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**Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
December 2014**

| Date | Market Lavington | West Lavington | Easterton | Great Cheverell | Little Cheverell |
|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7th December Advent 2 | 9.30 am Half Hour Service* | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Simple Celebration | 11.00 am Matins (BCP) |
| 14th December Advent 3 | 11.00 am United Service at Easterton 6.00 pm Carol Service | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am Jam Club (Old School) 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am United Service | 4.00 pm Evensong (BCP) | 6.00 pm Carol Service |
| 21st December Advent 4 | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 6.00 pm Carol Service | 4.00 pm Traditional Service of Nine Carols and Readings | 4.00 pm Carol Service | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) |
| Monday 22nd | Real Nativity 6.30 pm | | | | |
| Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve | 4.00 pm Christingle 10.00 pm "Midnight" Communion | 9.00 pm "Midnight" Communion | 4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Midnight Communion | 11.30 pm Midnight Communion | 4.00 pm Crib Service |
| Thursday 25th December Christmas Day | 10.00 am United Family Service | 9.30 am Family Communion | | 11.00 am Family Service + Communion | 9.30 am Christmas Communion |
| 28th December 1st of Christmas | | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) | 10.30 am Benefice Parish Communion | | |

**Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton
January 2015**

| Date | Market Lavington | West Lavington | Easterton | Great Cheverell | Little Cheverell |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4th January 2nd of Christmas | 9.30 am Half Hour Service* | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion | 11.00 am Matins (BCP) |
| 11th January Baptism of Christ | 11.00 am United Covenant Service at Trinity in Community Hall | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am United Service, ML | 4.00 pm Evensong | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 18th January 2nd of Epiphany | 9.30 am Parish Communion | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Matins (BCP) | 11.00 am Matins (BCP) | 10.00 am Welcome to Worship | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) |
| 25th January 3rd of Epiphany | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club, Old School | 9.30 am Christingle Service | | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) | |

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Dear Friends,

The singing of Christmas Carols is one reminder that the festive season is approaching fast. Children have the greatest capacity both to enjoy Christmas and to be confused as to what it is all about. My mother tells me that as a child when singing the third verse of We three Kings – ‘Incense owns a deity nigh’ – I sang ‘dirty nigh’; deity was not a word in my vocabulary.

At its simplest, at Christmas we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. (*‘Today, in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’* Luke 2:11). It is right and proper to really celebrate this pivotal moment in human history: God coming into our world in human form to enable us to begin the process of being reconciled to him.

However there is a wider dimension to Christmas – what we could call the Christmas-spirit. Mother Theresa once said, “It’s Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it’s Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.”

This is about not seeing Christmas as a time or a season, but about Christmas being more a state of mind. To work for peace and goodwill within our communities, to be generous and open-hearted to all whom we encounter, to seek to serve others rather than to be served (Jesus’ own motto for his life on earth) – that is to have the spirit of Christmas. Christmas becomes not just a day, an event to be observed and quickly forgotten. Rather the spirit of Christmas permeates every part of our lives, every day of the year.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas!

James Campbell



**Celebrating Christmas
in West Lavington, Great Cheverell & Little Cheverell**

Sunday 14th December

9.00am: Christmas JAM CLUB, Old School, Market Lavington
6.00pm: **CAROL SERVICE** St Peter’s Little Cheverell

Sunday 21st December

4.00pm: **CAROL SERVICE** St Peter’s, Great Cheverell
6.00pm: **CAROL SERVICE** All Saints, West Lavington

Monday 22nd December

6.30pm: **REAL NATIVITY** St Mary’s, Market Lavington

Christmas Eve (Wednesday)

4.00pm: **CRIB SERVICE** St Peter’s, Little Cheverell
9.00pm: **‘MIDNIGHT’** All Saints, West Lavington
11.30pm: **MIDNIGHT** St Peter’s, Great Cheverell

Christmas Day (Thursday)

9.30am: **FAMILY COMMUNION** All Saints, West Lavington
9.30am: **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION** St Peter’s, Little Cheverell
11.00am: **FAMILY SERVICE + Communion**
St Peter’s, Great Cheverell
See Calendar of Services for all services

From the Rectory

ADVENT SERVICE
All Saints' Church, West Lavington
Sunday 30th November at 6 p.m.
A Candlelit Service of
Hymns & Readings
to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

We welcome you

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**Village Carol singing
in West Lavington**



This year the choir of All Saints’ Church will be gathering at
The Bridge Inn
Monday 22nd December from 7pm.
for an evening of carols old and new.
Please join us there for a festive start to Christmas week. Everyone welcome
(This evening replaces carol singing around the village)



MOTHERS' UNION AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

This is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme funded primarily by Mothers' Union members to help people who are experiencing stress in their family life, to get away for a much needed break. Out of the high season we offer this facility to all. In this Diocese we offer a caravan sleeping 6 at Rockley Park, Poole, it is double glazed and centrally heated and offers lots of facilities on site. Reasonable rates and availability can be given by Pam Elliott 07981 743627. In August we also offer a family week away in Sidmouth in a hotel with a team of volunteers are on hand to help and assist. Entertainment and trips are arranged through the week. Details of procedures can be given by Diane Eaton 01202 715666 Both these holidays can be requested personally or by a referral agent, so please get in touch for more details.

All Saints' Church, West Lavington

Carol Service and Supper

Sunday 21st December at 6pm.



Please join us for our annual celebration of Christmas Carols in candlelight followed by a free meal with wine (but donations always accepted). Bring a friend this year. We don't need to know numbers - it always work out!

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The hall is a valuable resource for the village and, together with the playing fields that are managed by the Parish Council, is provided to the Parish under a deed from The Holloway Trust. This deed specifies that it is '...for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish ...with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.' The Village Hall is managed by a committee of volunteers and is entirely separate from management of the playing fields. It receives a small grant from the Parish Council towards specific expenses but, apart from this, is entirely dependent on hire income and fund raising events organised by the committee to cover its running costs. The hall next year will reach its 50th anniversary. Events to celebrate this are planned. But the hall is showing its age and an on-going programme of maintenance is required. We are also investigating the possibility of a major upgrade to the hall but this will be entirely dependent on seeking and obtaining suitable grant funding. The hall committee of management consists of its officers plus representatives of specified hall users. It is allowed to co-opt additional members. Owing to the recent resignation of our chairman, day-to-day management of the hall is undertaken by the three remaining officers, the Secretary, Treasurer and Bookings Clerk. This presents a considerable workload and we are looking for additional members to undertake specific roles. In particular we need:

- A Chairman. We need a person of vision and enthusiasm able to drive forward improvements and extend the appeal of the hall to potential users.
- A member to take day-to-day control of maintenance and improvement activities including seeking quotes and liaising with contractors.
- A member to take control of promotion of the hall to prospective hirers, including the development of our website and the provision of information to existing hirers.
- A member able to organise fund raising activities and/or grant applications.
- In addition to the above we are seeking a person, independent of the committee, to carry out independent examination of our accounts, a necessary pre-requisite to any grant application.

If the reader feels able to help us in any way, or knows of another who might, please contact the Secretary, Mike May on 01380 812574

The Village Hall Committee

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The first meeting in 2015 will be held on January 21st at 7.15 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall, when Dr Colin Little will talk on *Chinese Gardens and Plants*. The subject of this month's competition will be Flowers from your Garden\

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The staff and The Youth Club Management Committee would like to wish the Youth Club Members and all those that have supported us throughout the year a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2015

We will be closed other the Christmas period; check at the Youth Club for dates.

When we are back these are the session times

| | |
|----------|--|
| 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

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WILTSHIRE MOONRAKER SEEKS INFORMATION ABOUT IMBER

I am a native of Wiltshire [born in Devizes, home village West Lavington] and have recently become interested in Imber. Is there anyone who knows someone who was a resident of Imber up to 1943 or who may have any information about the people and their occupations? I have lived in Somerset most of my life and have not been "home" for some years.

Please write! Mary Hutchings, Wellington, Somerset.

Email: maryh259@btinternet.com

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This service can help if people are concerned how they will manage when they return home and are not eligible for NHS or Social Care Services. This service is free and available for a short period after discharge.

The telephone number is at Great Western Hospital and is 01793 636475

TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING SERVICE

This service is run by Age UK Wiltshire and is available free to elderly people living alone who have less than 7 hours a week social contact. This does not include visits from carers or other professional staff.

The person can refer themselves by ringing the telephone number given below or be referred by a social worker or medical professional.

When the person is befriended there will be an initial telephone call from a support worker in Age UK office in Devizes and this will be to find out a little about the person and to see at what time the person would prefer to be called. All information given to Age UK is completely confidential. When details of the person's interests and circumstances have been given, a telephone befriender will be allocated. The first call made by the befriender will be to introduce themselves and then just have a chat. This is then done on a weekly or fortnightly basis depending on how much social contact the person has. Again all conversations are kept strictly confidential. All befrienders having been through a training course.

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Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal in West Lavington, Littleton Panell, the Cheverells and Erlestoke raised a magnificent £3015.93p in cash with a Gift Aid addition of £88.12 to follow. To the writer's knowledge, this is a record. All collectors excelled with, for example, the All Saint's Church collection, DAPS, Cost Cutters and the Army Cadet Force house-to-house collection all exceeding their respective previous best totals by a margin.

I would like to thank all collectors and donors for their support during my 8 years as Appeal Organiser and am certain that the same backing will be given to Richard Matters, my successor.

Many thanks, everyone. Steve Barr

CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 15th. I do hope you all enjoyed it and found some great things to buy. I thought you would like to know that the Fair raised the fantastic total of £1070 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, which is £400 more than last year! Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families who are in need.

Sue Bonney

PWSA – AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank-you so much to all who supported the house sale at the lovely Old Rectory in Great Cheverell earlier this month. I am delighted to say that just over a thousand pounds was raised for the PWSA (Prader Willi Syndrome Association). The charity uses money raised to help fund medical research and to support those who suffer from Prader Willi Syndrome. If you would like more information about the challenging condition or the charity, it can be found on the website www.pwsa.co.uk. A special thank you to Anna Gunnerud and Denyse Boaler for their kind support.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and sincere thanks on behalf of the Prader Willi Association.

Louise Pye.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks first of all to Marlis Rawlins for her seasonal photograph for the front cover. Pictures, especially those showing showing life and activity within our villages, always welcome – though not necessarily just for the front cover.

Best wishes and thanks for the various people who help to sustain News and Views, whether as advertisers, contributors, distributors – and even readers!

My special thanks to Neil Lockhart who, each month, arranges and presents the final version for us – with techniques beyond my capabilities.

Jim Hodges

A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Despite extremely heavenly singing from the Christmas choir, and divine performances from all the players, baby Edward's first Nativity appearance was, unfortunately, the subject of an unseemly "sit-in" protest by a rather surly and jealous old donkey. Who, realizing that the youngster had taken centre-stage in the performance, felt that his professional standing was in jeopardy and so sat down, fixedly, solidly, slightly stage right. He would not be moved.

Sadly, for the donkey, who went by the name of Horace, his protest did not affect the rest of the play and his immobility went relatively unnoticed by audience, choir and cast alike. Even during Edward's and the rest of the cast's many curtain calls, Horace's continued presence on-stage was not thought unusual. Far from it, the audience, in their ignorance, considered that this was all part of Edward's father's "Great Production" and applauded enthusiastically and wildly, generally proclaiming that this was one of the finest Nativity plays ever.

When it was all over and everyone had departed, baby Edward, beaming and still basking in the glory of the success of his first starring role, was whisked away by his adoring mother. Past the protesting Horace they went, oblivious to his defiant stand. Past the awkward and difficult donkey, still stubbornly resting on his hindquarters, slightly stage right. Past him and out into the night air, Edward's mother's footsteps growing ever fainter until they were eventually lost to the darkness outside.

'Come on, Horace, 'said Emily the stable girl, ready to return the donkey to the fields and stables behind the Village Hall. Horace, now feeling that the act of the baby's removal was the gesture he had been waiting for, turned his head and challenged Edward's father, who had remained behind to lock-up, fixing him with a steady and knowing stare.

Then, sensing that victory was his, the victory he so rightly and justly deserved, Horace rose triumphantly and strode majestically off stage whilst emitting an ear-splitting "Eeee aww"!

Honour had been satisfied.

Paul Hemingway

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - November 1914

Private Harry Batt 8218 Killed in Action 5th December 1914

Harry Batt was born in 1886, the son of John Batt, a railway labourer, and his wife Annie. The family came from Great Cheverell, although they had spent some time in Bristol.

Harry grew up in Great Cheverell with at least six siblings. In 1901, at the age of fifteen Harry was working as a plough boy.

There was a family split around 1906, and Harry either left home, or was thrown out by his parents. He joined the army and served in the 2nd Battalion of the Border regiment. He spent two years in Gibraltar from 1906 to 1908, followed by nearly five years in the East Indies. He was a qualified machine gunner.

Harry arrived in Zeebrugge on 6th October 1914. There is some confusion as to what happened to him after that. There doesn't seem to be much doubt that he was wounded on 26th October 1914. The battalion was ordered to attack and hold a line in Gheluvelt village. The attack was carried out under a creeping barrage timed to start at 5.40am and to reach the objective at 6.36 a.m.

At 5.40 a.m. the Battalion advanced over very marshy ground through which the men were only just able to move. One company got stuck in the mud up to the waist and were almost entirely wiped out. Machine Gun fire was opened from the pepper boxes as soon as the Border's barrage opened. Practically the whole company was wiped out by machine gun fire in an attempt to take the pepper boxes. One of these was taken and a machine gun captured but the remaining three defied all attempts to take them. By 10 a.m. it was apparent that the original objective could not be reached with the small number of men left. By this time there were only about 40 men of the Battalion left out of the attacking companies. The remainder were either casualties or had become mixed up with the Devons. They could not be found however and few men came out of the line with the Devons when the Brigade was relieved at 11.15pm by 1st Royal Welch Fusiliers.

At the end of the day, 6 soldiers were known to have been killed, 174 were wounded and 126 were missing.

Harry was first included amongst the missing and was believed to have been taken as a prisoner of war. He was reported wounded on 3rd December 1914

Official records show that he was buried by the Germans in Kruiseecke Cemetery, but the location of the grave was lost, so he is remembered on a special Kipling memorial, along with 31 other soldiers from various regiments, at Zantvoorde British Cemetery

It isn't clear whether the Kruiseecke cemetery was destroyed by shells during later fighting in the area, or whether after the war the landowner obliterated it when rebuilding his farm house. Whatever happened, Harry's body was never found.

If anyone has any more information, please contact Lyn Dyson on 10380813943 or lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

ERLESTOKE PRISON CRECHE

Willing to Help?

About three sessions a year, on Saturdays only, the Mothers Union run the Erlestoke Prison Crèche during Visiting Times (1.30-4.00 p.m.).

We are looking for volunteers to come and help at the prison. We go in pairs and our duties are solely to entertain the children and make sure that their visit is calm, busy and happy. Barnardos are in charge of the crèche now, and our service is to support them. It is not always an easy afternoon. However we do make a difference to the children, and we find it a rewarding service. If you feel you could give some of your time to help, whether you are members or not, please contact me.

Janet Hodges 812467 or jvhodges@yahoo.co.uk.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES - 2014

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Mindful of experiences last year and with more recent media predictions for the autumn and coming winter, the Parish Council has been considering how it can support residents who feel vulnerable to possible flooding.

Flooding arises from two possible sources – fluvial (open watercourses) or surface water run-off. Locally, fluvial rises will be very gradual in onset, and you will have time to prepare if you think levels are threatening your property. Flash flooding from rainfall is of course less predictable in onset, but past experience will show you where likely flows will run.

In either case, the key is to prepare in advance rather than respond in an emergency with no resources set aside for the purpose. To that end, the parish council has decided to purchase a quantity of EMPTY sandbag covers for distribution free to those residents who would like some on a first come first served basis. The parish cannot provide sand to fill these bags, but a list of suppliers who can (and who may deliver to you) will be made available. Contact the Clerk to the Council on 07734 483883 or email clerkpc@sky.com to request some sandbag covers. You will need to consider how you will fill these bags and the weight of them for handling once full.

You can find out more from the parish website www.westlavington.info and go to the 'Your safety' page. Look for the links to Environment Agency flood mapping and Wiltshire Council advice pages too, which includes a list of sand suppliers. The Environment Agency also issues advice to those property owners that are responsible for the maintenance of watercourses through, or next to, their land (known as riparian duties). A booklet Living on the Edge is available for guidance, a few copies being held by the Clerk to the Council for issue on request.

If you are threatened by flooding call Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0105 or out of hours call 01722 413834. In an emergency call 999 and ask for the fire service.

www.westlavington.info clerkpc@sky.com 07734 483883

TELEPHONE KIOSKS IN WEST LAVINGTON PARISH

The Parish Council has been asked by Wiltshire Council to seek consultation views on behalf of BT who are proposing to remove up to 85 public telephone kiosks with low use around Wiltshire. Two of these are in this parish; one at the junction of Lavington Lane with the High Street and the other at the junction of Rutts Lane with Church Street.

The Parish Council is seeking your views so that a co-ordinated response can be submitted to Wiltshire Council. You may like to know that the Lavington Lane kiosk was used to make 19 calls in the last year, and none were made from Rutts Lane.

The Parish Council is minded to make a case for retaining the Lavington Lane kiosk, as a central location to the parish, on a busy strategic road route, near a large school with many international students in the summer, and where a number of vehicle collisions occur at or near the junction over the years. Responses based on heritage value of older kiosks are not accepted by BT.

For the Rutts Lane kiosk, the parish is considering adopting the kiosk out of service. This will maintain its heritage value in a conservation area and allow us to convert the facility into a housing for the third public access defibrillator (see separate article about these in this magazine). The space may also be used for a public book-swap library. With a small local population in the immediate vicinity of this kiosk, no recent usage, and reasonable mobile phone reception it would be difficult to make a case for the retention of a public telephone in this location although very local residents are being asked directly for their views by separate letter.

Please contact any of your parish councillors (details on the parish website or on the High Street Notice Board) or write to the Clerk to the Council with your views at 7, Rickbarton.

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

West Lavington Parish Council is delighted to announce the completion and launch of its Public Access Defibrillator project, in partnership with South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Funding has been provided by Aster Communities which has enabled the Council to buy the necessary cabinets, which you can now see at:



Littleton Panell High Street Bus Stop

West Lavington Village Hall (outside, next to the kitchen entrance)

A third defibrillator is set aside for the south of the parish early in the New Year and, subject to public consultation, should be placed inside the telephone kiosk at Rutts Lane, which the council intends to adopt as BT no longer intend to provide a payphone service there (see a separate article in the magazine about the two telephone kiosks in this parish).

These life saving devices can be used by anyone, with no training – they are automatic and you just need to follow the voice instructions when you open it up. If you find yourself in a situation with a collapsed patient, dial 999 first, ask for the ambulance service and describe the symptoms. Explain where you are, and they will know the nearest defibrillator. Fetch the pack (or get someone else to) from the unlocked cabinet, return to your patient, and follow the instructions.

The Ambulance Service will be providing a training session open to everyone early next year, so do come along then if you would like to know more about basic first aid, life support and how to use the defibrillator – watch this space for a date! The Parish Council hopes they never get used of course, but if they are needed we hope they make a difference.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

As we approach Christmas, I hope you are in good cheer!

For some, life may not be easy and I trust that the season of goodwill will bring a measure of comfort.

For others, you may agree that there is much to be thankful for. After the spring floods, the summer and autumn weather was pretty good. The economy in Wiltshire is performing above the national average and the number of job-seekers is down. The economy of the nation as a whole is better than all our principal competitors. Average life expectancy in the county is the highest it's ever been for men and for women. Our local schools are all doing well in their respective categories. Our farmers had a respectable harvest. Our crime rate remains low.

So far, so good, and I hope, like me, you will be raising a glass over the Christmas period to toast the successes of our local businesses and our local public servants. In my view, after a challenging few years, the private and public sectors alike, in all their guises, have performed pretty well.

But before you over indulge, remember that not only is the weather still getting colder but the financial pressures, particularly on the public budgets, remain severe. It's too soon to know exactly how much Wiltshire Council will have to spend next year but it looks as if we may yet again have to find about £30 million of savings on top of the £100 million or so the Council has cut over the past few years.

Innovation and streamlining processes have got us through so far without much loss of service on the front line but, each year, the task gets harder. I am, therefore, immensely impressed with the resilience and fortitude of our staff who have achieved so much with fewer and fewer resources. 2015 could be tough but I am confident that, as always, the Council will do its best for the good people of Wiltshire.

Merry Christmas!

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

We are now in the throes of autumn and winter is fast approaching.

A reminder therefore

- to keep drains clear of autumn leaves so they will not become blocked
- that some hedges still need cutting back
- that any blocked footpaths requiring urgent attention, for example from fallen trees, should be advised to the Clerk to the Parish Council
- to watch driving speeds – roads can be treacherous (Community Speed Watch continues to register some high levels of speeding through the villages)
- that winter driving preparation for a safe journey and self-help is available on the Parish Council website.

Please also see Parish Council articles in this magazine regarding Flooding Preparedness, Telephone Kiosks' consultation and installation of Parish Defibrillators.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

You can now follow the Parish Council on Twitter- find us at www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc and keep in touch.

If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT The Clerk to the Parish Council, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or clerkpc@sky.com
Parish Website www.westlavington.info

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Low Road, Little Cheverell

Low Road will be closed on 5th December between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. for a distance of approximately 75 metres adjacent to the property known as 'Springside Cottage' to enable Wessex Water to repair a fire hydrant cover.

WARMINSTER MOBILELIBRARY Timetable December 9th & 23rd

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| 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 |

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Chris Hall, your Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor. If you are interested please contact either the clerk Anita Whittle on 01380 830765 or the Chair Lynda Wearn for more information or send a letter introducing yourself and your reasons for applying for the post to the clerk at 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT.

Response to Traffic Questionnaire - November, 2014

Thank you to all who responded to the traffic questionnaire. Contrary to some perceptions, the Parish Council had considered the WHOLE village and investigated virtually all possible road/traffic changes. These included speed calming at the north and south ends of the village; engineering or other changes near The Green/High Street junction; extending existing pavements etc. These ideas were almost all rejected on grounds of highway rules/guidance, leaving us only with the two proposals put out for consultation. These were:

1. An informal crossing by Bartlett's: 75% of respondents were in favour. This will now be implemented.
2. An on-carriageway footway on the High Street (from the Bell). While 62% were in favour, there was an exact split between those who wanted it on the left side of the road, and those preferring the right. This lack of agreement and the significant minority (38%) who opposed this footway, led the Parish Council to vote against the proposal. It will therefore not go ahead.

Other Comments from Residents:

Speeding on the B3098: We have again asked the police to enforce the speed limit here. Unfortunately, the Community Speedwatch team are not allowed to function on this road.

Speed Humps/Offset Islands: These are not current options, the main objections being: increased traffic noise; urbanisation inappropriate in a Conservation Area; high cost.

The Green/High Street Junction: Measures to improve safety at this junction are on-going. We have asked for the hedge to be cut back further to improve safety for all road users; Highways Officers will then consider what more can be done. Extension of the 20 mph limit further out on The Green may be possible. We shall be submitting a formal request to the Devizes Area Board to investigate this issue.

Flashing Lights by School Crossing: The provision of these lights has to be linked to employment of someone to patrol the school crossing point.

HGVs: We continue efforts to reduce both over and under-height HGVs. The suggestion that they should be routed elsewhere is not an option - no community wants them. We have managed to get two of the new, unwanted HGV signs removed from the centre of the village and will keep trying on all these difficult traffic issues!

Equine issues reported to the council.

A recent incident has been reported to the council, where unknown vehicles and horseboxes were seen in the village, and horses in Green Lane were let out of their stables into the adjoining paddocks. Please take note of any unusual activity or vehicles (record number plate) in the village and report any incident via 101 to the local Police or 999 if urgent.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 1st of December at 7.30 p.m. at the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close.

**Parish Council contact details, Mrs Anita Whittle, Clerk to Cheverell
Magna Council, 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT**



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seventh Classroom Opening

Robert Lakin Headteacher said “Dauntsey Academy Primary School (DAPS) is delighted to announce the Official Opening of its seventh classroom, Birch Class. DAPS is now able to offer seven classes covering each year group within the primary age phase; this is a something unique to our Academy within the local cluster of schools.

The rationale for extending the provision was that the school has historically been oversubscribed and after gathering opinions of our whole school community it was decided to research options that would enable the school to receive funding to extend its provision. Upon converting to Academy status, we were able to apply for funding through the Academy Capital Maintenance Fund and despite high competition we were successful in our applications for both our classroom and the development of a pickup / drop off point.

The classroom was designed and built by TG Escapes and the results are simply outstanding. As well as having a new classroom built, the school developed a new drop off/pick up point. The drop off point has reduced both traffic congestion and historical issues of haphazard parking within our local community. For any school to be a success it must rely on the support of its immediate community and this reform has attempted to give back to the local residents, something that the Senior Leadership Team fully support.

The new classroom adds value to the highly effective provision here at DAPS, aside from a highly stimulating vibrant curriculum, a caring environment where the safety of all pupils is held in the highest regard we offer outdoor learning to all pupils through our engaging and exciting Forest School. The school offers a breakfast club from 07:45 and currently Governors are researching into the feasibility of an after school club to further support our parents which would add further value to the after school provision through a range of clubs.”

John Ford, Chair of the Governing Body explained: “Everyone here at DAPS works hard: Pupils, staff, parents and governors. This hard work and dedication ensures that pupils leave our School with an excellent start to their learning adventures. As a result of this high quality provision pupils leave DAPS with a standard of education that is significantly above the national average.”

Our school council discussed the impact of all the reforms to the school during the summer holiday and below are a synopsis of their responses:

Katharine a year 6 pupil in Oak class outlined: The first thing everyone agrees is that we have smaller class sizes, this enables us having more dedicated time with the fab teachers we have here at DAPS. The advantage of this is that teachers have more time to help and support us and as a result we should learn more. Although our school has got bigger having an extra classroom and more children come to DAPS than when I started, it feels smaller because children are spread throughout the entire school, everywhere is much calmer and it is great to have a KS1 and a KS2 section of the school. Over the summer holiday, we had a new drop off point created. The children feel that this is really beneficial because it has reduced traffic congestion in the area, which is good for everyone at DAPS and our local residents. With more people using the drop off point it has made the roads clearer and there are more spaces for parking.

Archie Year 6 pupil in Oak class outlined: “Before Birch class was built, at some time on our journey from reception everyone would remain in the same class for a second year. Now having seven classes the friends you make in class will be with you until you leave DAPS. When I stayed in Mississippi class for a second year, I had to re-make friends with new children. I had a great time but at the start of the year I remember it was a little hard. DAPS is a great school with an amazing teaching team and I am sure that everyone feels privileged to learn in such a fantastic environment. If anyone needed to move schools then I would certainly recommend that they come to DAPS.”

Should any prospective parents be interested in visiting our school, we have limited numbers of spaces available, please call the school office on 01380 813373 to make an appointment to view learning ongoing and meet with the Headteacher Mr Robert Lakin. We look forward to welcoming you.

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY



Christmas

This is such a lovely time of the year for all our children, and in line with our Christian foundation, we make sure that the messages of Christmas are clearly marked in a fun and engaging way. The children will perform in Christmas plays (one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage two) which emphasise the values of the Christmas story; there will be a Carol Concert (with handbells), a Carol Service, a Christmas party, Christmas dinner and a Christmas recorder concert. The children in the Year 5/Year 6 class have spent a day at Salisbury Cathedral exploring some of the deeper meanings of Advent and Christmas. Worship is centred around Advent themes as children enjoy the breathless anticipation of Christmas.

Eisteddfod

We were delighted that our Eisteddfod choir won the Carol Party class and did very well in the general choir singing class against many other schools in the Devizes Eisteddfod. Our thanks to the children, their parents and particularly Ms Sharman, our choir mistress, who works so hard to ensure that our children enjoy being part of a choir and are so well prepared for their performances. The standard they reach is outstanding.

Creative Curriculum

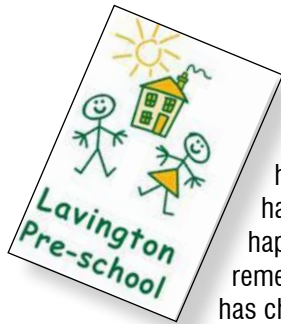
We strongly believe that happy learners are good learners and that a creative and engaging curriculum is at the heart of children’s learning. At the beginning of November, we had a Hindu visitor who spent a day doing workshops with our children on the Hindu faith and culture – it is vital that our children learn to respect and enjoy the enormous diversity of faith, culture, language and race in our country.

Academic Excellence

The government’s analysis of our test results has been published – including analysis of the Year 1 Phonics screener, Year 2 SATS and Year 6 SATS. Once again, our children have achieved outstandingly well when compared with national levels across all the tests. The progress measure puts us in the top 4% of the country and all Year 6 children this year achieved Level 4 or better in all areas. We also received a letter from the Schools’ Minister, Nick Gibb, congratulating us on coming in the top 2% of the country for our Phonics tests. These results are a tribute to our committed and engaged families, our aspirational and hardworking children and our outstanding and creative teachers and support staff.

We would like to wish everyone in our community a joyful and blessed Christmas and a happy new year!

**look at our webpage where there is lots more information about our school.
www.holy-trinity.co.uk**



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, the children's investigations have been 'all about winter' and we have talked about everything that happens when winter comes. We have talked about what happens to the trees and plants as the weather turns colder and we have also talked about Christmas and other family celebrations that happen at this time of year. The children have made snowy footprints, remembrance poppies and wreaths and talked about how the weather has changed with the season.

We have been really lucky to be visited by many outside organisations this term. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue came to see us on the 5th November to talk about fire safety, Pippa from Mossy Green Feet came to help us make remembrance wreaths, Active Trowbridge have visited us regularly throughout the term and Apple Pip the elf will be visiting us on the 12th December to help us make Christmas decorations.

The children have all been busy learning their songs for our Nativity play on December 10th at 10.30 a.m. in the DAPS hall and everyone here is very excited about our Christmas party which will end the term on Friday 19th December from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

TOP TIP: As part of our monthly entry we have decided to incorporate a top tip to help extend your child's learning and development. Our Top Tip for this month is from Personal, Social and Emotional Development in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), Managing feelings and behaviour 40 - 60 months, 'Ensure that children have opportunities to identify and discuss boundaries, so that they understand why they are there and what they are intended to achieve.'

AGM: We held our Annual General Meeting in November. Several committee members who have been on the committee for some time stepped down in order to make room for new parents; we would like to say a massive thank you to all of them for all their efforts over the last few years. We now have a new committee ready to move forward into the New Year. Watch this space for committee organised events in aid of the Pre-school.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT INDOOR MARKET: Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas shopping event in November and thank you to all the committee members who worked so hard to make it happen.

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: In April 2014 the Government broadened the criteria for 2 year old funding for up to 15 hours per week and you may now find that you fall into the eligibility criteria if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old. If you think you might be eligible, you will need to complete a funding form: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/early-years-better-2gether-funding.pdf>

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 or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



At our last meeting the Rev John Cowburn led the meeting in Remembrance Prayers. We are so grateful to the generous hospitality the Cowburns always offer us; a

lovely warm fire on chilly winter afternoons, and the door ever open to us. On November 10th a delicious tea was provided by Pat Strowger and Jeanette Giles.

Before tea, Gordon Somerville gave us a most moving talk on the experiences of both his family and the family of Susan, his wife, during the war. There were very revealing stories of the bravery and the effects of the horror of war. We were all given a great deal to think about. We looked at the medals and the citations that various members had bought. It was a very thoughtful afternoon.

On November 25th a service at 12 noon launched 16 days of Activism against gender violence. A few of us went to this service.

At our next meeting in December 8th Anji Scofield will be talking to us about the Devizes Food Bank. We will be thinking of those less fortunate than us and will bring gifts for the bank.

January is our AGM and promotion of our caravan holiday home. May I just take this opportunity to thank so many people for the wonderful support and contribution they have given to the MU and for also enabling us to be part of projects in our village. We are very rewarded and are glad that an old (the oldest) foundation in the village, can still make a difference.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



In November we held a Beaujolais and Brie evening on the day after the 2014 bottled Beaujolais Nouveau was released for sale.

The next event promises to be extraordinary! It is an 'Indian Evening' complete with Indian food from Zeera's Indian Restaurant in Market Lavington. This will be held on Friday, 23rd January at 7 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall.

There will be a licensed wine and Indian Beer bar and the opportunity for ladies to try on Saris and to have their photographs taken.

Tickets are £10 for members and £15 for non members (under 5s free). These are available from Sue Robson or Michael Page (818510).

French lessons will resume after Christmas and will be open to non members for a fee of £4 each per session .

Note that membership is only £12 per year for over 60's.

Our visit to France next year is the weekend of 19th to 22nd June.

Contact Myself or our chairman Malcolm Johnson (818147) to join.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

BOOKMARK

The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert is a sprawling, deeply researched novel. It follows the life of Alma Whittaker, a gifted and privileged botanist, from her birth (1800) to her death in 1882. The story travels from London to Peru, to Philadelphia, to Tahiti, to Amsterdam, covering huge historical events, including the publication of Darwin's *Origin of Species* – all effortlessly woven into the story. However, it was beyond us why the author thought it necessary to throw in a handful of sensationalism. We certainly weren't shocked about the middle-aged spinster with a face like a bowl of porridge and the beautiful young Polynesian messiah named Tomorrow Morning – we couldn't keep a straight face! "Ooh no Missus – titter ye not!" But overall this was a big novel about a big century and everyone agreed it made compelling reading. We awarded this book 9 marks out of 10.



In the main we found Lori Baker's *The Glass Ocean* to be overly long on lyrical style and exceedingly short on story. Essentially, this wordy novel is little more than how a flame-haired heroine in Victorian Whitby becomes an orphan – piecing together what she can from family documents and filling in the rest with her vivid imagination! It was deemed a disappointing read for most, but was none-the-less championed by Annemarie who compared the style of language to eating rich food. This novel scored 6 marks out of 10.

Our social evening (with Christmas reading or childhood favourite) will be held at Hild Marrow's house on December 10th. Mulled wine will be provided and members are asked to bring along a plate of finger food. Our book club sessions at Great Cheverell's village hall will continue next year on January 14th; the two novels under discussion will be *Spilt Milk* by Amanda Hodgkinson & Ellen Feldman's *The Unwitting*.

Meanwhile, we'd like to wish good health and buckets of 'Ho Ho Ho' to one and all.

Hild Marrow



Usually, collections of cottages become villages and over time (as more houses and shops appear) the village becomes a town. The origin of Devizes is a little different. Castrum ad Divisas (anglicised as Devizes Castle) was built in the 11th Century (wooden) and rebuilt in 1121 (stone), dominated the surrounding areas of Rowde, Bishop Cannings and Potterne. It was in a strategic position, sited on a hill and could easily

be defended. A castle needs soldiers to protect it and as they settled and the town grew, Devizes became a market town.

Thus, Mr Clive Shearman set the scene for his fascinating talk on *The Bear Hotel*, formerly called *The Black Bear* and *The Bear and Castle*. Local documents record the granting of a license to a Mr John Sawter, in 1559. At that time, the main entrance was at the back, so next time you're at The Bear Hotel, go through to the car park and glance at the rather splendid former entrance. Look up and you will see where the original, open staircase and first floor passage were sited. Next door were the Assembly Rooms and when these were replaced with the Corn Exchange, the upper floor of the Assembly Rooms was reinstated to the rear of 'The Bear Hotel' and became the Ballroom.

Sited on the main London to Bath Road, The Bear Hotel became very popular and had a well regarded stable yard at the back where fresh horses were exchanged. Its most famous landlord, Thomas Lawrence, was father to Sir Thomas Lawrence, the RA portrait painter, after which the Lawrence Society of Art is named. This very solicitous licensee erected direction posts at half-mile intervals across Salisbury Plain, to guide weary travellers to his inn.

The Bear Hotel has three stories of subterranean cellars; imagine all that space below you supported by very old, crumbling bricks when you're eating a cream tea in the main bar. I wouldn't eat too many scones if I were you!

We have our Christmas festivities on 11th December, complete with mulled wine, music and food, the latter I'm embarrassed to admit, purchased rather than baked.

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We are lucky to have in our garden club someone who collects weather data and has kept records for ten years. At the beginning of our November meeting he gave us some facts and figures comparing this gardening year to previous years. November and December last year were

quite dry until December 23rd when 43mm of rain fell in one day. Thereafter it remained soggy throughout Spring and relatively frost free as compared to the previous year. In June we only had 7 days with rainfall and in July only 8 days. In August we had 24 days of rain totalling 107mm (compared to 8mm in August 2013). In September we had only 5 days of rain. The growing season this year was 199 consecutive frost free days as compared to the 10 year average of 190 days. I think we can safely give the forecast for the coming year as continuing to be unpredictable!

But our main speaker for our November meeting, Helen Hall, gave us plenty of ideas about how to predict the weather. In her talk about gardening myths and legends she devoted a whole section to the subject. Wisely she simply listed the old sayings without making any comment on their accuracy. She did however treat us to a wide range of country accents when delivering some of the portents. And she advised us on how to use seaweed, frogs, leeches, swallows and numerous other wildlife in predicting the weather.

Myths, folklore and ancient country traditions associated with gardening were also discussed. We learned which plants we could use to 'fumigate the bed chamber', and which were a 'harbinger of death'. There seems to have been rather a lot of myths and legends associated with testing the fidelity of women. Helen also described many country traditions including wassailing, maypole dancing and well dressing. Other subjects covered were the use of moon cycles and zodiac cycles to influence when to plant and when to harvest.

If you happen to pass through our villages next July, and you notice an orange glow, it could be sunrise or sunset, but it might just be the glow from large swathes of mexican marigolds planted for the purpose of eliminating ground elder- a tip we picked up from the traditional pest and disease controls section of the talk.

Helen Hall had researched her subject well and held our attention throughout the evening. She was ably assisted by her husband Chris who operated the projector showing relevant illustrations. There was plenty of interaction with the audience. And there were some subtle and quickfire visual and verbal jokes delivered along the way. My favourite and very gardener appropriate joke was 'What do you call it if you commit murder with an apple?' Answer: 'Mallus aforethought'.

On Tuesday 9 December we will hold our Christmas party, 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Great Cheverell Village Hall. Why not come along and join us for food, carols, quizzes and camaraderie. There will also be an opportunity to renew your subscription and to collect your programme detailing the events planned for 2015. New members are always welcome.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

With the European Qualifiers now well under way, it is no great surprise to find our own international team now planning their tour for next May 2015. Yes, the Under 14s, who last year toured in France, are now in the planning stage to visit Eifel in Germany, with 2 games against local opposition and a tour of the FC Koln

stadium.

In the league the Under 14s have now moved into 2nd in their respective league with a recent tough match winning 6-5 against Westbury Lions. However, November matches may prove a challenge.

At the younger age groups of the Club, training for the Winter months has moved to new locations on Friday evenings, due to weekend matches, with the Under 8s having a great start to the season - being unbeaten.

Reception Year new players are welcome to come along and play in our short 'taster' sessions at Market Lavington School indoor sports hall, on Friday evenings from 5.00 – 5.30. Come along on the night or contact either Mark (U7 coach) on 01380-813160 or Dave (U8) on 07843678781 who are also training here.

New players are also welcome to join at Under 6 (Year 1), Under 9 and 10 age groups, please contact Jason Reynolds 07590-427999. Training is now at Devizes Leisure Centre on Friday evenings, on the outdoor Astro pitch 1. Under 6s from 16.00 to 17.00, and U9/10 from 17.00 to 18.00.

(It appears that the manager of the Sunday Adult team is not Paul Sperring, as we were informed in the Summer, but is Malcolm Sprules and Chris Cole - Ed)

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Rita Burrard HEATH of Market Lavington died on 23rd September aged 94 years. A service of thanksgiving for her life was followed by burial in St Mary’s Churchyard on 13th October 2014.

Kerry Ann PALMER of Great Cheverell died on 8th October aged 52 years. A service, at All Saint’s Church, West Lavington was followed by burial in St Peter’s Churchyard, Great Cheverell on 16th October 2014.

William Clifford BAILEY of Easterton died on 30th September aged 86 years. His funeral at St Barnabas Church Easterton on 13th October 2014, was followed by burial at Drove Lane Cemetery.

Barbara Ann ROBERTS of Market Lavington died on 8th October aged 81 years. Her funeral at West Wilts Crematorium was held on 20th October 2014.

BAPTISMS

Thomas William DORNING MYERSCOUGH was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 2nd November 2014.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

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When the angel of the Lord was sent to announce the birth of Jesus Christ to some unsuspecting shepherds he was a little bit more forthcoming with regard to 'good tidings' saying, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

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Seasons Greetings, Guy Davies

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