

# News and Views

A black and white photograph of two birds, possibly finches, perched on a cylindrical seed feeder. The feeder is filled with small, light-colored seeds. The birds are positioned on opposite sides of the feeder, both facing towards the center. The background is a blurred, textured surface, possibly a stone wall or a similar outdoor setting.

April 2014

Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton  
April 2014

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>6th April Lent 5</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service +APCM	9.30am Parish Communion	5 pm Evening Prayer +APCM	9.30 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
<b>13th April Palm Sunday</b>	11.00 am United Service With Trinity Community Hall	9.30 am Palm Sunday	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Community Hall, ML		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
				Palm Sunday Walk from All Saint's Church, West Lavington at 2.00 pm to Great Cheverell for Cluster Evening Worship at 4.00 pm followed by tea and cakes.	
<b>17th April Maundy Thursday</b>		6.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	7.00 pm Agape Meal		
<b>18th April Good Friday</b>	11.00 am Good Friday Service	2.00 pm Good Friday Service			
<b>20th April Easter Day 6.30 am Sunrise Service at top of Lavington Hill</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Family Service with Easter Egg Hunt	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion (Trad)
	9.30 am Easter Communion				
<b>27th April 2nd of Easter</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30.am JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Half Hour Service + APCM		5.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) + APCM	

**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,**

Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the USA, famously said, "In this world nothing is certain except death and taxes." The difference is that we know the exact date when the latter are due – end of October on paper or the end of the following January online – but the timing of the former is a mystery.

In recent weeks Market Lavington has seen the death of two men held in wide affection within the community. Ted Maslen died quite suddenly; Alan Weston after a year-long battle with cancer. Ted, a local man through and through, was in his eight decade; Alan, brought up near Cape Town, was just 42 years old.

During his illness, Alan came to a strong Christian conviction, a personal living faith in Jesus. For him life after death, the hope of heaven, was a reality. As he became more ill and suffered greater pain, his new-found faith did not waver; indeed it grew stronger: for he knew it to be true.

Easter Sunday is the high point of the Christian year, as Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The physical resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of Christianity. Jesus' resurrection confirms everything he said about who he was and what he came to do. Christians do not revere some long dead historical figure but rather a living Saviour. Not only does this transform our faith, it also transforms our lives now.

If faith remains merely an assent to certain ideals or creeds, it has no power. If we let faith percolate from our heads to our hearts, allow it to change us, then it has real power that will transform not just our own lives but the lives of others.

Happy Easter!

**James Campbell**

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Everyone is welcome to join us in the following events to remember the events of Holy Week and the Celebrations of Easter.



### Palm Sunday 13th April

9.30 am at West Lavington  
 11.00 am United Service with Trinity Church at the Community Hall, Market Lavington (Children may be asked to help make a life-size Donkey!).  
 2.00 pm from All Saints Church, West Lavington Palm Sunday Walk (A chance to walk the dogs and make friendships along the way. Via the plain not the valley) to St Peter's, Great Cheverell for  
 4.00 pm Evening Worship followed by tea and cakes.

### Maundy Thursday 17th April

6.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Church, West Lavington  
 7.00 pm Agape Meal at St Barnabas Church, Market Lavington.  
 (A simple meal with readings and hymns. Contact churchlavington@gmail.com or phone 816963 for catering purposes)



### Good Friday 18th April

11.00 am Service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington  
 2.00 pm Service at All Saints Church, West Lavington

### Easter Day 20th April

6.30 am Sunrise Service at top of Lavington Hill, Market Lavington.  
 (Well behaved dogs also welcome)  
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's, Market Lavington.  
 9.30 am Easter Communion, St Mary's, Market Lavington  
 9.30 am Easter Communion, All Saints, West Lavington  
 11.00 am Easter Family Service with Easter Egg Hunt, St Barnabas, Easterton  
 11.00 am Easter Communion, St Peter's, Great Cheverell  
 11.00 am Easter Communion (Trad), St Peter's, Little Cheverell

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST

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Saturday, 26th April

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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 Jemma (07795176724)

## CANCER RESEARCH UK

### Annual Coffee Morning

The Annual Coffee Morning for Cancer Research UK will take place in the West Lavington Village Hall on Saturday 10th May from 10 a.m. to noon.

I shall be grateful for bric-a-brac, toys, produce, plants etc.

If you wish me to collect, please phone 01380 813319 or deliver to the village hall On 10th May from 9 a.m.

Mary Diccox

## WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE

### HALL SPRING FAYRE

Saturday April 5th

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come and support your Village Hall We have an excellent line up for your enjoyment: a cake stall, refreshments, raffle with great prizes, table top sale, Easter egg hunt and other activities for children, plus the very popular Chocolate Tombola. Many of our local organisations will also be represented. We hope to see you there.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to everyone who joined us, at St Joseph's Church, for this year's Service. It was a very moving Service, beautifully prepared by the women of Egypt. The collection raised £156 for the work of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement.

## FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY

### Annual General Meeting

MONDAY 28th APRIL

Please note the change in date. The original date (14th April) fell in the school holidays and, as a result, was not suitable. The new date is Monday 28th April. Timings (7 p.m.) and location (Courtyard Surgery) remain unchanged.

All are welcome, and this is a chance to see some of the new equipment that has recently been bought using funds raised by the Friends of Courtyard Surgery. Come along; it won't last long and you will be able to talk to some of the staff about their plans for further improvements in patient care. Questions are always welcome!

Richard Matters

## 2014 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

### WEST LAVINGTON

Sunday 27th April at 10.15 a.m., after 9.30 a.m. Half Hour Service.

### GREAT CHEVERELL

Sunday 27th April at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. Short Evensong.

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!

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What's on this month

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**DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL GRAND SUMMER CONCERT**

Sunday 27th April  
6.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

**Carmina Burana** – performed by the School Choirs and Choral Society.  
**Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony** – performed  
by the School Symphony Orchestra  
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**WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the West Lavington Village Hall  
will be held  
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th April in the Giles room.  
Any local resident is welcome to attend.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

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**Date: Friday 18th April at 2 p.m.**

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**All Saints' Choir At West Lavington  
Church**

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Calendar.

**FORTHCOMING EVENT – JUNE**

**Exhibition of Contemporary Sculpture at West Lavington Manor**

West Lavington Manor is hosting a major exhibition of contemporary sculpture in June. The organisers are looking to recruit additional volunteers who are happy to engage with the public, serve in our pop-up shop and preferably also have an interest in art. We are a friendly group and the work is interesting and fun! To find out more please visit our website [www.friendsofthegarden](http://www.friendsofthegarden) or call Lesley on 01672 540180.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Neil & Annabel Harris of 145 High Street, Littleton Panell, are pleased to share the news of the arrival of their first child, Matilda Anwen Harris (Tilly), born in Salisbury Hospital on Sunday 9th March, weighing 9lbs 13 oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

**HILDA "MARY" TROTTER**

Mary, as she was always known, has lived in West Lavington all her life; her parents also were local but, sadly, Mary had no children.

Mary was well know in West Lavington and could always be seen walking at great pace up and down the High Street. In addition she threw herself into many local activities, - Bell Ringing, choir singing, W.I., The L.A.D.S., to name but a few; she will be sadly missed by many.

Mary had been widowed for over Thirty Years following the death of her husband Bill, the local Bus driver.

I would like to thank all those who attended the funeral and raised a glass of whisky in her honour.

Donations can be made in her name for the Village Hall or Dorothy House through D J Bewley Funeral Directors of Melksham 01225 702521

**Nick Cox**

**A REWARDING EVENING**

The talk by Doctors Ron and Molly Pont at Dauntsey's on 25th Feb raised the astonishing total of £1,329, all of which will go through The Church Mission Society to the hospital at Quetta. It may well fund the entry to Medical School of a young lady wishing to become a doctor. Once qualified she intends to start working, initially anyway, at Quetta. Thank all of you who came along to listen. We had a capacity audience of about 90.

**Quentin Goggs, Organiser**

**WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB**

The Annual General meeting of  
the West Lavington Youth Club  
will take place  
at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 9th  
at the George Baker Centre  
in Sandfields.

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

My thanks to Stephen Parish (formerly of this parish) for his photograph of a pair of goldfinches at work, though our absence of colour does not fully highlight the usual collective noun - a "charm" of goldfinches. My thanks to Marliss Rawlins for the Daffodil picture - a welcome example from the Photography Club.

**Jim Hodges**

**LEST WE FORGET**

This book about the lives of the men on our war memorial should now be available. However, I'm sorry there was a mistake in the price for this in last month's *News and Views*. This book will cost £10, but all the profits will be shared between the West Lavington Branch of the British Legion, All Saints Church, and West Lavington Youth Club.

**The British Airmen at St Pierre d'Autils**

This book is being sold with all profits going to the West Lavington Twinning Association apart from a £1 contribution for each book to the RAF Benevolent Fund. This book will cost £8.75. It tells the story of the three men shot down over our twinned village in 1940.

If you wish to order any of these books, please contact me on 01380 813943 or by e-mail to [lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk). They should be available to view at the Village Fayre on 5th April.

Many thanks for your support.

**Lyn Dyson**

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### PUB LUNCH CLUBS

#### Churchill Arms, West Lavington

By the time you read this, we will have had the first pub lunch club at the Churchill Arms. On the March menu was scampi, roast dinner, gammon and lasagne, followed by sticky toffee pudding, crumble

and ice cream trio, all for £7.50.

Do come along with friends or neighbours, or come alone and make new friends. Everyone, of all ages, wherever you live, will receive a very warm welcome. Our next lunch is on Tuesday 22nd April at 12.30. Come along and give it a try!

#### The Bell, Great Cheverell

Our next pub lunch club is on Wednesday 16th April £6.50. If you haven't been yet, why not come along and meet old friends or make new ones.

For both clubs please book in advance by phoning Caroline on 07557 922027 and leave a message. Or email [devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)

Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour Co ordinator for Devizes villages on 07557 922027 or email [devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)



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	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
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Hall - Evening	£6.00	£9.00	£7.50	£11.00
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
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## WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Welcome back come on down and join in the fun.

We all had a good time recently Ice Skating at Basingstoke; everyone enjoyed their day. Coming up will be a trip to Paint-balling and to Thorpe Park. You need to be quick to get on to these trips, so get yourself to the next Youth Club session and put your name on the list.

Come on down and join in the fun.

Monday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30 p.m.	DROP IN Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.	Seniors at Market Lavington

Thank you all for your continued support.

Eric Freeman - Chairman The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

### LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Summer 2014



**Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL, WEST LAVINGTON**

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

FEES: £55 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY  
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**& ends Tuesday 1st July, 2014**

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Sun 25th May; Tues 27th & Sun 1st June 2014

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**CHILDREN:- £1.50 per session**

For further details about joining the Club - or if you fancy a  
"TASTER" swim please phone Phil Richardson Membership

Secretary Tel: 01380 813485 or

email: philrichardson@supanet.com

or Margaret Clarke Committee Secretary

Tel: 01380 818435

email: mm.rclarke@btinternet.com

## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

The weather is warming up at last and so, it seems, is the economy. The OECD says UK is now growing faster than any other European economy.

A warmer economy means more jobs and in this regard Wiltshire is doing better than most. Unemployment (as measured by Job Seekers Allowance claimants) is only 1.5% of the working age population here compared with twice that percentage in the country as a whole. Even the figures for our young people are ahead of the national trend. The GB figure for unemployment of 18 to 24 year olds is 5.2%. In Wiltshire it is 3.6%.

Most of the young unemployed in this county are finding jobs quite quickly. However, there are a few individuals (190 in fact) who have been out of work for more than a year. These NEETS (Not in Employment, Education or Training) are a genuine cause for concern for their welfare as individuals. Wiltshire Council is doing all that it can to find suitable places for them either on training courses, apprenticeships or in paid jobs. The co-operation of a growing number of employers in this regard is greatly appreciated.

The relatively low unemployment rate is particularly welcome, given that public sector organisations of all kinds continue to face very tight budgets. Staff numbers overall continue to shrink. Each year, Wiltshire Council receives less money from government yet, by judicious belt-tightening, has managed to keep Council Tax unchanged for four years running (worth over £382 per year for the average household, if inflation is taken into account).

Equally important is the fact that the Council has maintained or even improved services. On the roads, for example, despite what you may think, we are mending 40% more potholes than we did last year.

### DENTAL PRACTICE – URCHFONT

Notice for patients

We are pleased to announce that the newly refurbished dental practice in Urchfont opened 3rd March, with Dr Gwynnifer Henning as the new principal dentist. Many patients will know Gwynnifer, as she has worked at practice for the past two years. Please contact us by phone on 01380 840726, or call in to see us if you have any questions.

Of course, no one should pretend that everything in the garden is rosy but it's good to see new growth in more ways than one.

**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

I would like to thank all those who participated in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. The results are at present being collated and will be published as soon as possible, but we are very pleased with the number of households who took the trouble to reply. It is good to feel that Spring is here. Work continues in the recreation ground to tidy and clear the fallen trees, and to make sure the remaining trees are safe. We shall be beginning our work on maintaining the footpaths and rights of way, and would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels they could help us with a working party to clear the fast growing vegetation. Rights of way leaflets are available from the clerk, Peter Baxter, on 816183, or from the Parish website. If you could help with footpath maintenance, then Julia Ford would love to hear from you on 812365. Wishing everyone a very happy Easter.

**Liz Evans, Chair 01380 813929 or email [esevans1@hotmail.com](mailto:esevans1@hotmail.com)**

Finally, you can now follow the Parish Council on Twitter- find us at [www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc](http://www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc) and keep in touch..

## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting 18th March**

A meeting of the Little Cheverell Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday March 18th.

The main subject of discussion centred on what was considered to be a very unsatisfactory situation in the planning policy of Wiltshire. Government has yet to approve the Core Strategy which leaves small villages vulnerable to predatory planning applications in the absence of proper planning controls. The Chairman agreed to write to the Wiltshire Council in attempt to clarify the situation.

Other agenda items included the adoption of the current year's budget which enabled the current year's precept to be slightly reduced from that charged last year.

Consent was given to the felling of various trees that were damaged in the winter storms and a letter is to be written to landowners in respect of hedges currently overhanging Low Road and, in addition, representations are to be made to the Wiltshire Council in respect of potholes within the Parish.

Finally it was agreed that a contribution should be made to News and Views.

The next meeting is on May 6th at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, followed by the AGM at 7.00 p.m.

## ZEBRA CROSSING INSTALLATION

**HIGH STREET, WEST LAVINGTON**

Notice has been received that a zebra crossing has been proposed by Wiltshire Council for installation across the High Street between the B3098 crossroads and the entrance to Dauntsey's School. An informal crossing will also be laid across the head of Lavington Lane. This will be similar to the one further down the High Street, although with timber bollards on both sides of the road.

The zebra crossing will have a 'no parking' zone either side, marked with zig-zag lines. It is this restriction that is the subject of formal consultation within the Traffic Regulation Order process. If you would like to comment on the proposal you can do so by writing to Wiltshire Council's Sustainable Transport Group, at County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN quoting reference HKB/TROW/WLAV/HY296. There is more on the parish website at [www.westlavington.info/THE\\_HUB.html](http://www.westlavington.info/THE_HUB.html) and you can link through to Wiltshire Council from there too. Comments are invited until 25 April.

The scheme will also be discussed by the Parish Council at its meeting on 3rd April. Should the scheme proceed, then work is planned for the summer school holidays, and would involve traffic light-controlled works for about two to three weeks during construction.

A zebra crossing is controlled by a pedestrian claiming right of access. There are no traffic light signals, with traffic flow interrupted for the duration of the walk across. The funding is to be provided predominantly by Dauntsey's School, with a small contribution from Wiltshire Council's Devizes Area Board.

If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE Clerk to the Parish Council,

Peter Baxter on 7734 489883 Or [clerkpc@sky.com](mailto:clerkpc@sky.com)







## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well, the end of this term is upon us and what a brilliant term it has been. We have welcomed some new children to the Pre-school who have all settled in well; these are Brooke L, Brooke W, Clio, Darcey and Bella. We hope you and your families enjoy your time with us.

The children chose our topic this term which was *Trees, Plants and Growing* and it has been a great way to start the spring. As part of the topic we have made a giant tree and it can be seen by our entrance, we have been adding to it all the time, changing its leaves and textures, even adding some colourful parrots to its branches!

On Wednesday 12th March we were visited by Phillipa McKinnon of "Mossy Green Feet" and she helped us weed and plant up our raised beds in the front garden. The children really enjoyed their time in the sunshine and we are all looking forward to watching our plants grow over the next few months until we can harvest the fruits of our labour! We have really got the planting bug now and we have all had a go at growing some of our own cress; we will watch it grow each day. We have also been busy doing some printing with different fruits and of course our hands.

Thank you to everyone for all your support on this topic, so many people have brought in lovely plants and flowers for the children to look at and it is all very much appreciated.

**EASTER TRIKE RIDE AND RAFFLE:** Our annual, sponsored, Easter trike ride and raffle will be taking place in the DAPS playground at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday 3rd April. All our children are invited to take part and please bring all the family. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the day.

**ANNUAL PRE-SCHOOL DISCO:** Our annual Disco will be on **Saturday 10th May 2014** at 8 p.m. in the Market Lavington Community Hall – Tickets will be available from the Pre-school soon. Keep your eyes out for the posters for more details.

**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS:** Please think of us when you are doing your weekly shop; we are always collecting vouchers from supermarkets.

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school. If you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website [www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact us on (01380) 812551 or Email: [lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com)



## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've been going book crazy here at DAPS with our book week celebrations.

We held an extreme reading challenge where children were invited to bring a photo to school showing them reading somewhere EXTREME! Entries included reading whilst climbing up a rock wall, on a trampoline, in a submarine and in a jet!

Author, Debi Evans and poet, Brenda Williams came to visit.

They thoroughly entertained and inspired the children with their work.

On Wednesday 5th March we all came back to school in the evening dressed in our pyjamas. We enjoyed listening to special guests reading bedtime stories and drinking cups of hot chocolate. We all had a lovely time!

Earlier this term Orinoco Class went to a talk given by the author, Michelle Paver. Michelle has had many exciting adventures

in order for her to write from knowledge of places and events. We heard about her meetings with wild bears, a lion with her cubs and how she swam with wild dolphins. It was a fascinating talk.



### Little Green Sprouts

We have joined the new Little Green Sprouts initiative (backed by Sutton Seeds). Little Green Sprouts is an online gardening store offering a mix of exciting new products for the confident gardener but also trusted favourites for those who know what they like. Whether you have an acre of land or just a windowsill there are products to suit. You will benefit from some great special offers and you will also help the school to raise funds, for every £10 spent we will earn 1 sprout. Please visit the website for more details and to browse their products.

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On the website you'll also find some great interactive games for your children to play and find some fun activities for your children to do at home.

**Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.**



## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

As a church school, we like to mark the important liturgical events wherever possible. We always mark the beginning of the Lent and Easter season with a morning of pancake races. This is taken very seriously and the points are added to the total won by each team over the year for various events, with the overall trophy being awarded on Sports Day in July. This year, Red team won the coveted Frying Pan trophy for winning the pancake races.

At Holy Trinity, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are offered the chance to go on a residential trip each year. The children in Years 3 and 4 have just come back from their residential trip. They took part in various adventure activities and outdoor learning, including canoeing, low ropes and stream dipping. They learn so much on these trips about independence, resilience and team work and they enjoy the experience tremendously. We are very grateful to our outstanding staff who are prepared to commit themselves to organising and running such a trip – it is a huge responsibility to take charge of a group of young children for 24 hours a day and to make sure they all have fun.



The daffodils are out in our little on-site woodland called Bluebell Wood! The children love seeing signs of spring in our beautiful school grounds – we are fortunate to have such a lovely resource.

Please see our website or Facebook for more news and photos: [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk)

### HOLY TRINITY PFA EVENING

Holy Trinity PFA is hosting a Boden event with the new Summer range of Womenswear, Johnnie 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 Thursday 24th April 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 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 Summer, spruce up your wardrobe, support this event and school.



At our meeting on March 10th we discussed the various invitations we have received this month and our support for the Village Hall Fayre.

We started the meeting with a short service led by Revd Pat Strowger based on the Walk a Week service which was started that day by Ann Howard. We celebrated her walk by a Tuppenny Fair on Friday, 21st March at Bromham Social Centre with table top games and refreshments, finishing with a service of Thanksgiving.

Lady Day, March, 25th was celebrated at All Saints, Westbury when three of us were able to attend and Jeanette Giles carried the banner.

We shall be supporting the Village Hall Fayre on April 5th where we have taken a small table to display our work and to sell plants. At our meeting there was a report on Messy Church and Lucy Moore's excellent talk on encouraging families to worship.

We shall be distributing plants to **all** the churches in the Benefice on Mothering Sunday.

Sandra Gamble guided us through the Mothers' Union Consultation on marriage and couples relationships. We started this discussion with prayers (*Philippians 1:9-11*). The M.U's briefing is seeking views on the future of civil partnerships following the introduction of same sex marriage. These will legally take place from Saturday, 29th March. All our opinions were gathered together as we are submitting this consultation as a group, though the views of those who did not agree were recorded. This was a difficult assignment and though we were asked to do this prayerfully, it is more a matter of a legal consultation and protection of sexual orientation, gender alignment, religion or belief. Great concern was expressed at no mention being made of the damage done or the protection to the children in any of these unions. Thank you Sandra for guiding us through these questions.

We meet this month on Monday, 14th April, for an Easter Communion, led by James Campbell.

Janet Hodges (812467)

### WARMINSTER MOBILE LIBRARY Timetable February-June 2014

April 1,15,29	May 13,27	June 10,24
Great Cheverell	Lay-by near school	9.45-10.00
Great Cheverell	The Old School	10.05-10.20
Littleton Panell	Lay-by in High Street	10.30-10.45
West Lavington	School	10.50-12.10

## GREAT CHEVERELL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The newly formed Great Cheverell Photography Club held a very successful first meeting in The Pavilion on the 4th March, attended by 24 people. The criterion for attendance was simply to own a camera and to want to have fun, learn and share with other members their love of photography. We had a vast range of expertise from those with professional experience through to those just starting out. This was exactly as expected and just what we had hoped for. Needless to say the result is that we have a range of needs to cater for in this new club. However, do not be put off because help is at hand. Those with more experience have offered to lead sessions on such things as: how to get off Auto settings, what do all the symbols on my camera mean, what is Depth of Field, how do I photograph wildlife and much more. Several attendees volunteered to become part of a Steering Group to help plan meetings for the future.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Professor John Hannavy to the meeting, who is also a resident in the village and who gave a very informative presentation on *A picture says a thousand words*, but as he pointed out only if they are in the right order and make sense. John has also agreed to lead sessions.

The best day for the majority of members to meet is a Thursday and therefore meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month and the next one will be held on 3rd April in The Pavilion, Great Cheverell at 7.30 p.m.

The photograph theme for the meeting is Spring or A Touch of Yellow. Please send your photos in JPEG format to Lynda.wearn@gmail.com by 27th March. We will be setting a theme for each month's meeting. All new members are welcome.



Marlis Rawlins

## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our English Breakfast and French produce stall on 1st March went well. More produces will be on sale at the Village Hall event on 5th April.

After that we have a Fish and Chip Supper on 25th April. This is ticket entry (so that we know how many portions of F&C to buy). Open to all.

It will be combined with World Cup and Wimbledon sweepstake draw, open to members and non-members (but only 32 slots available in total). If you want a slot at £6 each, please call me on 818510; but they are going fast.

There will also be a briefing meeting at this supper for the hosts (especially new ones) for our French visitors on 13th June.

You can join the WL Twinning Association by calling our chairman Malcom Johnson on 01380 818147 or myself.

**Michael Page, Secretary (818510)**

## BOOKMARK

For our crime session this March, the group read Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl* (OK) but her *Dark Places* and *Sharp Objects* were deemed too gruesome for words! However, Reginald Hill's Dalziel & Pascoe's novels were considered a good read, as was *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D.James and *Jenny Cooper*, *The Coroner* series by M R Hall (set in the Bristol area).

Prior to our Club meeting, four club members took The Bell's last quiz table in aid of Dorothy House. It was another fun evening in Great Cheverell; the quiz was good and the curry even better. We attended wearing our literary hats and did well. But Harry of all horrors - we found ourselves stranded on platform 13½ when everyone else knew the Hogwarts Express steamed out of Kings Cross from platform 9¾....

Our next Book Club session will be held on Wednesday 23rd April and the two novels up for discussion will be *Perfect* by Rachael Joyce (author of Harold Fry) and Khaled Hosseini's *And the Mountains Echoed* (author of *The Kite Runner*).

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





We all knew that this Winter had been very wet. But it was very interesting to see how much wetter it had been compared to last year in this district. Luckily one of our members keeps records from a weather station set up in his garden in Great Cheverell. At the start of our

March meeting he gave us facts and figures that showed us not only that it was wetter in December, January, February than during the same period last year, but also that it was warmer. He also demonstrated by using the energy output records from his solar panels that it was much sunnier this year.

Our speaker for the March meeting was Robert Harvey. His topic was *Mediterranean wild flowers in nature and the garden*. Robert illustrated his talk with excellent colour slides showing Mediterranean wildflowers in many countries, both North and South of the equator.

We learned that Mediterranean type climates occur between approximately 30 degrees and 40 degrees latitude, both North and South of the equator, on the West side of Continents. These regions have hot, dry Summers and mild, wet Winters. The vegetation is often fire resistant. The soils are often not very fertile so the areas do not usually support intensive agriculture. The native vegetation is dominated by shrubby evergreen plants adapted to the climatic stresses of heat and aridity, and a well developed annual and herbaceous (often bulbous) flora.

Robert showed us examples of garrigue, an open heathlike vegetation with aromatic shrubs, and maquis with more dense scrub formations, including broom, lavender and rock rose. And there were beautiful photographs of proteas amongst the fynbos vegetation of the Cape region of South Africa.

Using his own garden as an example Robert demonstrated how we could introduce some Mediterranean plants into our gardens. He had created a microclimate by building South and West facing red brick walls to capture the heat from the sun. Then he built raised beds and lined them with wire mesh to keep out mice. There was a deep layer of gravel to aid drainage and finally compost mixed with sand. He was able to grow a wide variety of Mediterranean plants and shrubs. He also had flower beds built around the walls inside his conservatory. Here he was able to grow indoor plants and also to overwinter some of the less hardy plants from the outdoor garden.

I think many of us were inspired by the colour slides to dream of a Mediterranean holiday, and perhaps some of us to create a Mediterranean area in our own gardens. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8 April in Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Don Everitt has been lecturing to garden clubs for over 40 years. His topic on this visit will be *Fascinating Foliage*. New members are always welcome. There is a charge for non members of £2 per meeting.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

At last some matches are now starting to take place, with a backlog of fixtures for the remainder of the season. For some teams the last competitive football was early December !

**A date for diaries: the Clubs 'Fun and Open Day' will take place on Saturday 7th June at the Lye Playing field in Seend,** starting at

midday. Of course the theme this year will be the World Cup. Full details on this event in next months' edition.

Other Club developments include the regeneration of The Spring soccer pitch in Market Lavington, with the Club's goalposts now in place, and ensuring the playing surface is 'playable'. A couple of the Club's teams currently play here, including the Under 17/18 team, who recently lost in the Cup 4-2 to Amesbury. Elsewhere in CUP competition: congratulations to the 1st Adult team, who are through to the Semi-Finals in the Trowbridge & District League. They will play Lacock on 5th April in Corsham (last year we lost to Lacock in the Final). The Under 15's are also through to the Semi's after a recent win 0-2 against Chippenham Town Youth Blue. At Under 13 level there was no such success after an amazing 6-8 loss against Warminster Highbury, who also recently beat the Badgers 2-1 in the League.

At the younger age group in the Club, matches have restarted over in Worton, and due to the numbers forecast at Under 7 level for next season we will probably have two teams at that age group, and also develop the playing area at St Barnabas'. At the newly created Under 9 team, the players are coming on leaps and bounds, with good passing ability, and holding their own against teams from Chippenham and Trowbridge.

Steve Dagnall 01380-72797

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## TRINITY CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

6th April 10.30 a.m. Peter Walker

13th April Palm Sunday 11.00 a.m. United Service

20th April Easter Sunday 10.30 a.m. Janet Tanner

27th April 10.30 a.m. Rev Gary Gotham Holy Communion

**Tots@Ten** will not meet in April as it is the school holidays. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May at 10.00 a.m. in the Furminger Room at the Community Hall. New Mums and preschool children always very welcome.

**Movies at the Community Hall** "Philomena" on 17th March was very well attended. This will be the **last film** shown unless someone comes forward to take over the planning and booking of film nights. The current team are looking to hand over responsibility to anyone in the community who would be prepared to continue running film nights at the Community Hall. Wiltshire Moviola provides the films and projectionist with equipment and local people deal with choice of films, local venue and hospitality. For more information contact Paul Langham or speak to Beth at St.Arbucks. It only takes a few people to get together to add value to village life.

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### BAPTISMS

**Kash Ashton Sonny HUGHES** was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Sunday 23rd February 2014.

**Matilda Willow PETTIT** was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Sunday 2nd March 2014.

### FUNERALS

**Edward "Ted" Ivor MASLEN** of Market Lavington who died on 17th February, aged 74 years. A well attended service at West Wiltshire crematorium took place on 6th March 2014.

**Kathleen Mary 'Doreen' TURNER** of Great Cheverell died on 1st March, aged 87 years. A service was held at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell followed by burial in the churchyard on 11th March 2014.

**Hilda "Mary" Trotter** of West Lavington, died on 6th March, aged 93. A service was held at Semington Crematorium on March 21st.

### BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the first prize of £40 was Pamela Baker of Erlestoke. The winner of the second prize of £20 was Andrew Jones of Market Lavington. The draw was done by Dennis Alcock of Great Cheverell.

**Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer**

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This month we'll be marking the 175th anniversary of the founding of Ebenezer Baptist Church. The original Chapel was built in 1839 and was reconstructed in 1895. But the Baptist cause in West Lavington can be traced back to the middle of the 18th century and the labours of David Saunders, the 'Shepherd of Salisbury Plain'.

In this anniversary year it is fitting that we pause to thank God for his goodness to this congregation since it began, right up until the present day. The name 'Ebenezer' is taken from 1 Samuel 7:12. After the overthrow of the Philistines the prophet Samuel set up a stone and called it 'Ebenezer' meaning 'a stone of help', saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

We can also say, 'thus far the Lord has helped us' and we believe that he will continue to do so as we trust in him. Much has changed since Ebenezer Baptist Church first came into being, but the Bible assures us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8).

Join us for our anniversary celebrations:

Saturday 5th April, 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Service. Speaker: Bernard Lewis (Newport). Followed by buffet tea.

Sunday 6th April, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Anniversary Sunday Services. Speaker: Bernard Lewis (Newport). All welcome!

Also: Coffee Morning, join us for a cuppa and a chat, 5th April, 10 a.m.-12 noon. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING (All children in School Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend)

SATURDAYS: 12 April, 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

GAMES, STORIES & CRAFTS. Voluntary donation of 50p per child per session Further details from Kate Andrews (tel 01225 767229). All staff are CRB cleared

**Pastor: Guy Davies** [www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk](http://www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk)

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