serves as a reminder that we have the good fortune to live in a village. It is perhaps the only occasion on which so many of us appear together, regardless of class, wealth or age for a couple of hours once a year. And indeed there were a number of people present who have moved away but who return for the occasion.

Those of us who took the trouble to look at Lyn Dyson's wonderful collection of books and photographs in the Village Hall will have seen how often and in how many ways people in a village used to enjoy communal activities and, though this is perhaps the sole remnant of such occasions, it is one to be treasured if we do not wish to lapse into an existence of self-contained self-serving isolation.

Jim Hodges

OCTOBER AT TRINITY CHURCH

- 6th October 10.30 am Rev Mike Burrell
Harvest Festival
- 13th October 11.00 am United Service
- 20th October 10.30 am Mr Eric Clifford
- 27th October 10.30 am Mr John Saunders

Tots@Ten meets on Wednesday 9th October at 10.00 am in the Furninger Room at the Community Hall. The theme will be Animals. New Mums and preschool children always very welcome.

Movie of the Month- The Great Gatsby - Saturday 19th October at the Community Hall.

Something to get out of bed for!

WI QUALITY JUMBLE SALE & BREAKFAST BUTTIES

Saturday 19th October - West Lavington Village Hall

Doors open 10 o'clock and close 12 o'clock

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What's on this month

News & Information

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The summer seems to be well over now, but there are a lot of bright things happening at the Youth Club.

We are planning to have Paint Ball Session in October; get your name down now as spaces are limited.

Come along and help us plan what else you would like to do.

Monday	7-9 p.m.	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6 -7.30 p.m.	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30p.m.	DROP IN seniors at WEST lavington
Friday	7 – 9 p.m.	Seniors at Market Lavington

Thank you for your continued support

Eric Freeman - Chairman The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club



Good Neighbour News - Are you ready for Winter?

At the heart of your community

Hopefully the cold weather is still some way off, but now is a good time to prepare for the winter. You may want to service your boiler or check your smoke alarms.

Use an electric blanket at night to keep warm. I can help you check if it is safe. Have a supply of salt and sand to put on your path and /or steps so that you can walk outside safely when it is icy. If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab. Book an appointment at your GP.

Ideally your living areas should be 18-21 °C in the day and your bedroom about 18 °C overnight. In the coldest weather have the heat come on a little earlier so the rest of the house is warm when you get up. Keep moving or try some sitting down exercises. Eat at least one hot meal a day and lots of hot drinks. Can you get your prescription delivered by the pharmacy?

Do you have any questions? Talk to me about how to stay warm and well through the winter.

Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour Co ordinator for Devizes villages on 07557 922027

or email devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

The Bell Pub Lunch Club, Great Cheverell

Why not join us on Wednesday 16th October 12.30

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Following the great success in 2012, a group of artists in the Cheverells and surrounding area, will again be taking part in the Cloth Road Arts Trail which runs from 3rd to 11th of May 2014.

We are looking for other artists and craftspeople who may be interested in taking part, either by joining us in the group exhibitions at village halls or by opening their own studios. It is not essential to take part in the the whole week; last time we exhibited for the two weekends which worked very well.

We are having an informal open meeting at Great Cheverell Village Hall (in the High Street) on October 10th at 7 p.m. Anyone interested is very welcome to come along to find out more or you can give us a ring at 01380 818521 or email me mickdavey@btinternet.com. You can also check out more about the Cloth Road Arts Trail at <http://clothroadartists.com/>

Mick and Chris Dave

Sunday Breakfast

9am ~ 4th Sundays in the month at
The Old School Market Lavington

Sunday 22nd September
Sunday 27th October
Sunday 24th November

Relaxed Sunday Breakfast with crafts/games/Bible stories & songs

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VILLAGE CARE AND LINK

We need volunteers to take phone calls for Village Care and Link. Phone co-ordinators "man" the phone (which would be diverted calls to your own phone at home), for one month at a time and allocate drivers to clients. You don't have to be "in" all the time. If you don't have an answer phone we can provide one.

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

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

Drivers, who are all unpaid volunteers, can claim a mileage allowance of 40p per mile. There is no obligation to drive at particular times; if you are not available one day, the phone co-ordinator simply goes down the list of drivers until he/she finds someone.

Please phone me on 01380 818510 if you are interested in volunteering, either as a driver or a phone operator.

If you need transport call 01380 816826

Michael Page, Chairman

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Autumn 2013



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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.

THE VILLAGE HALL – WEST LAVINGTON

Over the summer, there has been a great deal of work done towards upgrading the Hall.

First, the WiFi system is up and running. This is capable of supporting a number of computers/laptops/lpads etc. The process is simple; if you want to use the WiFi for any event, all you have to do is let us know you wish to use it, obtain a code from the committee, and you are live! We are looking for new hirers who will find this useful.

Second, we have spent the summer improving several parts of the building, including painting and essential maintenance to the point that we can offer what was the Ladies changing room as a simple, low cost meeting room.

Third, and not perhaps such good news, we had hoped the interactive booking website would be up and running. Unfortunately it is not yet working as we had hoped, but you can access the web diary to see the times when rooms are already booked. You cannot book on line yet.

The website is www.westlavhall.co.uk.

At all times, we need help and support. Over the winter we are looking to promote a series of our own activities and events for the village, and this takes time, effort and people. Any ideas or offers towards this will help. And recently the Hall has been used very successfully for children's parties with access nearby to the Roberts Playground. If you would like to hold such an event, please contact Lynne Rayner - see below.

Finally, all bookings, now, and in the future via the website, are being dealt with by Lynne Rayner on 01380-812881, who can advise you on availability and how to book.



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In aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

On 29th October, Devizes Community Area Partnership is holding an evening dedicated to 'Access to Services' at Market Lavington Community Hall. Doors open at 5.30 p.m. and entry is free.

When you live in the communities surrounding Devizes - there are 17 parishes in the Community Area Partnership as well as Devizes - it can be difficult to gain access to the sort of services that people in large conurbations take for granted. So now is your chance to find out what is available, what is improving and how to make the most of rural living in an 'Any Questions' style session with key providers. All members of the community are invited to attend and ask their questions.

Please contact Ian Rose if you have any queries:

Ian Rose for DCAP Countryside Group
roseih@gmail.com 01380 721262 or 07779 387006

Devizes Community Area Partnership Countryside Group Conference

Access to Services

Come and join us for an 'Any Questions?' style session
on
Tuesday 29 October, from 5.30pm
at
Market Lavington Community Hall

On the panel:





Also present:
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Caen Hill Countryside Centre

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WEST LAVINGTON WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

With help from Terry O'Flynn and Richard Matters, I am currently researching the lives of the soldiers and sailors from WW1 whose names are on the war memorial and the Roll of Honour. The Roll of Honour includes soldiers who survived the war, but unfortunately it contains very few identification details...just the surname, initial, and the Regiment in which they are understood to have served, but this isn't always accurate.

At the moment I am trying to sort out the soldiers from the Baker families, and I would really like to hear from any descendants of Bakers who served in the military in WW1, please. These are the names I am trying to sort out:

E Baker 1st Wiltshire Regiment (I think this may be Ernest or Ern, born either 1874 or 1895 in West Lavington)

A Baker 3rd Wiltshire Regiment

Alf Baker 4th Wiltshire Regiment (I think this was Alfred born in 1878 in West Lavington?)

F R Baker 7th Wiltshire Regiment (Frank Baker born 1875 or 1888 in West Lavington?)

S Baker 8th Wiltshire Regiment (Sidney Baker born in 1889 in West Lavington?)

A Baker 8th Wiltshire Regiment (possibly Alec Baker who enlisted at the age of 17, saying he was 19, and was discharged two months later for being under age; or Arthur William Baker born in 1900 in West Lavington?)

E Baker Royal Navy (possibly Ebenezer, or Edwin, or the other Ernest?)

I should be very grateful to receive any information and photographs for these people.

The plan is to produce a book early next year giving brief details of the lives of these servicemen. If you have an ancestor from West Lavington who served in WW1, please get in touch with me...whatever the name, whatever the service, whether he survived or not. Any information, no matter how little, will help to build the picture.

The book will also include those on the War Memorial from WW2. So any information and photos for them would be gratefully received. Unfortunately I have no means of including those who served in WW2 and survived.

Please help me if you can! I don't want to miss anyone out if it can be avoided! The object of the exercise is to remember those who sacrificed their lives, or some years from their lives, for their country. This seems to be an appropriate moment to be doing this.

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

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78 The Green, Great Cheverell, Devizes, SN10 5UY

Application by CV. Closing date 12th October 2013

WHAT WEST LAVINGTON MEANS TO ME

We weren't exactly over-run with entries for this photographic competition at the village fete, but those we did have were really super.

I would like to be able to put them together in a book to be sold for village charity, but there are not enough photos to make this a worthwhile project.

However if any of you have other photos taken within the village which would be suitable for inclusion in a book titled as above, please let me have them, along with a brief description. If I receive enough to make it viable, that would be great.

This would be a nice record of the village as we know it today, and a good way to raise a bit of money. Maybe if we could get it done before Christmas it might make a good present!!!

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 e-mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

The winning entry – of Swallows in the Editor's garage - was taken by Bill Parish who has also produced the Cover Picture taken from the Dog Show at West Lavington Fete



A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I have said before, as regular readers may recall, that I think it is wonderful to live here in the heart of glorious open countryside yet near to a lovely market town and within a day trip of London and other major centres.

There are, however, some disadvantages about being out in the sticks. Our young people have a long way to go to college or university. Getting to the nearest airport is a major journey in itself.

Not least, we are far from a serious hospital. Some out-patient services are provided at the Treatment Centre on Marshall Road in Devizes and a few services are still available at Devizes Hospital (although none are now listed on the NHS website). However, for most ailments that cannot be treated by our local GPs, we must travel to one of the general hospitals that serve our area. That means a road journey of at least 45 minutes to Swindon or Bath or Salisbury.

For a minor injury, our local surgeries are unhelpful, as I recently found with a bad eye emergency. I was directed to an A&E unit far away with no suggestion as to how I should get there, although it was manifestly clear that I could not drive myself.

Such a journey with an injury is more-or-less impossible but it's hard even to fulfil a scheduled appointment. If you live in Worton or Marston, a Connect2Wiltshire bus service is bookable to RUH in Bath for £15.60 return (or £8.00 for concessionary bus pass holders). From Great or Little Cheverell or Erlestoke, the return fare is £13.20. Phone 08456 525255 for a booking.

However, the Connect2 service is not available in the Lavingtons. From these areas, patients relying on public transport must change once (for Salisbury District Hospital) or twice (for GWH). These are challenging journeys for someone who is not well.

Therefore, much reliance locally is put upon our fantastic Care and Link services. Volunteers drive needy passengers to hospital for a suggested donation of 45p per mile. I have the highest admiration for volunteer drivers who put time and effort for no personal reward into helping their neighbours. But the Link service is fragile. If drivers are not available, hospital appointments must be cancelled.

And, as I have found out, minor injuries are not catered for at all. There is a gap here that the NHS in general and our local surgeries in particular might try to fill.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Permanent 20 mph speed limit confirmed

The Parish Council is delighted that Wiltshire Council has now put in place a permanent 20 mph speed limit through the village. This is the product of a long campaign by villagers and a three year trial by Wiltshire Council that has consistently recorded a notable drop in speed, particularly outside Holy Trinity Primary School. The Parish Council will now be embarking on a programme of publicity, including the use of posters to ensure that all residents and through drivers are aware of the change and can benefit from it.

An effective 20 mph limit will make Great Cheverell a safer place to be in and a better place to live in. Accidents that do happen at lower speeds are less harmful to both drivers and vulnerable road users; the average risk of severe injury to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle reaches 25% at 23 mph and 50% at 31 mph. Other important benefits include improvements in the quality of village life: less noise; easier access and sociability within the community on foot or by bike; encouragement of these healthier modes of transport; and environmental benefits as, according to the Department for Transport, driving more slowly at a steady pace will generally save fuel and reduce pollution.

We welcome responsible drivers to our village to take advantage of our excellent pub, village shop, schools and garage, our cultural facilities such as the church, children's playground and our new Pavilion, and the superb walks on the edge of Salisbury Plain. However, the Parish Council will make every effort to protect parishioners from irresponsible drivers and 'rat runners'. In conjunction with Wiltshire Council and the Police, we shall be working to ensure that the new speed limit is properly enforced, through measures such as a Community Speed Watch programme.

Vacancy for Clerk to the Council: Please see advertisement shown separately.

Val Noviss, (Parish Clerk) 01380 813227

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Website: www.greatcheverell.org

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

As promised in September, we are delighted to see the fencing replacement completed along the Sandfield side of the Recreation Ground – our thanks to Wessex Tree Care. The Council's discussions on the Field facilities and car park continue, and we are delighted to learn that over £12,000 has been made available to the Council for the provision of additional play equipment from funds set aside by Wiltshire Council during housing development some years ago. More news when we have it.

The long summer has encouraged us all outside, and with it regrettably some opportunities have been left for those who would commit crimes such as theft from sheds and vehicles left in beauty spots. Now, as night draws in earlier, leave a light on behind closed curtains if going out, secure doors and windows, and make sure sheds remain secure with padlocks – bolted not just screwed into place. If you would like Crime Prevention advice just call 101.

And finally, despite it seeming for a while that there had been a reduction in noticeable dog fouling, reports reach us of more incidents. Please 'Bag it, bin it' or take it home – and not 'bag it, leave it on twig/fence post'!

All are welcome at our monthly meetings, and our website www.westlavington.info is packed with useful local village information.

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.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Lavington Pre-school we are all enjoying a fun packed term. We have welcomed 7 new children and their families this September and they have all settled in brilliantly. They have been busy making new friends and becoming familiar with their surroundings. Our term 1 topic is *All about me* and we have been encouraging the children to talk about their home and families and also discussing how everyone is an individual. We have created a tree of our handprints and drawn some full size pictures of ourselves. All the children have been busy bringing in photos of the people they live with so we can create their own family tree.

OUR 4th BIRTHDAY PARTY: Our wonderful, purpose built, Pre-school building has now been open for 4 years! To celebrate this we held a Birthday BBQ Party on Saturday 28th September.

COMMITTEE: Lavington Pre-school operates as a charity and is therefore run by a voluntary Committee made up of parents, members of the community and staff. Being a part of this fun group is a fantastic way to meet people. In November we will be holding our annual AGM and we would love to see some new faces. This year we are also looking for a new committee Chair Person. To express your interest, or for further details, please talk to a member of staff or contact **Debbie Parsons on 07793 634543** or email lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com.

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GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121



Though a small group this term the children are keen to be active and busy. The first day of term one of the children asked if we could go to the woods – so we did, taking our packed lunches with us. We climbed, explored and found fir cones and acorns; on returning to preschool we talked about what we found or might find in the woods which led to talk about the Gruffalo. Activities related to the Gruffalo have so far included painting, cooking

Gruffalo crumble and making Gruffalo pizzas, threading snakes and a visit by a real snake. I have a feeling the 'Woodland' theme may last for a few more weeks.

This term the preschool is running a new project '**Toddler Tuesday**' – parents/carers with children under 5 are invited to our 'stay and play session' on Tuesdays 1.00- 2.30 p.m.. Just drop-in

(£1.50 per family inc. drink & snack) we look forward to seeing you.

Karen Dwyer (01380 812121 or email: greatcheverellpreschool@outlook.com)





DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 1st August we successfully converted to an Academy. We are now known as Dauntsey Academy Primary School but still D.A.P.S. for short!



A Rio Carnival

After weeks of costume making we were finally ready for Devizes Carnival. Our outfits were creative and colourful and our faces were painted to match! A huge well done to everyone who took part, it was a massive team effort and GREAT FUN.

Summer Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Fair back in July. It was great to see so many people supporting the school and enjoying the sunshine!

Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.



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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Themes for the year

We like to engage the children with interesting and relevant themes for their learning and this year, amongst many other things, we will be dealing with

- **Mediaeval times** – including a visit to a castle for all the children, some hands on demonstrations by a master thatcher, Will Barter, on how building was done in those times, a harpist who will give them experience of mediaeval music, study of Constable and his paintings of the beautiful Mediaeval cathedral in Salisbury and many other experiences.
- **The Antarctic** – with work on climate change, Scott and his adventures, habitats and animals of extreme climates, and a reflection on The Coldest Journey which took place last year.
- **Seurat's painting of The Bathers** – which will be a vehicle for all sorts of lovely summery themes and lots about art and even graffiti!

We leave our teachers and children free to craft their own ideas from very general themes so that everyone enjoys the teaching and learning.

Collective Worship

The reason our school is so successful is that we put Christian values at the heart of everything we do in this school. Collective worship takes place daily and is valued by the children – time for quiet reflection, for singing together and for exploring a variety of issues, especially those that help children to develop a strong moral compass. Whilst we do not expect children necessarily to be of any particular faith, we do expect them to develop a sense of their own spirituality and to develop an enquiring mind, their own philosophy and a tolerant approach to all belief systems.

Things children like about our school

These are some of the comments made by our children recently:

- We have no bullying in our school
- The staff are friendly
- The curriculum is fun
- We enjoy Collective Worship
- People work hard
- We have lots of trips and visitors
- PE and sports day are fun

Things they would like to see improved (and we have taken steps to ensure all these will be, or have already been, done)

- More lego for wet playtimes
- Put mirrors in the middle junior toilet block
- More art themes
- Re-organise the Silbury class cloakroom area
- More playground equipment (you can never have too much!)

Do keep up to date with our news – the newsletter is always published on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk .



LAVINGTON WI

It was a very hot, sultry evening. The bats were sleepy, the speaker was yawning and unfortunately, so were we. The projector took far longer to set up than the actual presentation of 3 slides - one of which had the one word, 'BATS!' These tiny, furry creatures were the stars of the show. They were delightful and it was a real 'Ah they're so cute'- can I touch them' evening.

Gilbert and Sullivan *HMS Pinafore* at Seend was challenging, both for the cast (the stage was very small) and the audience. It required myopia or a positive imagination to transform the shambling bunch of middle-aged men into a group of virile sailors! I'm being a little mean however, as once they sang, the lack of scenery and staging ceased to matter. It was billed as an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan, and perhaps it would have been better if they had just sung, as their voices were excellent. The stage was too small to facilitate the usual choreography but it was a most enjoyable evening.

The skittles and curry evening at Pewsey was good fun. We didn't disgrace ourselves but as per usual, didn't win. We were a little peeved that both winning teams contained men; had we realised chaps were allowed, we would have included a couple of professionals in our team. We did notice that the bar staff were unimpressed with the drinks we ordered - they certainly won't be able to retire on the proceeds of a WI round! Water, sparkling water, soda and lime etc. It was far too hot for alcohol and most of us were driving.

Our annual BBQ at Rob and Sue's was brilliant. Flickering lanterns and a rib cage hung in the trees and shop manikins (with missing limbs) stared blindly out of the undergrowth, giving a somewhat macabre appearance to the orchard. Murphy (the lurcher) stood at sausage height and hung around in anticipation for titbits or careless hands holding burgers. We chatted, ate and drank until late, the fire pit warming us and the flickering light taking ten years off our ages. A wonderful evening. Murphy thought so too!

Finally, our Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 19th October at 10 o'clock in the West Lavington Village Hall. There will be a selection of jumble, books, general goods plus a cake stall, teas, coffees and bacon butties; (these will be new - not second-hand!) The jumble (being a WI event) will be of high quality! Please ring Janet Stamp (01380 818 370) if you have any spare tiaras, hats, pearls or twinsets that need collecting; but most of all...come along.

Annemarie Seager

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The model of a Fairey Battle World War II bomber (the type shot down over St Pierre in the war) has now been fitted with a smart Perspex cover. We now need to find a suitable location to display it!

Next year's visit of the French to West Lavington will take place in late June. Our two French conversation classes (for members only), is continuing after the summer break. One is for beginners and the other is for more advanced learners. Why not join? Our membership fees are unchanged at £15 per household (£12 for seniors).

Our next fund raising event will be a traditional Halloween party complete with weird food and games on 1st November in the Village Hall, West Lavington. Tickets from Michael Page on 818510 are £8 for members, £10 for non members and £5 for under 16's.

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

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



Wing Cdr Anji Scofield gave us an insight into her illustrious career, showing us six different uniforms, each with its own story,

taking us through her nursing career from the age of 18 to her last destination in Iraq. There were beautiful uniforms for formal occasions and working flying suits for the busy working life. Her Air Force uniforms all had the *caduceus* emblem on them.

We went all the way round the world with her and saw some wonderful photographs of all the royalty and dignitaries she had met. It was a very entertaining afternoon.

We look forward to Lyn Dyson, our village archivist, speaking to us on Monday, 14th October at 2.15 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage. Visitors are always welcome.

Finally, a big thank you to all the helpers and contributors at the Produce Stall at the Fete.

Janet Hodges (812467)



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

Welcome to all new members joining this well established Club for the start of the season, for which training/matches take place in all age groups from age 5 to Adult (14 age groups represented). If your child is interested in joining, you are welcome to contact one of our club coaches, with contacts shown on the Club website:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/>

Both the Under 8 and the newly formed Under 9 teams, will be playing in League action for the first time this year, and many thanks to the team sponsors for the donation of kits for these teams. In addition, these teams will be planning a day at Swindon Town FC (training/ground tour/match) in the near future. Current training is on Friday evenings at Worton Five Lanes School.

The first couple of training sessions for the Under 6/7s were well attended with over 30 children taking part on Saturday mornings. This season the Under 7s will play in a friendly League for the first time. For younger age groups (reception year) we are also running a Badger Cubs training session – please contact Jason Reynolds if interested on 07590-427999.

At Adult level we have both a Saturday and Sunday teams, with many new players signing on for the start of the season. In the Trowbridge District League the Saturday team had a good 4 – 1 win over Bratton recently, but lost narrowly to Trowbridge 1 -2.

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

Steve Dagnall 01380-72797

BOOKMARK

Owing to summer holidays, we were quite a mini-group in August, but we chewed over our reading choices enjoying a short social evening with an extended glass of wine! The Biography selected was Stamford Raffles (1781 – 1826) who founded modern Singapore (& London Zoo). The four classics were: Thomas Hardy's *The Woodlanders*, *Barchester Towers* by Anthony Trollope, *What Maisie Knew* by Henry James & L.P. Hartley's *The Go Between*.



Members will meet again at Great Cheverell's village hall on October 2nd at 7.30 pm (please note change of date). The novels up for discussion will be *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan and Alicia Foster's *Warpaint*; set in England at Bletchley Park and London in 1942; four female artists create propaganda during the Second World War. This debut is based on real life events and paintings, which coincides with an exhibition by war artist Laura Knight; running until October 13th at the National Portrait Gallery.

Looking ahead, on November 13th we shall be chatting about Lawrence Norfolk's *John Saturnall's Feast* - entwining 17th century folklore & foodlore (Robin Hood meets Jamie Oliver) and *The Potters Hand* by the wonderful, but wordy A.N. Wilson – a novel based on Josiah Wedgwood. December 11th will be our social evening with festive buffet. Our topic will be Childhood favourites or Christmas readings. Hopefully the new bookmarks will then be available with our 2014 reading list, which will include: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini (*The Kite Runner* & *A Thousand Splendid Suns*) and *Perfect* by Rachel Joyce (*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*).

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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the speaker organised for September's meeting of the Garden Club had to cancel at the last minute. The proposed topic had been *Manure and Soil Improvers*. So we started our evening with a lively discussion about composting. Members revealed their secrets for the successful production of compost. It seems we put a wide variety of things into our compost and by keeping an eye on the moisture levels, and layering and turning, we managed to produce useful amounts of compost. As many of our gardens are on greensand we needed plenty of compost to keep our soil productive.

We also took the opportunity to canvas opinion on what people liked about the club. It was agreed that the informality and fun element of the club was appreciated. We enjoyed the wide variety of speakers and garden visits. Plant exchanges, more garden visits and group purchasing arrangements for compost etc were put forward as possible areas for development.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Ivan Hicks will be talking about *Butterfly Gardening*. Ivan is currently the lead designer of a 27 acre site at Butterfly World, St Albans. He was a presenter on BBC's *Gardeners' World* from 1999-2001.

The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting.



WEDDINGS

Alison Mary THWAITES and **Nicholas James HEALEY** were married at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington, on Saturday 24th August by Rev Pat Strowger.

Rachel Ann HUTCHINSON and **Ivan Roger HICKS** were married at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 31st August by Rev James Campbell.

Kerry-Anne GATEHOUSE and **Daniel Robert HAYWARD** were married at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 14th September by Rev James Campbell.

FUNERALS

Gilbert JENKS of Market Lavington died on 13th August, aged 82 years. A funeral followed by burial in St Mary's Churchyard took place on 22nd August.

William John MOORE of Easterton died on 12th August, aged 76 years. His funeral at St Barnabas Church Easterton and burial at Drove Lane Cemetery was on 6th September.

Betty Evelyn Ruth WELLS died aged 87 Years on 19th August. Her funeral and burial was at all Saint's Church on 3rd September.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner in September of the £40 first prize was Doreen Turner of Lower Green Farm in Great Cheverell; and the winner of the £20 second prize was Moira Armstrong of King's Road Easterton. The draw was done by Anji Scofield of West Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Harvest Weekend

Our weekend of Harvest Thanksgiving kicks off on Saturday 5th October with a coffee morning. The Chapel will be open from 10am to 12 noon and all are welcome. This year our harvest produce will be divided between the Devizes Trussell Trust Foodbank and Leonora Pilgrim Home for the Elderly. Please bring along donations of fresh or dry/tinned foods and then join us for coffee.

On Sunday 6th October we meet at our usual times at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. for special Harvest Services to thank God for his rich provision for our needs. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. We receive his gifts with joy, especially the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

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The scheme is run by local communities' charity Community First.

For more information about the Wheels to Work scheme please visit www.communityfirst.org.uk/Wheels-to-work.htm or call (01380) 722475 and ask for Liam Tatton-Bennett or Sheila Martin.