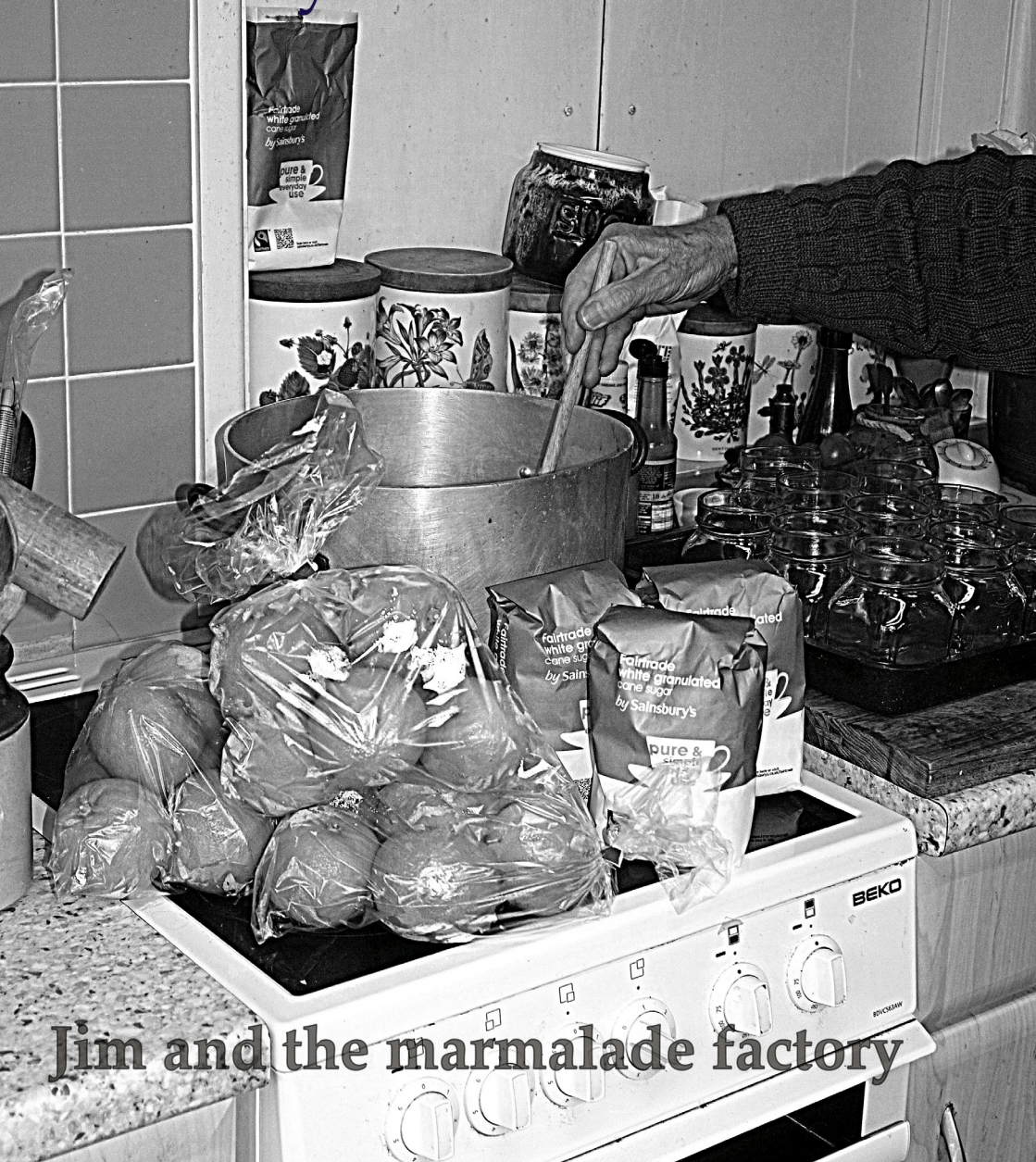


News and Views

February 2014



Jim and the marmalade factory

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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd February Presentation of Christ	9.30 am Half Hour Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
9th February 4th before Lent	11.00 am United Service	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service, St Mary's, ML	4.00 pm Evensong	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
16th February 3rd before Lent	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)
23rd February 2nd before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club (Old School)	10:00 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Thinking Day Service	

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,

February often has the gloomiest weather of the year and so it is natural to feel a bit depressed especially after all the rain we've had. In America, November is the month of Thanksgiving – but demonstrating gratitude is something we can do at any time: I know that I'm guilty of not showing it enough, and I'm not alone.

There are so many ordinary things in life that most of us are able to enjoy: a cup of tea or coffee with a friend; a smile from a neighbour's baby; the outline of a beech tree against the sky in the fading afternoon light; a stunning sunset over the Plain; bird song. At one level these are merely the background in the many events that make up each day.

However, if you consider the thing that you have enjoyed as a gift from the God who loves you, that ordinary 'something' becomes an 'extraordinary' gift from God. We read in the Bible that *'every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...'* (James 2:17).

Christians are especially grateful for what God has done for us in Jesus, obtaining our forgiveness and offering us new life in him. However there are so many other smaller things for which we can be full of gratitude to God.

The practice of giving thanks before or after a meal – 'saying grace' – has largely fallen into disuse; that is a pity. Giving thanks for both the cook and the ultimate provider before we tuck in to another meal is good. It's easy to forget that we do live in a world where nearly two billion people go to bed hungry every night and two million children die from malnutrition every year.

James Campbell

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Tel. (01380) 816963
Office lavingtonchurch@btinternet.com

LENT BOOK 2014

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March this year.

Why not break out of your comfort zone, take up a challenge and this year read the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2014 *Looking through the Cross* by Graham Tomlin (published by Bloomsbury)? Graham teaches in London and is the author of a number of popular, as well as academic, books.

The blurb on the back says, 'Everything looks different in this world when seen through the lens of the Cross...a perspective that sheds remarkable light on some familiar themes...a fresh and important meditation on the meaning of the Cross in a complex and turbulent world'. The nine Chapter headings include 'The Cross and ...Power, Identity, Suffering, Ambition, Failure and Reconciliation'.

Order your copy from the Benefice Office; the retail price is £9.99.

CAROL SINGING

I am delighted to say that the Carol Singing around the Village and the visit to the Bridge Inn raised a total of £240.30 for the Nesting Trust - Sue Hamblin's charity helping towards the building of a home for destitute children in Nepal. I am very grateful to all who contributed and also to the singers themselves - we had a really foul night for it! - Also thanks to Jeannie and Terry O'Flynn and the Bridge itself for hosting us on separate evenings. - See you all next year!!

Lavender Davy

LOST

1 jade ear ring - several weeks ago. It was apparently put on the table by the front door of West Lavington Church but I was unaware of it there and it has disappeared since. If anybody should find it I would be grateful if they could give it to me as it is of sentimental value!

Thank you

Lavender Davy (813782)

GREAT CHEVERELL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We are looking to set up a Photography Club for keen photographers in and around Great Cheverell. We are enthusiastic amateurs and our aim will be to provide a forum for like-minded people to share their experiences and photographs, and to learn from each other. We are lucky to have living in the village a Professor of Photography in John Hannavy. John has said he will be delighted to lead sessions for us. We intend this club to be fun and full of learning and we do not want to end up taking ourselves too seriously. If you are interested please contact: Lynda. wearn@gmail.com or telephone 01380 813911. We aim to have our first meeting on 4th March, in The Pavilion at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome, the only entry requirement being that you own a camera.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL SPRING FAYRE

The West Lavington Village Hall building is run as a charity. It is managed by a small group of volunteers and receives no grants or external funding. Hire charges, which are kept to a minimum and are very competitive, pay for the day-to-day running but very little is left to go towards any improvements. In the last edition of News and Views we mentioned that the Village Hall Committee is holding a major event, a **Bumper Spring Fayre in the hall on Saturday April 5th** in order to raise funds for much needed improvements in such areas as heating, lighting etc. Please reserve this date in your diaries.

We intend to include a tabletop sale, teas and refreshments, a cake stall, Easter Egg hunt, a chocolate tombola, games and competitions and we need more volunteers to help with these activities. If you would like to help or would like to have a table at this event, please contact Mrs Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881 or e-mail lynne@movement4you.com. We hope we will have the support of the whole village to make this a great fun day for everyone, and one which will help us to make improvements to this essential village amenity.

FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Friends of Courtyard Surgery will be held at the Surgery on Monday, 14th April at 7 p.m. 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!

A DEFIBRILLATOR

Lavington School has, this month, purchased a defibrillator. Although the purpose is to provide the facility for the school, we have decided to site this on our external wall in a secure (but accessible) box so that it can be made available to any clubs which use the school or sports hall outside school hours, and to the wider community at all times. We have also paid for training for a group of staff. The cost in total was £1790, excluding VAT which we can reclaim.

We are grateful to Lavington School for providing information about this facility, the cost of which has been borne by the school itself.

Steeple Rocks!

A date for your diaries! The choir are planning concert in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton on Saturday 29th March. A few choir members work for a charity called Splitz Support Service. Splitz is a charity, who provide support to victims of Domestic Abuse, support young people who have witnessed Domestic Abuse and also run Perpetrator Programmes. Please take a look at their website www.splitz.org for more information. We have decided that all proceeds from the concert will go to this charity. We are delighted to announce that as part of the evening, Mr. Peter King, the organist from Bath Abbey will be playing, along with some young performers from the local area. Tickets will be £8.50 and will be on sale in the village shop, from choir members and Splitz office from the middle of February. Any enquiries regarding this event or matters relating to Steeple Rocks Choir, please contact Adrienne on 01380 871890. Adrienne Hale



Splitz office 01225 777724 admin@splitz.org or becky@splitz.org

Splitz Support Service, Oak House, Epsom Square, White Horse Business Park Trowbridge BA140XG

TRAVELLING TO SALISBURY ? You have been Warned

Extensive Roadworks are due to take place in the area around Shrewton during February and March, the details of which are published below

Travel to Salisbury via Shrewton may not therefore be possible. The essence is that the A360 will be closed at Shrewton as follows:

- a. **Between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. daily from 10th February to 23rd February (two weeks) and from 10th March to 16th March (one week)**
- b. **Between 7.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. nightly from 17th March to 21st March (five nights).**

The A390 (direct route from Shrewton to Chitterne) will also be closed at other times.

Diversions will be signposted via the A342/A345.

For further information regarding these works please contact Balfour Beatty Living Places on 01249 468582 (office hours) and 07900715776 (non-office hours).

EDITOR'S NOTES

As the Chairman of West Lavington Parish Council has reported, January has been a difficult month for weather, which explains the absence of a front cover picture showing some healthy outdoor activity. Therefore the picture has highlighted a not uncommon occupation of the month of January – the making of marmalade. As the extended arm indicates, it is not a limb of Nigella Lawson but of the editor himself who has been making preparations for such events as the Cancer Research Coffee Morning, to be held in West Lavington Village Hall on May 10th and the West Lavington Fete, to take place on July 12th in the West Lavington Playing Field – dates for your diaries. Readers may be assured that there will be no further egocentric or solipsistic covers and indeed it looks forward to any offerings that may come from the newly formed Great Cheverell Photographic group mentioned elsewhere in this publication.

Jim Hodges

IMPOSSIBLE ?

Running a Christian Hospital in the very heart of Taleban Country
In Quetta, Western Pakistan on the Afghan Border

But it actually happens

Dr Ron Pont (Consultant Surgeon)

and Dr Molly Pont (Gynaecologist/obstetrician)

Describe their experiences of

Running the Quetta Hospital between 1983 and 2009

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

7.30 p.m., 25th February

In the William Dauntsey Room

Entry free but a Retiring Collection for the two hospitals

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR NEWS

Age UK Befriending

Have you heard about Age UK's Befriending Service? If you live alone and feel a bit isolated maybe you could benefit from it. Or maybe you have some time on your hands and could consider being a volunteer befriender yourself. There are 2 sorts of befriender :- telephone befrienders work from

the Age UK office in Devizes for a few hours a week. They ring the same people each week, have a good chat and get to know them. Home Visit Befrienders visit someone living alone each week, to offer support and friendship. There may be someone living near to you who has requested a befriender. Could you be that person? If you are interested please ring Age UK on 01380 727767.

On a completely different note – I have recently heard of a lady who was told by her gas company that she was £500 in debt. She didn't feel that this was correct. She asked a neighbour to read her meter. The gas company had misread the meter and the lady was, in fact, in credit. If a bill, like this, seems totally unreasonable, make sure you get someone to check it out for you, before you pay.

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

Bell Pub Lunch Club. Next one Wednesday 19th February at 12.30 Price £6.50. Ring Caroline 07557922027 to book.



On behalf of The Nestling Trust I would like to thank everyone who supported The Nepalese Supper Evening on 23rd November 2013 - our first fund raising event. It was a huge success with over £14,000 being raised towards the building of a home for destitute and abused children of Nepal.

The evening could not have happened without the army of willing helpers. From the cooking of unfamiliar recipes to the erecting and laying of tables whilst miles of prayer flags were swept skywards, everyone's enthusiasm was tangible. So to those people and to all the people who came along that evening, and to those people who were not able to attend but have still supported us, I would like to say a very sincere thank you. The response has been overwhelming and we are immensely grateful. A strong link has been formed between the Himalayan community of Sarangkot, where the home will be built, and our own community here in Wiltshire. We will keep you updated as to the progress of the project once building has commenced.

Thank you so much.

Sue Hamblin

WEST LAVINGTON WEATHER 2013

Average Temperature for 2013	10.32C (50.57F)
Average Temperature over 36 years	10.43C (50.77F)
Total Rainfall for 2013	843.4 mm (33.2 ins)
Average Rainfall over 36 years	915.2 mm (36.0 ins)
Driest Month (June)	25.6 mm(1.0 in)
Wettest Month (December)	167.8 mm(6.6 ins)
Wettest Day (December 23rd)	44.0 mm (1.73 ins)
Lowest Overnight Temperature (March 14th)	-6.7C (19.9F)
Highest Daytime Temperature (July 22nd)	31.8C (89.24F)
Lowest Daytime Maximum Temperature (January 20th)	+0.2C (32.3F)
Highest Wind Speed (January 31st)	38.3 mph South Westerly
Lowest Barometric Pressure (December 23rd)	973 mbs

To summarize - Although rainfall of late has been quite significant, it may be surprising to note that the 2013 rainfall total is down on the average but of course most of the year was relatively dry.

July 29th produced 28 mm (1.1in) of rain from a thunderstorm, which may be of interest.

The storm of December 23rd/24th produced 53.8 mm (2.1 in) of rain over the period.

We did have snow at the beginning of the year with 12 cms (4.72 ins) on January 18th and 1 cm (0.39 in) on February 11th.

As far as the strong winds are concerned we are of course well sheltered from the prevailing winds by Salisbury Plain; otherwise wind speeds would be quite different from what we record at present.

The temperature for 2013 is slightly down but nothing of any significance.

Further to the data above it may be of interest to note that in the first 7 days of 2014 we recorded a further 96.0 mm (3.77 ins) of rain which in itself is not a record but illustrates the overall quantity of rain from the recent very prolonged wet spell .

Michael Peet

MESSAGE TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Do you sometimes feel a bit lonely and isolated and would just like to get out of the house and be with friendly people in warm, welcoming surroundings?

If so the Day Centre at the Old School, Market Lavington might be the solution. We meet up on a Tuesday from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. We chat over tea and biscuits, play cards, scrabble, etc., have lunch and then a talk or entertainment chosen by the members. There is a small charge to cover costs and transport can be provided.

If you are interested and would like to know more please telephone either Diane on 812204 or Janice on 818533.

We look forward to hearing from you.

HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE

According to the last census, there are 47,608 people in Wiltshire providing care and support to a relative, child, partner or friend who would not be able to manage on their own.

There are many reasons why someone may not be able to cope unaided, including physical or mental disability, old age, long-term illness, special educational need, eating disorder or a problem with drugs or alcohol.

It is estimated that 3 in 5 people will become a carer at some point in their lives. The problem is that most people will not identify themselves as such – people simply consider themselves as a spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or friend doing what they would be doing anyway. Many also mistake the word ‘carer’ with those providing *paid* care work in a residential home or domiciliary agency capacity.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, at the other end of the telephone, or face to face, along with accessing to counselling and advice relating to your role. All of our services are free and confidential for anyone aged 18 and over and we can offer you the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies.

We will shortly be running a monthly carers café in nearby Devizes where you can come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two.

To find out more about us, or to register for some support, please visit our website www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

From 1st January 2014

Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - 12	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)	
	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
Hall - Daytime	£4.50	£7.00	£5.50	£8.00
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
Changing Rooms Per Day (Casual Users)	£25.00			£50.00

Telephone bookings to Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881

Or email: Lynne@movement4you.com

Booking must include event preparation time/clear-up time.

Minimum charge is for up to 2 hours. Cancellation at least 48 hours notice

Please note – the above rates do not include heating

The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

INTERESTED IN WANTING TO HELP?

A new volunteer recruitment website has been launched, enabling local people considering volunteering in Wiltshire to find out more about what they can do. The website www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk highlights the types of volunteering, local volunteer stories and ways to get involved.

The website comes in direct response to the challenges which charities face in finding volunteers across the county. It allows free volunteering opportunity advertising for all not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and social enterprises. Any role can be added to Volunteer Centre Wiltshire’s database and the website is free to use by anyone.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB - Spring 2014



Location: **DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL**

SUNDAY 5.00pm to 6.30pm,

TUESDAY 7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

Lane swimming available every session

FEES: £55 PER TERM FOR A FAMILY (£2.75 per swim)

£27.50 PER TERM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (£1.38per swim)

Annual Discounted Membership Fee Available

Spring Term starts SUNDAY 12th January

& ends Tuesday 25th March, 2014

Half Term Closure: No Swim

Sun 16th Feb; Tues 18th Feb 2014

Guest Fees: ADULTS:- £3.00

CHILDREN:- £1.50 per session

For Further details:

Stephen Read, 22 Canada Rise, Market Lavington.

Tel; 01380 816280.

Email; indulge.two@googlemail.com

If you fancy a “taster” swim, please phone Stephen Read, Membership Secretary or Margaret Clarke, Committee Secretary tel 01380 818435, e-mail: mm.rclarke@btinternet.com for details about joining.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Welcome back come on down and join in the fun.

Monday	7pm - 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6pm - 7.30	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30	DROP IN seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7pm - 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

Eric Freeman - Chairman The Management
Committee West Lavington Youth Club

WEST LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your Chance To Have Your Say

A leaflet will have recently dropped (or will imminently be dropping) through your letterbox explaining the Parish Council's upcoming **community-wide Neighbourhood Plan door-to-door survey** regarding how you would like to see the parish develop over the next 12 years.

The current planning framework means that future land development in West Lavington, Littleton Panell and surrounding areas within the parish boundary may not be stoppable if a proposal to build is received - the so-called 'presumption in favour of development'.

However, the community will be able to manage, and even, if it wishes, to encourage, development if it has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, For example, a plan would permit us to propose the number, type and phasing, as well as location, of new housing.

The Plan needs to reflect community views. To enable the Parish Council's Steering Group (comprised of local volunteers and parish councillors) to do so, a Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire will also be in your letterboxes from 24th February. It will allow and encourage residents, businesses, groups, organisations and others involved in the Parish to make their views known before the Steering Group begins drafting the Plan.

The Questionnaire will be collected from households and others after 7th March. However, it is just one way of finding out what you think. We will also use the parish website, twitter, newspaper articles and focus groups as well as an interactive exhibition in the Village Hall during the day on Saturday 1st March. There you can meet our team, tell us what you think and ask questions.

Please do take the opportunity, when the time comes, to participate, and to complete and return the Questionnaire to us.

If you would like to get involved in developing the Plan itself, please call Sandra Gamble, Chair of the Steering Group, on 01380 812616 to see how you can help.

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our two French conversation classes (for members only), are continuing in The Bridge every other Monday at 7 p.m. Why not join? Our membership fees are unchanged at £15 per household (£12 for seniors).

Our Epiphany party was a great success, with wonderful French food provided by Malcolm and Lyn Johnson.

Our next fund raising event will be on the morning of 1st March when we shall be offering a traditional English breakfast and a French produce stall. Breakfast £5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Open to members and non-members. Why not come along?

This year's visit of the French to West Lavington will take place 13th to 16th June.

To join the West Lavington Twinning Association please email Malcolm Johnson on blocker38@hotmail.com or phone 01380818147.

STOP PRESS

We have just received the list of French families wanting to visit West Lavington for our Twinning Weekend and there is a record number. So many in fact that we are having difficulty finding hosts for all of them amongst our existing members. If anyone is able to host from Friday evening 13th June through to Monday morning 16th June I would appreciate it. Please call me on 818510 for more details.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

WARMINSTER MOBILE LIBRARY

Timetable February-June 2014

Feb 4,18	March 4,18	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

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

One of my jobs as a councillor is to be a member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee and, I have to admit, it is a very interesting roll. Among other things, it requires me to visit all parts of this beautiful area, which never fails to delight.

However, determining a planning application is not a matter of personal likes and dislikes. Control of development is based on policies that are laid down in various weighty documents and it is the committee's role to interpret these in the local context.

At the top of the document pile is the National Planning Policy Framework, which came into force in March 2012. It states the principles that now govern the planning process. At a mere 65 pages, it replaced mountains of myriad earlier texts. To see it for yourself, it can be found at the following website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

At the local level, the key document hitherto has been the Kennet Local Plan 2011, which was adopted in 2004 and edited in 2007 by the then Secretary of State, who deleted any policies that duplicated national policy. The Kennet Local Plan had never been intended to apply beyond 2011 but its replacement, the Wiltshire Core Strategy, is still, as they say, "emerging".

The Core Strategy was approved by Wiltshire Council in July 2012 but adoption requires government approval. An inspector did not get around to looking at it until summer 2013. In December, he said, among other things, that the Core Strategy's proposal to build 37,000 new houses in the county by 2026 was not enough. He argued that over 44,000 are needed (but has settled for at least 42,000).

He also said that existing settlement boundaries are out of date. The Core Strategy had proposed they would be updated by parishes and towns preparing their own Neighbourhood Plans to establish local detail. The inspector fears these "will not be delivered across the county in a comprehensive or timely fashion".

The current situation, therefore, is that the Core Strategy is not yet adopted, the Kennet Local Plan is out of date and, as yet, no Neighbourhood Plans are ready. Thus, the work of the planning officers and the committee is now being undertaken in a partial policy void. The risk is that the door is open for greedy developers to put forward unwanted proposals that will be hard to stop.

I sincerely hope the Core Strategy will be finalised soon. I also hope Neighbourhood Plans will be in place in most communities as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I am writing to the Secretary of State to remind him about the principles of Localism, which seem to have been forgotten.

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

As I write this the sun is shining, and the rain for the moment has stopped, giving the water some chance to drain. It has been a difficult month for both householders and farmers with waterlogged fields and roads awash. We can only hope that the spring will bring some drier weather. If you would like advice on preparing for river or surface water flooding your property, you can find links to information on www.westlavington.info/your_safety.html. the Parish website's (Your safety) page.

This time last year I reported the Council's decision on the setting of its part of the Council Tax, and looked forward to the year now upon us when we could possibly announce that no rise would be required. I am pleased to say that the Parish Council has indeed been able to prepare a budget that both protects its few services and continues its prudent approach, whilst keeping the precept the same as last year. At £26,100 the actual budget is less than last year, but the grant received from Wiltshire Council has similarly reduced (and will do so again next year) so meaning fewer resources at our disposal. However our planning has managed the gap and our work for the community will continue.

Looking ahead to the coming year will bring another busy programme for the council, much of it focused on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan- read more elsewhere in this magazine about how you can get involved and how your opinion will really count as we all consider future development in this parish.

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

A happy and prosperous New Year to you all,
Liz Evans, Chair 01380 813929 or email esevans1@hotmail.com .



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations. It was lovely to see the children return to school energised and full of excitement with great memories of their holiday.

The teachers were busy over the break planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for the forthcoming term.

We started our new topic *Secrets of the Past* with an assembly visit from Dr DAPS and his Tardis. The teachers travelled back in time and returned as Neanderthals, Vikings and Victorians. The children thoroughly enjoyed this introduction to our topic and cannot wait to discover more!

Mandy Francis Admin. Asst.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Lavington Pre-school we had a fantastic autumn term looking at festivals all around the world and ending with our lovely Nativity and Christmas Party.

This term we welcome some new children and their families to our Pre-school; these are Logan, Emily, Emilia, Beatrice and Harry. We also welcome our new manager, Becky Gray, to the setting.

Our topic for this term is *Animals* and we have invited the children to bring in any pictures or photos they have of their pets; this helps with ownership of their learning experience and allows them to share their interest at circle time developing their self-confidence. The children have been really enjoying this topic, talking about their favourite animals, making animal masks and we have also had a visit from a Giant African Snail called Ruby! On Wednesday the 23rd January we were visited by the staff from Longleat with some animals for us to meet. The visit is called *My first animal encounter* and proved to be great fun for all the children in session.

If you have an interesting pet that you would like to bring in and show the children please let us know and we will try to arrange a visit.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING: Our Christmas Craft Evening on the 4th December was very successful due to the hard work of everyone involved and raised over £600. We had some very creative stalls and some fantastic Mulled wine. The Pre-school committee worked very hard, along with the West Lavington Mother's Union, to organise this event and we all appreciate it so much. We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone from the parents who donated cakes to the stall holders who came out to support us on such a frosty evening.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: On the last day of our autumn term we held our Christmas Party. The children enjoyed party games, party food and a visit from Santa Claus. This was a lovely way to end the term and really got us all ready for the holidays.

MOBILE LIBRARY: We have now joined the Wiltshire Mobile Library and will be visiting it every other Tuesday morning when it comes to the School car park; we will be using it to source books to support our investigation into our topic.

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 us on (01380) 812551 or Email: lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

We were delighted to receive a letter recently from David Laws, the Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us on being amongst the 250 top performing schools in the country.

This puts Holy Trinity in the top one percent of primary schools on the progress measure. He writes, "Your school is exceptionally effective in educating its pupils."

We thank our inspirational and outstanding teachers and support staff, our strong and committed governing body, our engaged and supportive parents and, most of all, our aspirational and hard working children for ensuring that we have such great outcomes.

Our major art project is almost complete now – we have a timeline, which stretches from Neolithic times to the present, created, designed and supervised by local artist Kate Sykes, with art work carried out by the children. It is a wonderful learning resource which will enhance our creative curriculum still further, with images of many major historical events and figures in collage and paint represented on an accurate timeline. The Archdeacon of Wilts, the Ven Ruth Worsley, will officially unveil the timeline on 10th February.

It was lovely to have our carol service at Erlestoke church this year, where we were made very welcome. There were candles, children's choir singing and congregational singing, readings and reflective moments – it was wonderful to feel part of a warm and welcoming community.

Our recorder choir and our handbell choir both held concerts in the run up to Christmas – with wonderful examples of music making from our talented children. We also had a bedtime story with hot chocolate and marshmallows for our little ones on an evening in December – everyone came back to school in their pyjamas which was great fun!

We are starting to see signs of spring in our little woodland area – the children treat this area, called Bluebell Wood, with great respect, understanding that it is a special habitat for the many plants and animals that live there. They enjoy sitting quietly on the logs and watching the squirrels and birds, and I usually get excited visits and notes from the children as the first fritillaries, daffodils, cowslips and bluebells come into flower.

Please visit our website for more news and many photos of the things that happen at Holy Trinity. The link is www.holy-trinity.co.uk.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We had an informal AGM at which there was no voting. The accounts were presented by Sanda Gamble, under whose prudent care our donations and fund raising have enabled us not only to help and support local charities, but also Erlestoke Prison, the Mothers' Union Holiday Schemes, and the M.U.Overseas projects. We are very proud of our achievements for such a small group. I do congratulate and thank everyone concerned for the time, generosity and support they give to our projects.

We discussed our future activities. Our Munchkins Café Morning may be something we can hold about three times a year, and on a day when there are no other activities for toddlers.

The Revd Jennifer Haynes gave us Holy Communion, with the addition of a lovely homily on the need for meditation and quietness in tune with our Lord Jesus.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 10th February at 2.15 p.m. when Janey Lawry-White, adviser to UNICEF will talk on *Gender Violence Against Women*. Please remember, everyone is welcome to our meetings.

Janet Hodges (812467)



There was a big turnout for our first meeting of the year. Alison Rasey, a Countryside Officer with Wiltshire Council, shared with us her interest in bats in her talk *Bats in Wiltshire*. We learned that, of the 18 species of bat that are native to Britain, 15 species have been

recorded in Wiltshire. Bats are mammals and are now a protected species because of the decline in numbers over the past decades. It is a criminal offence to knowingly or recklessly harm, damage or disturb bats or their roosts. Alison gave us some tips on how to spot where bats were roosting. She also explained how bat detectors could be used to convert the echolocation sounds to a level where we humans could hear them, and how the different species could be identified from the sound. We were advised that if we came across bats when making a roof repair or lopping a bough off a tree, for example, we should immediately stop and contact The Bat Conservation Trust for advice on how to proceed without falling foul of the law. We were shown pictures of various species of bat and there were also some dead bat specimens and some samples of bat droppings for us to examine. Throughout the talk Alison answered questions from the floor and it was obvious that she had a very extensive knowledge of her subject and was very committed to raising our awareness of the importance of bats in the ecosystem. We were encouraged to 'think bat' and to preserve their habitats.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 11th February at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Mike Angell will be talking about *Growing vegetables in a prison setting*. Mike works with prisoners at Erlestoke Prison to grow a wide range of vegetables for the kitchen.

New members are always welcome. The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

As you can imagine : 'Rain has stopped play'

This was the case for many matches late December and indeed January, with postponements in place. (water polo/swimming are other options for members to take up). At least we can look forward to the World Cup this summer !

However, we do have one match report and news to update you with, and that is in relation to the Under 13 team. In December they progressed to the Cup Quarter Finals, having beaten Bishops Cannintgs 6-2. This Under 13 side, who are experienced in International football since the 2013 tournament to Holland, have now accepted an invitation to participate in the Saint Marcel tournament in France, as part of the town twinning relationship between St-Pierre D'Autils and West Lavington. The boys are now starting the campaign to raise funds to cover the costs required.

Trivia questions (answers on page 23):

1. Eusebio scored 41 goals for Portugal in his career. How many of those were scored in England ? (for those that can remember...)
2. Since 1992, there have been 6 Premier League clubs who have had Spanish Managers – name them and the Clubs ?
3. Brazil will host the World Cup this year, how many teams will take part ?

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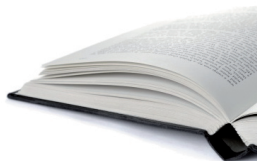
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BOOKMARK

We had a cosy festive gathering at The Green in December. With glass in one hand and book in the other (fast becoming our club logo) we relaxed into Christmas poems and parodies, Lynda's piece from the North East being especially well received.



Our members re-grouped on January 8th to discuss *Tulip Fever* by Deborah Moggach and Gillian Slovo's *Black Orchids*. The former, set in 17th century Amsterdam, was considered an OK read, but one that had been re-released on the merit of Marigold Hotel's cinema success – it scored 7 out of 10. The second novel was a love story set in Ceylon in the 1940s, progressing through to England in the 1960s & 70s. This was considered a captivating read with a moving narrative and astute look at racism and belonging - highly recommended, scoring 9 out of 10.

Members would like to give a huge thank you to Annemarie for designing and producing our beautiful (and extremely useful) laminated bookmarks each year; her time and effort is much appreciated by all.

Bookmark's 2014 continued reading list is as follows:

February 19th

Songs of the Willow Frost by Jamie Ford & *Archipelago* by Monique Raffey

March 19th

Members' Choice: Crime

April 23rd

Perfect by Rachel Joyce & *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

May 28th

The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton & *Offshore* by Penelope Fitzgerald

July 2nd

The Visitor by Katherine Stansfield & *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

August 6th

Members' Choice: Biography or Classic

September 17th

The Unknown Bridesmaid by Margaret Forster & *The Aftermath* by Rhidian Brook

October 29th

The Glass Ocean by Lori Baker & *The Signature of all Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert

December 10th

Social Evening with festive buffet: *Childhood favourite or Christmas reading*

Bookmark members meet at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in Great Cheverell's High Street.



FUNERALS

Christopher David GIBBS of Littleton Panell, died unexpectedly at home on 7th November aged 63 years. A service at the crematorium was held on 27th November 2013.

Peter William WILMOTT-DEAR of Market Lavington died on 9th December aged 88 years. His funeral and burial at St Mary's Church took place on 18th December 2013.

Muriel Janet JENKS of Market Lavington, died on 18th December, aged 72 years. Her funeral at St Mary's and burial in St Mary's Churchyard was on 8th January 2014.

Janet Slade VENUS of Little Cheverell, died on 28th December, aged 91 years. After cremation a service was held at St Peter's Church on 9th January 2014.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The December winner of the £40 first prize was Greta Taylor of Low Road, Little Cheverell; and the winner of the £20 second prize was John Spear of Great Cheverell. The draw was done by Tony Morton of West Lavington.

The winner of the first prize in January of £40 was Peter Carr, and of the second prize of £20 was Anne Welford. Both live in Great Cheverell. The draw was done by Pat Strowger of Littleton Panell.

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer

The Badgers Trivia answers

- 1.Ten goals. 9 in the 1996 World Cup Finals against Bulgaria, England, USSR, Korea, Brazil, and 1 in a Qualifier against N.Ireland.
- 2.Six: Chelsea/Liverpool (R.Benitez x 2), Everton/Wigan (R.Martinez x 2), Spurs (J.ramos), WBA (Pepe Mel)
- 3.32

BENEFICE CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2013

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz this year; we hope you enjoyed it. A record number came back for marking and nearly everyone scored more than 80 out of a possible 90. The winner was ROGER FROST with a full 90 questions correct, closely followed in second place by TESSA SAWYER with 89 ½ marks.

ANSWERS

FLAGS - 1. Any three from Lithuania, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Tajikistan, Yemen, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Estonia, Luxembourg, Colombia and the Russian Federation. 2. Georgia (the Cross of St George, not the George Cross, for those who put Malta!) 3. Both blue and white. 4. Both red and white but reversed. 5. Kenya and Swaziland. 6. Any 2 of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Southern Sudan and Mozambique. 7. The rising sun. 8. A maple leaf. 9. The Star of David

COUNTRIES – 1. San Marino, 2. Canberra, 3. Alaska, 4. Brazil, 5. Panama, 6. Spain and Portugal, 7. China and Mongolia 8. Gulf of Bothnia, 9. West Coast, 10. Denmark

SPORT – 1. Boxing gloves, 2. Links, 3. Dressage, 4. Marion Jones, 5. Milan, 6. Cycle racing arena, 7. Seven, 8. St Andrews Golf Course, 9. Horse racing, 10. Badminton racquet, 11. Iffley road track, 12. Ascot, 13. There is a pub at each corner, 14. Long jump, 15. Tour de France 16. Football, 17. All had the surname 'Hill', 18. Speedway, 19. Sumo wrestling, 20. One stroke under par

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE – 1. Mount Sinai, 2. Hibiscus, 3. C.S.Lewis, 4. Elbe, 5. Fugu or puffer fish, 6. Caerphilly, 7. Sulphur. 8. Bikini, 9. Tin, Copper (used to be lead so have counted that), 10. Canary

HOMES AND GARDENS – 1. Kensington Palace, 2. Hatton Garden, 3. Home Sweet Home, 4. Swiss Cottage, 5. Lost Gardens of Heligan, 6. Earl of Home, 7. Castle, 8. Graeme Garden, 9. The White House, 10. Walk to the Paradise Garden, 11. Hanging Gardens of Babylon, 12. Holmes, 13. Craven Cottage, 14. Covent Garden, 15. Garden cities, 16. Elizabeth II, 17. Midnight, 18. Secret Garden, 19. Garden of Eden, 20. Mr McGregor

BIRDS – 1. Robin, 2. Pelican, 3. Magpie, 4. Mynah, 5. Crane, 6. Kingfisher, 7. Parrot, 8. Eagle, 9. Crossbill, 10. Swift, 11. Albatross, 12. Puffin, 13. Nightingale, 14. Seagull, 15. Swallow, 16. Canary, 17. Nightjar, 18. Mockingbird, 19. Wren, 20. Merlin

Henrietta Goggs

February at Trinity Church in the Community Hall

2nd February 10.30 am	Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin
9th February 11.00 am	at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington
16th February 10.30 am	Rev Gary Gotham
23rd February 10.30 am	locally arranged

Tots@Ten meets on Wednesday 12th February at 10.00 am in the Furninger Room at the Community Hall. The theme will be song and dance.

New Mums and preschool children always very welcome.

Movie this month - Watch out for info about February's film on Saturday 15th February **Captain Phillips**, 7 for 7.30 pm at the Community Hall. Tickets £5 from the Post Office or at the door.

Philomena is the film booked for 17th March. This may 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.



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Clearly politicians have their a job to do in ensuring that young people are offered meaningful work opportunities. But even then, work and the money employment provides cannot by itself fill the spiritual void that many people feel, whether old or young. Human beings were made by God and for God and it is only as we enjoy fellowship with him that we will find true fulfilment in life.

Jesus came to reconnect us with God. He died on the Cross to remove our sin that acts as a barrier between us and our Maker. Through the power of his resurrection Jesus is able to give life and hope to all who believe in him. Not that following Jesus will automatically get someone a job, or deal with all their problems. But knowing the reality of his love gives people something to live for even in the bleakest of circumstances.

Pastor: Guy Davies www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Events:

Coffee Morning, 1 February, 10am-12 noon.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING (All children in School Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend)

SATURDAYS: 8 February, 11.00am – 12.30pm

GAMES, STORIES & CRAFTS. Voluntary donation of 50p per child per session

Further details from Kate Andrews (tel 01225 767229). All staff are CRB cleared

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