

Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton September 2013

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st September 14th after Trinity	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30 am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
8th September 15th after Trinity	11.00 am United Service at Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
15th September 16th after Trinity	9.30 am Harvest Festival	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Harvest Festival	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd September 17th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club (Old School)	9.30 am Harvest Festival		11.00 am Harvest Festival	
29th September St Michael and All Angels		10.30 am Benefice Communion			

^{*} 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.

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

Dear Friends,

Growing up, the sport that I really loved was cricket. Sadly my ability in no way matched my enthusiasm. I often found it hard to decide what stroke to play in the few seconds from when the ball left the bowler's hand until it reached me – and so was often out leg before wicket. I still recall my end of season average aged 13: Innings

Not Out

Total runs

Highest Score

Average

4

1

1

0.33

This summer has seen a great Ashes series against the Australians. At the time of writing we've just won the 4th Test and the series 3-0 with one to play. Not having Sky TV means that I can only watch Channel 5 highlights for an hour in the evening. This last match was a wonderful example of a match where first one side were on top, then the other – until a magnificent piece of fast bowling finished off the Aussies.

I appreciate that cricket is a minority sport – indeed for some it is the most boring occupation devised by man; but it does provide us with analogies to life itself. The way that ascendancy in the 4th Test swung from one side to side is rather like life on earth: one minute all is going well; the next, we're plunged into a crisis through difficulties with health, relationships, money or some other disaster.

The early Christian leader and writer of the New Testament letters Paul experienced many ups and downs. He is recorded in 2 Corinthians 12 as having been 'flogged, beaten with rods, stoned, shipwrecked (spending 24 hours in the open sea); in constant danger, exposed to death again and again;' yet he kept going.

He did that partly by learning what it means to be content. So he wrote to the Christians in Philippi, 'I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. I can do everything' he went on 'through him who gives me strength.'

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell

The Vicarage, Market Lavington e mail lavingtonrector@googlemail.com Tel. (01380) 816963 Office lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Services and suppers this year:

15th September: Market Lavington (9.30 a.m.) &

Easterton (11.00 a.m.)

22nd September: West Lavington (9.30 a.m.) &

Great Cheverell (11.00 a.m.)

West Lavington Supper, (6.30 p.m.), Village Hall

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

ALL SAINTS HARVEST SUPPER

at West Lavington Village Hall Sunday 22nd September at 6.30 p.m.

Cottage Pie and Apple Crumble All welcome. Auction of Produce Please ring Lavender Davy 813782 or Bonnie Matters 816133 for tickets or sign list in church. Free but donation very welcome.

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

POSTCARDS ANON

There will be an exhibition and sale of postcard size works of art by local professional and amateur artists in St. Potor's Church Little Chaylord on

in St. Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on the

7th and 8th of September at 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Refreshments available, admission free. All proceeds to the Church Maintenance Fund.

POTTERNE MEDIEVAL FAYRE

At Five Lane Farm, Potterne Sat & Sun September 14th & 15th 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults £3 Children £1

West Lavington Church Fete Saturday 21st September

From 2pm at the Village Playground

To be opened by Mark Lascelles, Headmaster Dauntsey's

All the Fun of the Fete - lots to see, do and buy!

Fun Family Dog Show

Entries £2 from 1.30pm. Classes start at 2pm.

Classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best puppy (up to 9 months); Young handler (to 14 years); Waggiest Tail; Best 6 Legs; The Dog the Judge would most like to take home.

Village Photographic Competition

Send your photos to Lynn Dyson: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

Go Karts Grand Draw

Childrens Games Face Painting Bouncy Castle
Classic Cars Club Displays

All happening to music from the fantastic Lavington Community Band!

Teas Ice Creams Beer Tent Plus all your favourite stalls!

We need your donations - the more you give, the more there is to buy!

Contact our stallholders:
Book Stall: Richard Matters on 816133

Bottle Stall: Sue Bonney on 812757
Bric a Brac & Toys and Games: Jean Morton on 812107
Bags, Bangles and Beads: Lynne Rayner on 812881

Mothers' Union Produce, Preserves and Cake Stall: Janet Hodges on 812467 Plants: Debbie West on 813345

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We need volunteers! e.g. to help with Face Painting, Parking and Bottle Stall

Contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256

What's

Duck Street Fair

In aid of Cancer Research UK and Special Needs Charities

Wednesday 2nd October, 6.00pm-9.00pm

Thursday 3rd October, 9.00am – 2.00pm

New Stalls and Old Favourites Bring and Buy Cake and Produce Stall

Entrance £2.00

Brookfields, Duck Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LG 01380 813092

JUMBLE SALE

September 28th 1 p.m-3 p.m. West Lavington Hall

In aid of Salisbury District Hospital Scanner Appeal Enquiries Jenny (812437) or Thelma (813659)

We shall be pleased to receive Bric-a-Brac, Produce, Plants and Toys for the Stall.

Can collect or you may leave items at the Village Hall from 10 a.m. on day of sale.

THE POPPY APPEAL GREAT CHEVERELL

Owing to the sad passing of Viv Pearce, the Poppy Appeal seeks a new door-to-door collector in Great Cheverell. The task is not onerous and the cause a worthy one. Please contact Steve Barr on 01380 818782 or email stevecathybarr@theoldsan.wanadoo.co.uk if you can help.









Tickets from

Pauline 🛭 813775

G.C. Post Office

Proceeds to

t Peter's Church

St Peter's Church Great Cheverell

HOLY TRINITY PFA EVENT

Holy Trinity PFA is hosting a Boden event with the new Autumn range of Womenswear, Johnnnie b, Mini and Accessories for us to see and try on; the event is being held to raise funds for the school.

At The Pavilion Great Cheverell, Witchcombe Lane On Friday 20th September 1.30 p.m.- 7 p.m.

If anything takes your fancy, you can place an order with an exclusive offer of 20% off all categories plus free postage and free returns. There are goodie bags for the first 40 orders. Get ready for Autumn, spruce up your wardrobe, support this event and

school.

The Bell Pub Lunch Club, Great Cheverell Aug / Sept



All are welcome to the new monthly Pub Lunch Club.

Wednesday 18th September 12.30
Set meal of Roast lamb, Roast beef or Roast chicken

Crumble and custard or ice cream
Price: £6.50
Enquiries and to book your place (by 12 Sept)
call Caroline on 07557 922027
(Please leave a message)

Level access available through back of pub Same time for a different menu on:-Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 20th November Supported by





DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

plus support
Friday 22nd November 2013
The Corn Exchange, Devizes
Ticket: £15 Doors: 7pm Licensed Bar
tickets available from: Devizes Books,
The Bell at Great Cheverell, Steeple
Ashton Shop
In aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

BIBLE SOCIETY

BI-CENTENARY CONCERT

THE MERIDIAN SINGERS

A well known local Choir who sing unaccompanied

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

AT 7.30.PM AT

SHEEP STREET BAPTIST CHURCH DEVIZES



Refreshments will be served in the interval

Free entry Donations in support of the BIBLE SOCIETY

Join us to celebrate the Bi-Centenary of our local Devizes and District Bible Society Group. Founded in 1813, it has a long and interesting history. This will be illustrated by a display of some of the more important events that have taken place over the years.

MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT

Salisbury Plain Mountain bikers will be running one of our events on September 15th. This event is based at Erlestoke camp opposite the prison; the event will start at 11.00 a.m. and run on until 5.30 p.m.

We will be using some of the wooded areas around the camp, plus local tracks and lanes.

The route will be marked and riders warned of walkers and Horse riders.

All profits from this event will be donated to local charities and we ask for local residents to assist us during the day and work with us.

If anyone would like to offer their services as a "marshal" for the event we would make a donation too their chosen charity?

For more information please contact myself - Mark Wadman on 812336

THE VILLAGE HALL - WEST LAVINGTON

It may seem as if things with the Village Hall have died down, especially after the initial boost of ideas as to possible redevelopments. These ideas have not gone away, and are still being worked on as part of a longer term plan. Parallel to this, however, a number of other things have happened which we hope adds to everything we can offer. By the time you read this in early September, our booking system will be available on line. Anyone wanting to book the hall will be able to log into our website, see what dates are available and book them there and then. It may not be perfect to begin with; any new system will require debugging and this will be no exception. If you would rather book by direct contact, then we can still do this, but it may not be as immediate as making your own booking.

At the same time, we have after two years, been forced to increase our charges, and, with the new website, the way they work. The costs are now based on hourly rates, which means that short bookings (minimum 2 hours) have only increased by a limited amount. You will see that in addition to the Giles meeting room, we can offer what was previously known as the Ladies changing room (now the small meeting room, recently redecorated) at a low rate for simple meetings.

And with all this we can now offer wifi throughout the whole building. This is capable of handling many computers at once, and we hope it is a facility that will encourage more hirings.

Our new rates are included below, for full terms/conditions/how these rates operate please refer to our website....www.westlavhall.co.uk

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES From 1st September 2013

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Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)			
Evening 6pm - 12	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other		
Hall - Daytime	£3.50	£5.50	£4.50	£6.50		
Hall - Evening	£5.00	£7.50	£6.00	£9.00		
Giles Room - Day	£3.00	£4.50	£3.50	£5.50		
Giles Room - Eve	£4.00	£6.00	£5.00	£7.50		
Small Meeting Room - Day	£2.50	£3.00	£3.00	£4.00		
Small Meeting Room - Eve	£3.00	£4.00	£4.00	£6.00		
Changing Rooms Per Day (Casual Users)		£25.00		£50.00		

Internet bookings preferred www.westlavhall.co.uk

Telephone bookings to Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881

Booking must include event preparation time. Minimum charge is for up to 2 hours If cancelling, contact the above. Charge is made if within less than 48 hours notice The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even the Changing Rooms are not used.

VILLAGE CARE AND LINK

If volunteering appeals to you, why not help out in West Lavington or Little Cheverell by volunteering as a driver or phone co-ordinator 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.

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

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

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 joining us.
If you need transport call 01380 816826
Michael Page, Chairman





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 Discounted Membership Fee Available Autumn Term starts SUNDAY 8th September

& endsTuesday 10th December, 2013

HalfTerm Closure: No Swim

Sun 27th Oct; Tues 29th Oct; Sun 3rd 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.

A Date for your Diary!

The third CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

in aid of The Soldiers' Charity will be held on

SATURDAY November 2nd at the

MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Start your Christmas shopping with us! Local handmade crafts including: Toys, Paintings, Cards and Stationery, Knitwear, Scented Candles, Silver, Silk, Glass and Indian Jewellery, Christmas goodies, Textiles, and lots more!

Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity

Coffee and cakes!

To book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757

or email: thebonneys@waitrose.com

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR

Devizes Corn Exchange

Tuesday, October 8th, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Admission £3 Children Free Gifts, Foods and All Sorts of Things

In Aid of Bath, Salisbury & Swindon Hospices

THE CHURCHILL ARMS

Celebrate all that is good about Britain with our 2 for £10 Meal Deals (Mon-Fri, 12-3 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER AT TRINITY CHURCH

1st Sept 10.30 a.m. Mrs Janet Tanner 8th Sept 11.00 a.m. United Service 15th Sept 10.30 a.m. Rev David Ellis 22nd Sept 10.30 a.m. Local arrangement 29th Sept Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin

Tots@Ten meets on Wednesday 11th September at 10.00 am in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall. The theme will be HARVEST. New Mums and preschool children always very welcome.

At the end of July we said goodbye to Rev Chris Cory and his wife Barbara as they move on to new churches in the Tewkesbury area, after 10 years here.. Rev Gary Gotham and his wife Marie will be moving to Devizes to be our new minister in November.

 $v \in \mathbb{R}$ Information

Get Your Cameras Out!

Photographic Competition
To be Judged at the West Lavington Fete on 21st September

What West Lavington Means to Me

We are looking for photographs which encapsulate the spirit of West Lavington. This could be a scene, a building, your home, a special place to evoke memories, or an event, or people, or whatever you choose.

The photographs must have been taken by the person entering the competition and must have been taken in West Lavington, including Littleton Panell of course.

Please send your photographs to Lyn Dyson before 31st August, with details of your name, phone number, age if under 18, date the photo was taken, and the location. A brief description of what it means to you would also be good.

There will be prizes for the best photographs, as judged by the public at the fete, in the following categories: Children under 11; Young people 12-17; Adults.

If there are sufficient entries, it could form another book to be sold for the youth club, with your photos fully accredited.

Send your photos to 1 Dauntsey Court, West Lavington; or by e-mail to lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk. Photos can be in colour or black and white, and any size up to A4. Only one entry per person please.

Incidentally, "The Robbers' Stone", one of Lyn Dyson's recent publications on West Lavington history has been reviewed in the current edition of the journal of The Tasmanian Family History Society.

It is not often that a book written about West Lavington gets reviewed on the other side of the world!! (Ed)

West Lavington CHURCH FETE GRAND DRAW

Tickets for the Grand Draw are now available at £2 per book of 5. First prize is £100.

We rely on donated prizes so if you would like to donate something, or buy tickets in advance of the Fete please contact me on 818510.

Michael Page

FRIENDS of ERLESTOKE PRISON

HRH THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL BECOMES ROYAL PATRON OF THE FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON

The Friends of Erlestoke Prison charity is delighted and proud to welcome HRH The Duchess of Cornwall as their 'Royal Patron' for an initial 5-year term from July 2013.

The Duchess is well known for her considerable portfolio of charity work and patronages, but this is her first patronage of a charity dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of offenders. The Duchess visited the prison in March 2012 to attend a performance of Les Miserables given by the Pimlico Opera Group; offenders from Erlestoke were part of the cast and worked backstage.

The Friends of Erlestoke Prison is a new and developing charity, registered in June 2012 and based at HMP Erlestoke, the only prison in Wiltshire. The Friends aim to reduce re-offending rates by supporting projects and initiatives, which assist prisoners in:

- · Maintaining and building relationships with their partners and children
- Finding education and work opportunities
- Ensuring that they have somewhere to call home when they leave prison
- Preparing themselves for release and a return to life without offending

For more information, please visit: www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com or email:info@friendsoferlestokeprison.com

TRACTORS, ENGINES AND PLOUGHS!

The National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club Sarum Group will be holding their annual Vintage & Classic tractor ploughing match at Gore Cross Farm on Sunday 15 September from 10 a.m.

There will be six classes featuring tractors & ploughs from the 1930's through to 70's.

For further details please contact: Brian Rebbeck (NVTEC Sarum Group Secretary on 01380 812715 or by e-mail rebbecks@aol.com

& Information

THE AIR AMBULANCE THE WHITE HORSE CHALLENGE

It was the hottest weekend to date for the 54 mile sponsored walk around some of the White Horses in Wiltshire. This is the fourth year we've done it to raise money for the Air Ambulance. We decided to set off early to take advantage of the cooler temperature. So early that we were at the start before the organisers! We know the route well now and set off at 6.30 a.m. for the Wansdyke. The countryside was breathtakingly beautiful. Quiet and peaceful. This is why we live here!

We sat at the Alton Barnes White Horse and had a hard boiled egg for breakfast before walking down to the church. 10 miles done and it wasn't even 10 o'clock! We then took the canal towpath for two miles and came off at Ladybridge. Cross country now to Pewsey - the second Horse. It was hard going here. The stubble was hard to walk on and it was terribly hot. We had to make sure we kept hydrated and so drank a litre of water in between every checkpoint. Coming into Pewsey we made a detour to a cafe and had a much welcome ice cream!!

After a short rest in the cool of the café, we set off for Oare and from there, Marlborough. On getting to the top of Huish Hill we promised ourselves a crunchie. Slightly melted, it was lovely to sit on the bench and just look at the stunning view. With aching legs we pressed on to the finish of Day One at Manton. Because we usually get lost (and probably because we're tired), this was the bit we always argue on! We've never done this part in the fields above Marlborough College without taking the wrong turning, so this year we'd already been there to do a "recce". It paid off. We got the final checkpoint at 4 p.m.. After covering 28 miles that day, this was the earliest we've ever checked in.

We stay at Beech Hill, a delightful B&B run by a charming American lady. She brought tea and cranberry juice to our rooms and after a cold shower (to relieve the legs- it really does work!), we were offered a glass of wine on the terrace. Our friend, Judith, joined us for an early dinner at the local pub and she brought with her our lunch for the next day. After another drink we were both asleep by 9 p.m.

Up at 6 for Day 2 and 26 more miles. After breakfast which our hostess laid out for us, we walked to the start and then on to the White Horse at Hackpen and then down to the one at Broad Town followed by another ice cream at the post office. Lovely!

Then it was 'the road from hell'. This is our worst part. A seemingly endless path. Straight and gravelly, bordered by high hedges and swarming with horseflies. You just walk and walk and walk... Eventually it ends, (according to the route notes) at "a very tall gate" (and it is). From here we went to Cherhill and after the long climb up to the monument we stopped for lunch and a change of socks.

You can see Devizes and it feels like you're almost there now but it's further than you think! Down the hill to another parched track. Across to the pylons and over the golf course. A long slow trek up the hill to Roundway where the Marshall at the last checkpoint sprayed us with water! It was all down hill from now even though our stiff, aching legs struggled to climb over the stiles. Down Quakers Walk and along the canal and we're back at the Police HQ. 54 miles over 2 days and just one blister each!

Many many thanks to everyone who sponsored us. so far we've raised £240 for the air ambulance but our Justgiving page is still open to donations. Please visit hilaryanddiarewalking. If anyone is tempted to complete the challenge, or just part of it, it's usually the first weekend in July. We'd highly recommend it. It's great fun, in fabulous countryside and you get to eat sweets all day!

Hilary Stone (of Littleton Panell) and Di Gilpin (of Great Cheverell)

EDITOR'S NOTES

The pejorative terms in which I wrote in June about a much revered group of performers have given rise to a reminder of the numerous titles of their works, as a result of which, in the interests of fairness, I have included it to evoke happy memories for their many fans – and bewilderment for the likes of me.

My thanks to Paul Hemingway for his skilful manipulation of the verse form. Jim Hodges

> News and Views prompts this reaction 'cos I Can't Get No Satisfaction Come On, you Paint It Black For those who brought us **Jumping Jack** Flash and also sang Not Fade Away

A real ground breaker in its day

When masses rocked to Little Red Rooster

Now Glastonbury's show stopping booster

The Rolling Stones headlined the show

It may be The Last Time, I don't know

Sixties youths, singing loud

Hey You Get Off My Cloud

In the street, wondering whether

Let's Spend The Night Together

For Ruby Tuesday was intended

(Honky Tonk Women really offended)

Or was it for a **Stupid Girl**

Whose **Heart of Stone** did unfurl

Emotions which Play With Fire

Emotions of which we never tire

And when they sang Sugar, Brown

Or famous 19th Nervous Breakdown

You didn't need to be a fan

When hearing Wanna Be Your Man

'Cos it was cool to belong

(Loved The Singer Not The Song)

But you either like 'em or you don't

You Can't Always Get What You Want

Not impressed? What A Shame

Tell me. Who's Driving Your Plane

What's that? You Gotta Get Away.

No Expectations? Not even Sad Day

So It's All Over Now. Age came to call

Little By Little, Mick's seventy after all

Goodbye The Stones? No. That you can rely on

Who brought you Good Times, Bad Times, Dandelion

They'll go on. Give up? Never

The Rolling Stones. Rocking forever.

2000 Light Years From Home In Another Land

Signed

(The Under Assistant West Coast Promotion Man)

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Whenever I am involved in discussions about Council budgets, some reference is invariably made to the fact that every penny we have to spend could, sooner or later, be consumed in providing Adult Care services to our ageing population. Such are the costs of caring for the frail elderly that meeting the needs of old people, particularly the much greater numbers of over 85s, will be a major challenge in the years ahead.

Politically, the grey vote is of great significance. Life expectancy after 60 is now 20 or 30 years and many of those of retirement age have the time and money to make their voices heard and their needs known.

At the other end of the age range, however, the voices of younger people, figuratively speaking, are not so loud. Teenagers, for example, span only 7 years and account for few votes. Nevertheless, those are crucial years when access to secondary schools and higher education and to activities, entertainments and social opportunities can be of life-forming importance.

Fortunately, Wiltshire has a strong track record when it comes to the voice and influence of young people. We have a range of youth participation structures which support young people's voices in local decision making.

- Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY) and UK Youth Parliament elected group of young people across Wiltshire. We had the highest percentage voter turnout nationally in 2 of the last 3 years.
- Youth Advisory Groups in all community areas and linked to Area Boards

 chaired by young people under 25 and with a role to help coordinate positive activities for young people.
- **Children's Parliaments** 3 across Wiltshire in Trowbridge, Salisbury and Chippenham.
- Young Commissioners a universally accessed training programme for young people which gives them the skills needed to support the commissioning process.
- Vulnerable Groups Wiltshire Youth Disabled Group, Group of Gays (GoGs), Children in Care Council, Cool Care Kids (looked after children aged 5-11).
- Sparksite and Sparkradio Young person led website and web based radio station.

Together, I hope these provide Wiltshire Council with a clear picture of what young people want. The challenge, as with the elderly, is finding sufficient resources to deliver.

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

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately the summer is drawing to a close, but what glorious weather we have had. The Parish Council is due to meet on Thursday 5th September after a welcome summer break.

A reminder please to householders to prune hedgerows over footpaths and pavements. The greenery has grown so fast this year, but soon school and playgroups will restart, and footpaths and pavements need to be clear so that we can encourage the children to walk to and from school.

There are newly painted white lines around the corners of the Sandfield estate and outside the school gates, and I do hope that this will improve safety and ease congestion for emergency vehicles and taxis, and lessen the congestion at the school gates.

We have endeavoured to maintain the playgrounds over the summer, and as I write I am hoping that the perimeter fencing along the length of Sandfield will have been replaced by the start of the school term in September.

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillor: Stephanie Davies was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the meeting on 1st July and given a warm welcome. Stephanie has kindly agreed to take on the task of Website Administrator and has already been hard at work updating the website.

Crime: A reminder from Wiltshire Police to be vigilant and record serial numbers of valuable equipment and vehicle registration numbers of suspicious cars.

Speeding on B3098: Many complaints have been received about the speeding traffic on the B3098 road. As a result of this the Police will be in that area using a speed gun.

Resignation of Clerk: There will be a vacancy for a new Clerk at the end of October, following the resignation of Val Noviss at the end of July. An advertisement for the position will appear in next month's News & Views and also on the Parish Council website.

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

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Little Cheverell Parish Council met on July 16th. They co-opted a fifth member – Sholto Hadderwick.

There was concern about the state of the open field footpaths, and the Council expressed the hope that landowners will clear pathways through the undergrowth to permit access to them.

The Parish Council is also concerned about the type of traffic and speed through Little Cheverell, Low Road and School Lane. The junction at the northern end of Low Road is, in the Council's view, dangerous as visibility is impaired by the railway bridge. View from the wider community about these traffic issues would be welcome.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 17th September, in Little Cheverell Village Hall.



LIFE IS WORTH EXPLORING



The Alpha Course
Starting Monday 7th October 7.30pm at The Old School, Market Lavington Relax, eat, share thoughts & explore the meaning of life. If you'd like to come along call 01380 816963 or email us at lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com







LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Lavington Pre-school 21 of our little graduates have gone on to start school this September. All the staff at Pre-school wish you and your families all the luck in the world, on the next stage of your learning journey. Some of you were here with us longer than others but you have each brought your own unique qualities to our Pre-school family and we will miss every one of you. Please come and visit us when you get the chance.

Now we are all looking forward to a fun packed term. We welcome 5 new children and their families this September and we hope you will all enjoy your time with us. This term we will be introducing our term topics. Our term 1 topic is *All about me* and we will be encouraging the children to talk about their home and families; this will help everyone to feel at home in their Pre-school and will provide us with a base for all our EYFS activities.

LEAVERS GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS: Last term we enjoyed a fun-packed celebration for all the school leavers and their families. We held a mini sports day followed by a family picnic and the leaver's graduation presentation. All the little 'graduates' got to throw their mortar boards – Well done to you all.

CHOLDERTON VISIT: We all enjoyed a Pre-school trip to Cholderton Charlie's Farm on Friday 12th July and Wow - what a great day! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. We asked the children what they enjoyed most and they have mentioned the tractor ride, the pig races, the bouncy castle and ice cream! Thank you to everyone who came and made it possible for all the children to enjoy themselves on such a lovely day out.

DISCO TOTAL: The final total raised at the 1980's Disco held in June was £775 – thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and thank you to the committee for organizing such a successful bash.

OUR 4th BIRTHDAY PARTY: Our wonderful, purpose built, Pre-school building has now been open for 4 years! To celebrate this we are holding a Birthday BBQ Party on Saturday 28th September from 12-2 p.m.. Everyone is welcome; there will be a treasure hunt, outdoor activities, face painting and a raffle. Please come along and celebrate with us if you can.

We currently have spaces available at our Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool. org.uk or contact Vici Knott, Pre-school Manager T: (01380) 812551 E: lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

GREAT CHEVERELL PRE-SCHOOL

Enquiries: Mrs Gill Tayler Pre-School: 01380 812121

The end of our Summer Term was very busy

 The rain held off (before the really hot weather) and we were able to hold our sports on the school field; the children were great and received medals and certificates cheered on by parents and Reception Class friends.



- We celebrated 'International Mud Day' by digging a mud pit and focusing on play in our mud kitchen. Children and staff had a great time enjoying the many benefits of mud play – health, emotional and learning through senses.
- We ended the term with a celebration to say 'Goodbye' to those moving onto Primary School, this included a BBQ (the children made burgers and kebabs), games, singing with the parents and presentations to our leavers.

We are now looking forward to the Autumn Term with many festivals, traditions and seasonal changes to find out about. To start the term we will be re-establishing friendships, setting our class guidelines through exploring our rights and responsibilities and enjoying traditional rhymes and songs.

As well as looking forward to the Autumn Term there is sadness as this will be our last term. The preschool has prided itself on offering high quality education and child care which has been recognised by OFSTED and the Local Authority but continued low numbers means that the setting is not financially sustainable and will be closing down permanently in December 2013.

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

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Welcome

It is wonderful to welcome all the new children and their families into our school at the start of this new year. We have 23 children starting in the Foundation Stage and several other

children joining our school in other year groups. If you would like your child to be admitted to Holy Trinity, please contact the school on **01380 813 796** to arrange to meet us and look around the school. Whilst we are over-subscribed in most year groups, occasionally places do become available. If your child is due to start school in September 2014, please remember to apply for a place before 15th January 2014. We have 18 places available for the Foundation Stage next year, and our admissions policy is available on our website.

Rich Curriculum, Outstanding Outcomes

The results of our external and internal assessments show that our children have once again achieved outstandingly well. In Year 1 phonics test, the Year 2 SATS and the Year 6 SATS (all of which are compulsory government assessments) our children have achieved significantly above the levels set nationally last year.

We achieve this by making sure that the children are given the best and most engaging learning experiences we can provide. For instance, we offer a variety of music tuition with specialist peripatetic music teachers and last term we were also able to provide them with the experience of a virtual choir, through our links with the media department of Wiltshire College – a rare and exciting opportunity for a primary school!

Children can take part in many special interest clubs, including Multiskills Sports, Judo, Ukulele, Hand bells, Chess, Summer and Winter sports, Gardening, Choir, Design Technology and Drama – something for everyone.

Trips and projects

We will, as usual, take the children on many off-site trips this year – children love to learn through experiencing places and artefacts that relate to the themes they are following at school. We are planning at least one trip to a castle to enrich the study of the mediaeval era which will be part of our learning this year.

We are also engaged in a large art project which will result in a time line displayed around our central foyer, showing much of the history of our country, and the wider world, from Neolithic times to the present, with the children's art work being incorporated into the time line. We have talented local artist, Kate Sykes and Rachel King leading us in this project.

Keep up to date with school news, find out more about the school and see photos of our activities on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk.

Three members were able to visit West Christian care for families Lavington Pre-School and see the results of our Pancake Party. This is an

enchanting pre-school and we were given a warm welcome and with the help of Vici a lovely cake was baked for us. The children were smiling, confident and very busy with their games. Our thanks to Sandra for the great coverage she was able to give the pre-school in the Wiltshire Gazette.

The Big Lunch. We were blessed with wonderful weather, wonderful hosts – Mike and Barbara Wood - who produced a marguee and collected and delivered the chairs and tables. Angela cooked and served Cottage Pie and Fish Pie, Pavlova and a Lemon Syrup Pudding. The Mothers' Union members made salads and dressings, collected and then served the guests; it was a wonderful team effort. 36 people were invited and 32 were able to make it to the occasion.

Seven of us were able to meet at a'Becketts Chapel for the Wave of Prayer, with a very charming service on the theme - The Seeds We Sow. We had a very refreshing glass of elderflower cordial and carrot cake after the service.

At our meeting on Monday, 12th August, James Campbell introduced a New Initiative re children and younger families in West Lavington., and Mary Campbell led the discussion on who we are, whom we know, what we can do and what do mothers want or need? The outcome was a decision to run a Toddlers' Café, starting on October 23rd, just before half term, and then again after half term. Wednesday 8.45-10.30/11 a.m. should be an exciting new scheme hoping to build and strengthen the links between the Church and the Community.

Our speaker on Monday, 9th September, 2.15 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage, is Wing Cdr Anji Scofield – My Life in Uniform

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



We had a great time visiting our French friends on this year's Twinning Visit. We were made very welcome, and were presented with a superb model of a Fairey Battle World War II bomber which was the type shot down over St Pierre and whose crew are buried in their cemetery. On the Sunday night (Bastille Day) there was

a lantern lit procession through the village followed by a tremendous firework display.

Our two French conversation classes (for members only), continue 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 01380818147.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



Organisations & C



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

Preparation for the following season starts with training for the younger age groups (Under 8 and below) at Five Lanes Primary School in Worton starting on Saturday 7th September from 09.30 am. 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.. New

members are also welcome across all age groups – see below contact details.

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 (Seend/Keevil to Urchfont), and the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

Reception Year –	Steve Dagnall (temp) 01380-727976			
Under 6 (Year 1) -	Mark Goddard 01380 813160			
Under 7 -	Dave Kiddle 07843 678781			
Under 8 -	Jason Reynolds 07590-427999			
Under 9 -	Jason Reynolds 07590-427999			
Under 10 -	lan Cook 01380-848437			

 Under 11 –
 Steve Vickery 01225-811387 (2 teams)

 Under 12 –
 Matt Thomas 07979-277229

 Under 13 –
 Neil Black 01380-818193 (Full)

 Under 15 –
 Mike Coleman 07854-320605

 Under 17/18 Chris Pearce 01380-812339

Adult - Paul Sperring - 01380 727242 (2 teams)

http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk Steve Dagnall 01380-72797

BOOKMARK

We last met in Bridget's garden on a fine summer evening in July. With a glass of Pimms in one hand and a mini Magnum in the other, we attempted to discuss our two 'island' novels. Only 7 out of 10 marks were given to T C Boyle's *San Miguel*, although we had failed to pick up on connotations of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. However, M L Stedman's



Light Between Oceans, a story based on a moral dilemma, motivated a lively chat, was thoroughly enjoyed and scored 9 out of 10.

We had a very pleasant session, but the evening was marred by our sad 'goodbyes' to Bridget who has moved to another area, although she has promised to remain an 'email' member and stay in touch. Everyone in the Book Club wishes Bridget every success in her new home and imminent position. We would also like to welcome Geraldine, who is new to the village; we hope she will enjoy living in Great Cheverell and find our genial reading group fun and stimulating.

Our next meeting will be held on August 28th, which will be our Biography/Classic session. We will be quite a tiny group on that evening as so many members will be away on holiday. If it wasn't for the fact that our much loved News & Views will arrive on our doorsteps after the event, I would invite anyone who has recently read a book under either of these categories to share a glass of wine with us at the village hall and tell us all about it

Hopefully we will be back to normal for our October session, although the date has been brought forward one week due to an unavoidable calendar clash with the Theatre Club. Members please note; instead of meeting on Wednesday 9th, we shall be gathering on Wednesday the 2nd October instead. The two novels under discussion will be *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan and Alicia Foster's *War Paint*.

Hild Marrow (812399) hildward@tiscali.co.uk



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July's meeting of the Garden Club took the form of a heverells visit to the Mead Nursery in Brokerswood. This was a return visit after an interval of a couple of years and we soon appreciated why we were returning - so many

good looking plants in a lovely setting. Illuminated by evening sunshine at the end of a warm July day, the nursery was particularly attractive, offering as it does the chance to see mature versions of the plants on sale in a garden-like setting. Most members were unable to resist coming away with a little tray of purchases. As an added bonus, we had

the chance to hear about the propagation techniques that are used.

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Lavington & District Gardening Club meets nine times a year in Lavington Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. Speakers talk on a wide range of subjects from advice on how to improve vegetable yields to slide shows of beautiful plants and gardens. The Club also arranges outings and there is an annual Gardener's Question Time evening when members have the opportunity to ask the experts.

I am a relative newcomer to the Club and would like to encourage anyone with an interest in gardening to come along and be enthused and entertained whilst making new friends. If you are hesitant about attending on your own for the first time, please call Sarah on 01380 816686 or Rupert on 01380 813527. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September when Fred Swift will give a talk on Bee Keeping.

Sarah Goodhall



FUNERALS

Stanley Francis Lewis GUILFORD, formerly of Figheldean, died on 26th July aged 86 years. His funeral on 8th August 2013 was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium.

WEDDINGS

Louise Victoria **WADE** Christopher Mark **PARMENTER** were married at St Barnabas Church. Easterton, on Saturday 10th August by Rev James Campbell.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner in July of the first prize of £40 was Pat Hale of Market Lavington; and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Stephen Brown of Easterton. The draw was done by Mike Allen on behalf of Easterton.

In August the winner of the first prize of £40 was Mike Allen of Easterton; and the winner of the second prize of £20 was David George-Carey of West Lavington. The draw was done by Sally Reynolds of Market Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Administrator

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Back to Reality

Well, that's it. The balmy days of summer are well and truly over. You can pack away the deck chairs, buckets and spades for another year. You won't be needing that suntan lotion for a while either. Soon those times spent lazing on the beach under the scorching gaze of the sun will be nothing but a hazy memory. With the summer holiday season gone, it's back to reality.

For some that will mean back to school, for others back to work, for others still back to the routine of life in retirement. But the reality of our everyday lives beacons and there's no getting away from it. For some, perhaps many, reality is exciting and fulfilling, but for others real life is often a bit of a drudge.

But as the old song tells us, "It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it". The most mundane things in life, like preparing a meal or fixing a dripping tap become a joy when we do them for someone we love. Love elevates the everyday beyond dutiful drudgery and gives our lives meaning and purpose.

The Christian life is motivated by love. God the Father loved the world so much that he gave his Son to die on the cross for our sins. That great love is poured out into the hearts of his people by the Holy Spirit. Believers are called to respond to that love by devoting the whole of their lives to God as an act of loving service. It's good to get away from it all every now and again, but back to reality holds no fear when reality is shaped in every part by the love of God.

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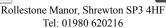
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