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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st June 7th after Easter	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
8th June Pentecost	11.00 am United Service With Trinity at Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
15th June Trinity Sunday	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 (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd June 1st after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am World War 1 Commem- eration		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	

Calendar of Services in the Lavingtone, Choverelle & Easterton

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell*

9.30. JAM Club

Old School

10.30 am

Communion

Cluster

29th June

2nd after Trinity

10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington* 17th and 24th February

Service

11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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

Dear Friends.

In this country we just turn on the tap; in many parts of the world they are less fortunate, often having to fetch water from a considerable distance.

There is an apocryphal story of a water-bearer in India who had two large pots; both were hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot always arrived half full.

The poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to only do half a job. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water-bearer one day by the stream: 'I'm ashamed of myself and I want to apologise to you. I've been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do extra work and you don't get full value for your efforts.'

The bearer said to the pot, 'Did you notice that there are flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I've always known about your flaw. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day while we walk back you've watered them. For two years I've been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

That is a picture of how God looks upon us. When I went to theological college everyone seemed multi-talented; it took me a long time to realise that God liked me the way I was and had also given me gifts. We each want our lives to count for something. Appreciating and using what God has given us rather than wishing we had other talents. and helping other do the same, is a recipe for a contented and fulfilled life.

James Campbell

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Sunday 22nd June at 9.30

Hymns, readings, poems and rededication of War Memorial for the three added names of servicemen of the village.

EVERYONE WELCOME

The Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton Two Guest Evenings The Old School, Market Lavington

7.30pm-Supper; 8.15pm-Talk; 9.30pm-end

Tuesday 3rd June Peter and Miranda Harris 'Faith and Family on the Move'

Tuesday 1st July Simon Láwry-White 'Jesus said, "The poor you always have with you." Was he wrong?'

All welcome to these occasions. Please contact the Office 01380 816963 if you'd like to come JMC

"CLUSTER" SERVICE St. Marys Church, Market Lavington 29th June at 10.30

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LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be held in West Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday, June 18th at 7.15 p.m. when Ray Broughton will talk on Science for Gardners.

The subject of this month's competition will be a Plate of New Potatoes.

GREAT CHEVERELL CLOTH ROAD ART WEEK EXHIBITION

A big thank you to all the exhibitors and visitors who helped to make last month's exhibition a great success. Special thanks to Mags Kennedy and Brenda Nock whose super teas and cakes (with help from some wonderful donated cakes) raised £180 which is being shared between Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Local Alzheimer's Charity and the Village Hall.

Mick and Christabel Davey

WW1 Commemoration service - 22nd. June All Saints Church. West Lavington

The service is for the following:-

Standards in their new position within the may become an annual event in the Village church.

To dedicate the additional new names on the War Memorial

members and also past and present will be garden produce, cakes and other members of our armed forces will attend items on sale. We hope to see you there. this important event.

Michael Challinor. Chairman West Lavington Branch, **Royal British Legion**

CANCER RESEARCH UK Annual Coffee Morning

The Cancer Coffee Morning, held on May 11th in West Lavington Village Hall on May 10th, raised £1,050. My thanks to all those who ran stalls or who gave raffle prizes or who attended.

Mary Diccox

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Spring Fayre in aid of the Village Hall Improvement Fund raised a grand total of £960. The Committee would like to thank all our sponsors, helpers and everyone who contributed to making this event a The rededication of the British Legion very enjoyable day. It is hoped that this calendar.

Our next event will be a Strawberry Cream Tea to be held on the afternoon of the 28th It is hoped that as many British Legion June on the patio of the Village Hall. There

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

On the patio West Lavington Village Hall



On the patio West Lavington Village Hall Saturday 28th June 3pm - 5-ish Plus Cakes/Produce Stall All proceeds to the Hall Improvement Fund

on this month What's

LAVENDER DAVY Lavender the Choir Mistress

"Come in when I tell you except when I get it wrong"

Lavender was the All Saints Choir Mistress for over 30 years. She was enthusiastic and ambitious, deciding on a choral work, much to our trepidation, and always pulled it off. She produced anthems and choral pieces for all the great church festivals and national occasions, *Zadok the Priest* for the Queen's Jubilee being a highlight. The choir year always culminated in the Carol Service and Supper, often for over 100, which she also organised. Some years ago she decided the choir was too tired after Christmas so had the Choir Christmas Party in July around her swimming pool with one of her famous quizzes and has done so every year since. A choir was always available for weddings and funerals, culminating sadly with her own. Her final triumph was conducting *Fauré's Requiem* on Good Friday only three days before her death. Poignantly, we sang parts of it at her funeral a week later. Lavender loved "her" choir and had huge faith in our modest abilities. We owe it to Lavender to keep on singing – and we will. *The Choir*

Lavender the Parishioner

The word that comes to mind as I think of Lavender is 'Family'.

First there is her flesh and blood family. The only child who loved people and had six children of her own — and wished she'd had more! Seeing and hearing 'Her Story' and knowing the family, I'm struck by what fun they all must have had. That is borne out by the obvious affection that the children as adults have for their parents. So much of the credit for that must go to Hugh whose very different gifts enabled Lavender to blossom into the person she was.

Then, second, there is the aspect of 'Family' in relation to this Church and Community. Lavender fostered 'Family' within the Choir that she loved and led for over 30 years. Lavender was a key part in fostering the mutual care and support that exists within the Church congregation; similarly within the wider community of West Lavington and Littleton Panell. It wasn't all about Lavender, but whatever the event, so often she was there; and being Lavender, not just sitting quietly in the wings. *James Campbell*

Lavender the Fund Raiser

The phone rings. "Chair here" (Lavender) asking for "Treasure" (Michael). It is time for a committee meeting as an event is imminent.

Christmas, Mobile Suppers, Wine Tasting, welcoming new vicars and saying goodbye to retiring ones, the Social & Fund Raising Committee has provided food and drink for all these and more over two decades.

Money raised by Lavender's committee has restored the church clock, bought music and cassocks, helped supply a new boiler and church windows and supported a junior choir. All done with a minimum of fuss organised by Lavender who had a knack of rallying people to help and a complete faith that it would be alright on the night...it always was. *Judy Page*

Lavender the Friend

I owe everything I do in this village to Lavender. Before we had even moved in to the village she had recruited me to help her at the Dauntsey's School Shop and now I run it as a full time job. She encouraged me to join the Church Choir and the Choral Society and the Social and Fundraising Committee. She organised some splendid events for the village. We had some wonderful laughs over the years I worked for her and she was a good friend. On arriving in West Lavington people would ask me if I had been "Lavendered" yet. I now know why. I shall miss her. Bonnie Matters

Lavender the Neighbour

Where is the village centre, the hub, the focal point? The village hall? A pub? Once it was the church, but I would propose somewhere else entirely; Lavender and Hugh's garden. It wasn't always so. Indeed, in the 1970s I recall little more than the annual Christmas ritual, when at noon on Christmas Day four Parish boys would confront a rather greater number of Davys across the hedge which attempted to separate us, and there one small army would yell insults at the other about the inadequacy and inferiority of their Christmas jumpers. Oh, there was also the annual bonfire and fireworks on the other side of that hedge, which took place in all weathers but my main recollection is of freezing rain and consequent damp squibs.

But it was not until the construction of the swimming pool that The Garden acquired its true status. It became a great centre for barbecues in aid of various causes, treasure hunts, games, and of course swimming for all. We were then much more frequent visitors, as were most people in the surrounding villages, it would seem.

Having captured so many children, Lavender put them to work by introducing them to the world of the theatre, and a junior branch of the village Dramatic Society undertook a string of outdoor productions in what might be described as Center Parcs, West Lavington.. By then we had moved house, with typical adventurousness, about 50 yards. We remained Lavender and Hugh's neighbours, but were now separated by a different hedge. I rather think that our new location gave us an even better aural view of these plays, and during the weeks of rehearsal we were very happy to hear the excited shrieks and chatter (of the grown-ups) and the incessant 'When can we swim?' from the children. Happy noises, happy times. It all seems horribly quiet now. Maybe Philippa can do something about that. Bill Parish

Lavender - View from New Zealand

Lavender's dedication to family, community and faith was utterly remarkable. Hers was a life well-lived through these deeply held values, shared with Hugh in an enduring and loving partnership.

Lavender was a force of nature, unselfconsciously stylish with her love of colour, just like her garden: a bright pink handbag, a tropical print skirt, a canary yellow convertible. Like her sparkling April birthstone, the diamond, she embodied vitality, resilience and clarity. Generous, forthright, determined, articulate and confident, her sense of humour and love of life was inspiring. She had a profound influence on me and my family, and we are all privileged to have known and loved her. *Sarah Davy*

EXHIBITION OF SCULPTURE

Coming To West Lavington Manor

In June the garden at West Lavington Manor looks lovely. This year the garden will be filled with contemporary sculpture by leading artists from Wiltshire and beyond. A popup shop with the theme Moods of Summers 1914 – 2014 will have work for immediate sale. Light refreshments will be served throughout by the West Lavington Youth Club and the Mothers' Union. And other good causes will benefit too. The organisers hope to raise enough funds to sponsor an arts project in 2015 and for another exhibition in 2016. Youth Action Wiltshire and the Swindon and Wiltshire Community Foundation are both holding fundraising evenings and Dorothy House is organising an evening picnic concert.

We hope residents in the Lavingtons will help all of these good causes by coming along during the exhibition as well as spreading the word elsewhere.

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MARY TROTTER AND THE BELLRINGERS

Mary Trotter, who died in March, lived in West Lavington all her life and was very active in the community. As well as singing in the church choir, Mary and her husband Bill, rang regularly at All Saints, West Lavington becoming members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in the early 1960's. Mary was Tower Captain for several years and continued ringing until the year 2000. At the Devizes Branch Meeting of SDGR on 3 May, members rang at All Saints, West Lavington, in tribute of Mary's long service, energy and enthusiasm.

The origins of change ringing lie in the 16th century when church bells began to be hung with a full wheel. This gave ringers control of their bell, which allowed sets of bells (rings) to be rung in a continuously changing pattern. Music is created by moving bells up and down the ringing order to a defined sequence of changes known as a method. Learning a few simple methods allows ringers to join in with other bands in towers all over the world.

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All Saints, West Lavington, has a ring of six bells rung from the ground floor and learners are always very welcome. If you are interested in learning this traditional skill and becoming a member of the team, please contact Pat Chapman (Tower Captain) on 01380 724154 or Julia Russell on 01380 816056. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Bumblebee gathering nectar and pollinating in Erlestoke woods

Did you know that Bumblebees have smelly feet? Well they do and it's quite useful! After feeding they leave a scent on the flower which helps other bumblebees to avoid wasting energy landing on a flower that contains very little nectar or pollen.

Things you can do to help the Bumblebee survive: British gardens cover more than 1 million acres and can be a lifeline for bumblebees. No matter how small your garden, you can contribute to save the sound of summer by providing lots of bee-friendly flowers throughout the year. By bee-friendly we mean flowers that are rich in pollen and nectar. Many ornamental plants that are commonly found in British gardens, such as pansies and begonias, are of no value to wildlife. Years of cultivation for showy blooms mean that these colourful flowers often produce little pollen or nectar. There are hundreds of beautiful flowers that do offer these rewards though, including foxgloves, lavender, geraniums, herbs and wild roses that you can add to your collection and help save the humble Bumblebee!

West Lavington Church Fete Saturday 12th July

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EDITOR'S NOTES

A reminder to contributors that next month's edition of News and Views also covers the month of August

Jim Hodges

WEST LAVINGTON SURVIVORS OF WORLD WAR ONE

Having completed the book, Lest We Forget, about the people recorded on our war memorial, I am now working on a book about the West Lavington men who marched off to war and managed to survive the experience.

So far I have researched 115 names, mostly taken from the Roll of Honour in the church. However this list only covers men who volunteered before the end of 1915. It doesn't cover men who enlisted, either voluntarily or under conscription from 1916 onwards.

There is no scientific method of obtaining this information. I have trawled through the 1911 census and identified some additional men, and I have also obtained a few names from Ros Hooper's photographic collection. However there will be many I have missed.

If you know of anyone with connections to West Lavington, who fought in WWI and survived, please let me have whatever you information you know. And if you have a photograph of the person, that would be excellent.

Your own WWI ancestors

I am always on the look-out to find ways of raising money for the Youth Club. If your family had no connection with West Lavington at that time, I will be happy to do some research to try to find out what your ancestors did during the war, for a small donation of £5-£10 to the West Lavington Youth Club.

Many service records were destroyed during a bombing raid in WW2, and it is often not possible to find much. If I can't find anything, then of course no donation would be expected.

Just let me have as much information as you know, and I will see what I can do... regardless of where the person came from. You never know; if enough people are interested there may be another book in it! If you have already researched your WWI ancestors and would like to provide me with your findings, I'll record the information and if a book of Our Ancestors in WWI" becomes viable, I can include them.

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In years to come when all the commemorative activities marking the centenary of World War One have been completed, what will our community be able to look back on and say we did? So that a fitting and lasting tribute is paid to all those who suffered in the War to End All Wars a group of local people have come together to help organise events and activities for the community which we hope will appeal to everyone.

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

The Lavington and District WWI Commemoration Group

We meet every last Tuesday in the month in the Old School at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our first event will be a concert on Saturday 28thJune in the Community Hall, Market Lavington. This date is significant as it was on that day 100 years ago a Serbian student (a member of the Black Hand Gang) shot dead the heir apparent to the Austro Hungarian throne as he was driven through the streets of Sarajevo in an open topped car. Unknown to everyone

at the time this single event lit the fuse that eventually triggered World War One.

The concert will feature songs and music from the period that people from our community back in those days would have been familiar with. We have been lucky to secure the services of local musicians including the Community Choir, Market Lavington Concert Band, soloists plus pupils from local schools.

In 1914 the country was gearing up for a war; there was tremendous excitement and patriotism evident in the land. This mood will be reflected in the music of the concert.

Please look out for the posters which will provide further details and information on how to buy tickets.





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News & Views, June 2014

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Coming up soon will be our Paint-balling trip; if you want to join us, get yourself to the Youth Club and put your name on the list. Member attendance numbers are increasing so do not leave it too late.

What else would you like to do this Summer? Let us know. Come on down and join in the fun.

7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Seniors at West Lavington Monday

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

Thank you all for your continued support.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

If you live in one of the villages where this parish magazine is distributed, you can't have missed the fact that the army is close by.

You will have heard the big guns and, sometimes, will have been shaken by the explosions. You will have seen the flares at night and will have heard the rattle of machine oun fire. You may have observed the occasional convoys of exotic-looking vehicles on our roads or may have driven past as they waited to cross the public highway. You will have looked up as planes and helicopters fly low over our heads.

For most of us, these are reassuring signs of the presence of our defence forces. For some, however, they may also be reminders of the sounds and sights of conflict many years ago when our nation was in peril and when our brave men and women put their lives on the line to uphold our civilization against the forces of barbarity.

It is right that, over the coming months and years, we will remember the horrific carnage that took place a century ago because we owe our freedoms to that sacrifice. While that conflict marked the end of the glorious empires of the 19th century, it also marked the beginning of much that is good in the modern world.

I will write again about how I believe many positives came out of the horrors of war (technology, emancipation, etc.). Nevertheless, the very fact that the army is here on our doorstep is proof that, despite two world wars and a Cold War, the victory of good over evil is not yet complete.

In Wiltshire, therefore, we are honoured that nearly 5,000 more soldiers and their families (a total of about 8,000 people) will be stationed here as the MoD withdraws units from our bases in Germany over the next few years. The county will be the largest recipient of rebasing of any area in the country. Thousands of more families will need thousands of more homes, more school places, more doctors, etc. etc. Their presence will stimulate our economy in general and the business of the army will promote science and technology industries in the county in particular.

If the army will save our national way of life, will increase our local prosperity and will expand the opportunities for our young people, then I hope we can all put up with the bangs.

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

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		Lay-by in High Street	10.30-10.45
ı	West Lavington	School	10.50-12.10

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

I am writing to you as the new chairman of the Parish Council succeeding Liz Evans who has chaired the Council for three years. We have a new deputy chairman as well, Mike May, who takes over from Michael Page. Both Liz and Michael will continue as members of the Council.

In her last year as chairman, Liz was responsible, among many other things, for welcoming six new members to the Council. We took the opportunity at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 16th in the Village Hall to acknowledge with flowers and a box of chocolates her tremendous support to the community during her time as Chairman. As well as reports from many village organisations outlining what they have been doing in the past year and what they will be doing in the year ahead, the Annual Parish Meeting featured a presentation on the progress of the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan, including an explanation regarding identification of sites for potential development. My fellow councillors and I wish to thank everyone who spoke at the meeting and who attended. I would like too to thank Wendy Collins, who is stepping down as councillor, for her contribution. Anyone wishing to apply for the seat vacated by Wendy is invited to contact the Clerk to the Council, Peter Baxter (whose details appear below).

Finally, I have an update for you on the proposed Zebra crossing on the A360 near the entrance to Dauntsey's School; the consultation has concluded and work on installation of the crossing is scheduled to begin on August 4th.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

Finally, 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



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

What a fantastic term we have had. The children have really enjoyed our investigations into 'healthy eating and keeping healthy'. We have talked a lot about where certain foods are grown and have originated from. All the children have been involved in making and painting clay bowls for clay food and they have been using scissors to cut out pictures of food and have each made a healthy eating collage. As part of the topic we have all enjoyed creating and tasting some delicious food including Pizzas,

Biscuits and Fruit kebabs. This topic has tied in nicely with the planting we did last term with Phillipa McKinnon of 'Mossy Green Feet'. The raised beds in the front garden are growing beautifully and they have provided a great base for discussions about healthy food and where our food comes from.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have supported our topic this term by sending in lots of interesting food packaging or pictures of food, we found lots of different uses for them.

In term 6 we are looking forward to investigating boats and the coast and we are busy planning a summer trip. I look forward to telling you all about it next month.

EASTER TRIKE RIDE AND RAFFLE: Sponsorship money from our annual trike ride has been coming in this term with still some yet to come. As soon as we have a total amount raised from this event we will let you know.

ANNUAL PRE-SCHOOL DISCO: Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Disco on Saturday 10th May. Thanks to the hard work of our fundraising committee it was well attended and was a great success.

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

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

Schools News

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

The New Art Centre

We are delighted with the new Art Centre which has been commissioned in the building that used to be the Great Cheverell Preschool. Holy Trinity bought the building from the Trustees of

the Preschool when they ceased trading. We would like to welcome anyone who has had anything to do with the Great Cheverell Preschool, whether as a parent, a pupil or a staff member, to come to Holy Trinity on Wednesday 2nd July from 2.15 p.m. – 3.15p.m. to see how the building is now being used by the primary school. There will be refreshments and a chance to look around the building and chat to people you may have known when you had a connection with the Preschool. We welcome everyone no matter how long ago they were involved or how tenuous their connection.

SATS

In May, all our Year 6 children took part in the compulsory Government assessments at the end of Key Stage 2 - the so-called SATS. We ensure that children are well prepared for these assessments and that they enjoy the week as much as possible. The results of the SATS are the primary measure that the Government uses to judge primary schools and it is largely on the basis of our performance in the SATS that we are judged to be "Outstanding". However, we are always keen to point out that our work as an outstanding school involves far more than just educating children to a high standard in English and Maths. At Holy Trinity, we emphasise the growth and development of the whole child, spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally and socially – that is what really makes our children great! We are very proud of their integrity as young people, with the values of Compassion, Courage, Aspiration and Joy at the heart of all they do.

Clubs

We like to make sure that our children can take part in special interest clubs after school and at lunch times. At various times in the year, we offer Cricket club, Summer/Winter Sports, Athletics club, Handbells club, Judo, Chess club, School Choir, Gardening club, Multisports club (for the youngest children), Clay Modelling club and Ukulele club. We also offer our children the chance to play a variety of instruments with peripatetic music tutors coming into school to offer these lessons. We are especially grateful for those clubs run by volunteers. Their enthusiasm helps children to widen their interests in a variety of areas.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please visit the school website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or phone us on 01380 813 796.



Our May meeting was a delightful lunch at the beautiful home of Terry and Jeannie O'Flynn; we are so grateful to them for their generosity, and I personally am full of praise

to the M.U. team for the lovely meal they provided for our quests. If only the weather had been more clement, we could have enjoyed the garden too.

We have no formal meeting in June, but we are supporting the West Lavington Youth Club with the refreshments for the West Lavington Manor Sculpture and Open Garden Scheme.

Please remember the Church Fete on July 12th when we would be grateful for cakes, jams, pickles, marmalade and any produce you can spare from the garden. Thank you.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our French friends will be arriving in West Lavington on 13th June. We must have made a good job last time because there are a record 37 coming, including 3 families with children. We would dearly like to attract more younger families to the West Lavington Twinning Association (as indeed would most village organisations!)

Members who are not hosting can join in the festivities on a number of occasions throughout the weekend including limited places available at the Hog Roast on the Sunday evening. Please call me for details.

Lyn Dyson's book on The British Airmen at St Pierre d'Autils, based on the history of life in France when the aircraft was shot down over St Pierre during the Second World War, is still available from myself, Lyn Dyson or Amazon at a cost of £8.75. For each book sold there will be a donation of £1 to the RAF Benevolent Association, and the rest of the profits will go to the Twinning Association to fund future visits.

If you would like to order a copy, please contact Lyn on 01380 813943, or myself on 818510.

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

Michael Page. Secretary (01380 818510)

CHEVERELL CAMERA CLUB

Another well attended meeting enjoyed a very informative session on "Depth of Field" led by Professor John Hannavy. John explained in a very understandable way and with some very effective slides how the depth of field changes depending on the size of the aperture.

We then discussed a number of members photos on the topic of "Exotic" and "Blue" making some useful comments on what makes a good shot and what might be done to improve a photo.

We also approved a logo designed by Tom Smallman, one of our Junior Members, to use on our communication.

We set themes and topics for the next few meetings:

Month	Theme	Topic/Colour
June 5th	Colour Temperature	Blur/Green
July 3rd	What do these camera buttons do	Water/Magenta
August 7th	TBC	Landscape/Purple
September 4th	Inaugural meeting	

Our Inaugural Meeting will take place in September and we agreed that fees would be £25 Full membership and £5 per annum for Junior membership (under 21).

All meetings are held in The Pavilion, Great Cheverell and new members are welcome at all meetings.

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BOOKMARK

We gathered in April to discuss Perfect, the surprise new novel by Rachel Joyce and Khaled Hosseini's And the Mountains echoed. Members found that although Perfect was intriguing - and definitely worth a second read, it was not deemed as beguiling as The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold



Fry. The story was structured in two parallel narratives, and although the connections between the two were slowly unravelled, the focus required following the busy plot - and dealing with the stark portrayal of mental illness was at times a little tricky. Nonetheless, we felt the novel was well written, containing superb characterizations and scored 8 marks out of 10 from our group.

We all agreed that And the Mountains Echoed contained the 'wow factor' for its emotional opening, which ricocheted throughout the entire novel. Hosseini's third novel set in Afghanistan was deemed a sad but powerful read; informative, tense and absorbing. It was also thought to be confusing as it was written in the first person and spoken by numerous characters over a period of time. We all confessed to much page turning and re-winds to confirm the current narrator, but agreed it was well worth the effort. Although some members felt this novel fell slightly short of *The Kite Runner & A* Thousand Splendid Suns, it still scored 9 out of 10.

One of our members spent a few days in the Brixham area and reported that Agatha Christie's House 'Greenway', bought by the author and her husband in 1938 and now a National Trust property, was well worth a visit. The house features in several murder mysteries, the setting is superb and once in that part of Devon there is the option to travel there by train, boat or bus (the bus being the old 1940s vehicle once used as a mobile library in the TV series *Heartbeat* – a beautifully renovated 'boneshaker'). Agatha Christie apparently didn't have a specific place in the house to write, but there on prominent display sits her faithful Remington Portable – apparently identical to the one many of us learnt to type on. Oh dear! Another piece of our childhood to be found in a museum!

Members will have met again at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday May 28th to mull over two Man Booker prize winning novels – The *Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton and *Offshore* by Penelope Fitzgerald. The former is last year's winner and the longest Man Booker prize novel – and the latter won the award in 1979, being the shortest Mann Биожег prize novel. Our following session will be held on Wednesday July 2nd to discuss Katherine Stansfield's *The Visitor and The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Meanwhile, there's a large glass of wine for every member who completes *The Luminaries* (all 832 pages!) - and I'm afraid I shan't be one of them as I fell by the wayside – on an undisclosed page!

Hild Marrow (hildward@tiscali.co.uk)



heverells what fellow gardeners are up to. We cannot help peeping through hedges or over garden gates for a glimpse of what lies on the other side. So when three of our club

members invited us for a tour of their gardens there was no shortage of people eager to take part in the visits.

We were lucky to have a fine evening for the garden tours. We started in a beautiful, mature and well manicured garden. There were clipped hedges, well stocked borders, topiary shrubs, well shaped trees, and freshly mown lawns. And the vegetable patch was picture perfect. The owner had advised us at the start of the tour that we were welcome to pull out any weeds that we found but, despite looking very carefully, I could not find any.

As we walked to the next garden on our tour it was explained that what we were about to see was nothing like the first garden. And indeed it was very different. The former owner had used his garden as a place to restore old military vehicles. The new owners are artists and designers. They had to start from scratch to create their garden. Their emphasis was on shape and colour. Many of their plants were what is described in the catalogues as architectural and the colour of the foliage seemed important too. They had incorporated fabulous pieces of driftwood into the borders and had arranged bits of old ironwork as pieces of sculpture, and there was a glitterball nestling amongst a clump of driftwood. It looked to me as if some of the sculptures would produce different sounds in different weather and that frost and rain and snow would visually alter them. The garden was a feast to the eyes. The eclectic collection of objets enhanced the experience. It is a garden that will evolve and there is something there for every season.

The final garden on our tour had an old orchard at the end of the garden. Here, beneath the apple trees free range hens were roaming. A luxuriant rambling rose hedge, bursting with buds, divided the orchard from the lawned garden next to the house. When the owners bought the house the garden had been very neglected. But the strucure was there beneath the weeds. And now the garden lives again with beautiful borders and raised beds with very striking layered stonework.

Our annual plant sale will be held in Great Cheverell Village Hall on 31 May, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00. Admission for non members is 50 pence.

On Tuesday 10 June we have the first of a series of Summer outings. We will meet in Great Cheverell Village Hall at 6.45 p.m. to organise transport . We will then visit Wellaway Gardens, Marston. There will be a charge of $\mathfrak{L}5$ for members. The charge for non-members will be $\mathfrak{L}10$.



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'The Badgers'

A big thanks to all the parent and team coaches for their help in developing the children this last season, as we now look forward to next Season after taking notes on skills from the forthcoming World Cup.

As a reminder:

- Annual Fun Day and Open Day, Saturday 7th June at the Lye Fields in Seend, starting at 12.00 and ending approx. 17.00 p.m., all welcome to attend including new potential players
- 2. All players/parents to register on the Pitchero club website for participating next season and payment of fees.

Team News:

- Under 17/18: with new recruits joining mid-season, the team have won some respectable results, winning 3 out of the last 4 matches, with a recent 6 – 1 win against Calne, and losing only narrowly to the league leaders. The team ended joint 3rd.
- U15 with the last two matches ending in scored draws, the team gained a respectable 4th in the league.
- U13 Taking part in a few tournaments, including preparation for the 9-a-side tournament in Saint Marcel (France) on 7/8 June. Squad for next season is starting to take shape, but we are always on the lookout for talent especially in defence.
- U12 mid table, with 21 pts, with recent 6-1 win against Westbury
- U11 2 teams, struggled a bit in their first year at 11-a-side, but developing well.
- U10 mid table, 19 pts, with recent 6-1 away win against Trowbridge.
- U9/8/7 are in so called friendly ('competitive') leagues. Recently the U7, who had a great first season, played in a tournament at Salisbury FC, playing in a group at U8 level but holding up well. Great day out with a tour of the stadium and medals presented by Will Puddy (Salisbury Goalie).
- U6's have a big number of recruits who are doing well in their development.
- Well done to all teams of all ages, and we look forward to next season including the new Under 6's (currently U5 'reception').

Steve Dagnall 01380-72797

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George Peter CADWGAN was baptized on 4th May 2014 at St Peter's, Great Cheverell by Rev James Campbell.

Latia-Alesha May Cicely FLIPPANCE was baptized at All Saints', West Lavington by Rev James Campbell on 4th May 2014.

Isabella Harriet STACPOOLE was baptized on 11th May 2014 at St Mary's, Market Lavington by Rev James Campbell.

FUNERALS

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved.

Alan Edward WESTON of Market Lavington, 42 years old, died 6th March 2014. A private cremation took place on 17th March and a celebration of his life was held at St Mary's, Market Lavington on 1st April 2014.

Ivy Margaret MERRITT of West Lavington died, aged 94 years, on 9th April 2014. Her funeral service at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was followed by burial in the churchyard on 25th April 2014.

Catherine Elizabeth NOSWORTHY of Great Cheverell died 20th April, aged 85 years. Cremation and a service at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell took place on 29th April 2014.

Lavender Ann DAVY of West Lavington died 21st April, aged 82 years. A service of thanksgiving for her life was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 29th April 2014 followed by burial in the churchyard.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 first prize is Ann Cocking of Eastcott. Her ticket no. was 1 – the first time that number has ever won! The second prize of £20 was won by Wendy Brewer of West Lavington.

The draw was done by Sylvia Young of Market Lavington,

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Rich List?

It's that time of year when The Times publishes its annual Rich List. Maybe you've been checking it out to make sure you are on its list of Richest People on Screen, Richest People in Fashion, or what have you. Maybe not. Of course, there's nothing wrong with people being wealthy. Especially if their riches are hard earned and put to good use. But it's difficult for those of us who are unlikely ever to trouble a Times Rich List to avoid just a twinge of envy.

The Christian faith doesn't make a virtue of poverty, but the Bible warns us not to trust in uncertain riches. It encourages those who believe to be contented with their lot and generous towards others. Turning conventional wisdom on its head Jesus said that it is 'more blessed to give than to receive'. He spoke of the folly of those who lay up treasure for themselves, but are not rich towards God.

C. T. Studd was involved in the original Ashes cricket match against Australia. As a child of wealth and Cambridge graduate Studd had the world at his feet. But he gave away his inheritance and became a missionary in China. His life's motto was, "If Jesus Christ is God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." That's what it means to be 'rich towards God'. Are you on that Rich List?

Coffee Morning, join us for a cuppa and a chat, 3rd May, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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