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November 2014



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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>2nd November 4th Before Advent</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am All Saints' Day Patronal Communion	11.00 am Family Communion and Baptism	11.00 am Simple Celebration	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
<b>9th November Remembrance Sunday</b>	10.45 am Remembrance	10.45 am Remembrance	10.30 am Remembrance	6.00 pm Remembrance	12.15 pm Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
<b>16th November 2nd before Advent</b>	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)
<b>23rd November Christ the King</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club, Old School, ML	11.00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
<b>30th November Advent Sunday</b>		6.00 pm Advent Carols			10.30 am Benefice Parish Communion

**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**  
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**Dear Friends,**

Last Monday (13th October) I was driving down to Lee Abbey, a Christian Conference Centre and Retreat House on the North Devon coast near Lynton. On the A303 near Tisbury after about 45 minutes I received a two word text message from home: 'Suitcase here'. A toothbrush is one thing, but to leave everything behind on a three day trip gave me no option but to turn round.

Forgetting things is often frustrating: where we put something, people's names, who said what to whom about what and so on...and it only gets worse with the passing years. Forgetting does have its positive side: forgetting those hurtful words and actions that we have been on the receiving end of. That is seldom easy and often needs a considerable act of will to achieve, but can be deeply liberating. There are many more things that we forget but we wish hadn't: those many little acts of kindness, those words of encouragement and empathy.

This year as we remember again around 11th November, we shall especially recall the sacrifice made 100 years ago, the first winter of the Great War. It is perhaps the poets above all who have ensured that we do not forget. Laurence Binyon's 'They grow not old, as we that are left grow old...' are perhaps the best known lines of poetry in the English language. Rupert Brooke's 'The Soldier' ('If I should die...') is deeply moving. But today it is anger and despair of their fellow poets in the trenches that perhaps resonate most. Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum est' powerfully captured the horror of war. Owen was killed in action seven days before the war ended, though Brooke had died in 1915 from the effects of a mosquito bite.

It was probably a decade after the end of the war before the poets' contribution was fully recognised and honoured. In a country where virtually every family was bereaved, it was easier to remember the acts of bravery and the hard-won victory than the slaughter and suffering. A century on we can appreciate the strange paradox that the most brutal of wars produced not just acts of great valour and self-sacrifice but also some of the finest poetry of modern times.

**James Campbell**

**Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell** Tel. (01380) 816963  
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Devizes, SN10 4DT.  
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Office email churchlavington@gmail.com

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

**St. Peter's Church, Little Cheverell  
 COFFEE MORNING IN  
 THE VILLAGE HALL  
 Saturday 29th November  
 10.30 - 12 Noon**

Come and enjoy meeting your friends  
 over cakes and coffee.  
 Bring and Buy food items for cake and  
 produce tables most welcome. Christmas  
 Cards for sale – RAFFLE etc.  
 Proceeds for the running of the Church.

**GREAT CHEVERELL FRIENDS  
 AND NEIGHBOURS**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday  
 5th November at 3.00 p.m. in the Village  
 Hall. Our Christmas tea party will be on  
 Wednesday 3rd December. We welcome  
 any one who would like to come and share  
 our Christmas celebrations. So if you have  
 not joined us before why not come along  
 for an afternoon tea.

Wendy Wilshin

**EARLY WARNING**

A notice for dog owners etc. Dauntsey's  
 School will be holding their Annual Bonfire  
 Night at the Dauntsey's Manor House on  
 Sunday, 9th November at 7 p.m.

**The Lavingtons, Cheverells &  
 Easterton with Trinity Church  
 GUEST EVENING at St Barnabas Church, Easterton  
 'HAS SCIENCE MADE GOD UNNECESSARY?'**

**Wednesday 3rd December**

Join us for Supper at 7.30pm or at  
 8.15pm when Roger Morgan will be  
 speaking and leading discussion.

Roger worked as a mathematician and  
 taught maths at Cambridge University for  
 seventeen years. His research interests  
 lay in building mathematical models of  
 management systems and he has gained  
 extensive experience as a management  
 consultant. Working with others from  
 different disciplines he helped to found the  
 university's Department of Management  
 Studies and became its head for several  
 years.

In 1983 his world was turned upside down  
 by the death of his wife, Ruth, at the age  
 of 41, just as they were contemplating a  
 move from the university world into full  
 time ministry with the Church of England.  
 Eventually Roger remarried (to Alison) and  
 became a vicar, first in Corby and then  
 in Leicester. Roger and Ruth had three  
 children and Alison and Roger now have  
 three more. Roger retired from full time  
 ministry in 2008 and now lives in Wells in  
 Somerset, where he is an associate of a  
 Christian charity called ReSource. These  
 days he works as a consultant to churches  
 which means a great deal of travelling.

To book your place contact the Benefice  
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**GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL**

We will be having a Bingo Evening on  
 Monday 24th November at 7.30p.m. Why  
 not come for a fun evening? The money  
 raised will be used on funding further  
 improvements to the Village Hall.

Wendy Wilshin

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
 GREAT CHEVERELL**

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday  
 22nd November in the Village Hall from  
 2.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m. There will be home-  
 made cakes, puddings and preserves for  
 sale as well as a Gift Stall with a wide  
 variety of items suitable for Christmas  
 presents. A raffle for a selection of prizes,  
 including a hamper, will be drawn on that  
 afternoon. Tea or coffee will be served.  
 Please come along to help support your  
 Village Church. Items for sale can be given  
 in on the morning of the sale or can be  
 collected by contacting Wendy Wilshin or  
 Pauline Froud.

**DUCK STREET FAIR**

Anna Grew and Bo Miles-Hobbs would like  
 to thank all those who supported this annual  
 event in early October by donations or by  
 their custom. The total sum of £4,300 was  
 raised in support of the following causes  
 and charities – CRUK, Rowdeford School.  
 ROC and Rainbow Centre.

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT  
 GARDENING CLUB**

The Annual General Meeting and Social  
 Evening will be held on Wednesday  
 November 19th at 7.15 p.m. at Wyneshore  
 House, White Street in West Lavington

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
 West Lavington Branch of  
 The Royal British Legion**

Royal British Legion members are invited  
 to muster in White Street from 10.15 a.m.  
 on Sun, 9th November and will then march  
 to All Saints Church at 10.30 a.m. Please  
 feel free to join us if you are a serving  
 member of the Armed Forces or an ex-  
 member. Once again we will be joined by  
 the local Guides and Army cadets. The  
 Remembrance Service will commence at  
 10.45 a.m.

Michael Challinor, Chairman of West  
 Lavington Branch, Royal British Legion

*Friday 31st October*

**7 pm at St Barnabas Church, Easterton  
 A Service for All Souls Day**

At this service we remember the lives of all  
 those who have died in the previous year.  
 Prayers are said and candles lit. You and  
 your family and friends are very welcome  
 to attend this service if you wish to.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
 Poppy Appeal**

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
 takes place this year between 25th  
 October and 11th November. Please give  
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 service personnel and their families. It  
 seems our armed services are into another  
 conflict in the Middle East before they  
 are clear of Afghanistan. History shows  
 that there have been precious few weeks  
 since World War II when our Forces have  
 not been on operations somewhere. They  
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**A Date for your Diary!**

The fourth

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**We need your cakes and jams!**

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### AUTUMN CONCERT 29TH NOVEMBER ST MARY'S STEEPLE ASHTON PRESERVATION TRUST

St Mary's Preservation Trust are proud to announce the details of their forthcoming Autumn concert to be held in St Mary's Church on Saturday 29th November at 7.30 p.m. The concert will include the fabulous Steeple Rocks Choir and the amazing Opus One Swing Band featuring Bernard Wight who are bound to get feet tapping. If the Spring concert was anything to go by, please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment, available at £10 from Steeple Ashton Shop and choir members. For further details please ring Richard Young on 01380 831349.

### DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

Calling all Pink Floyd fans! Purple Fish are performing Dark Side of the Moon once more. After last year's tremendously successful event, for which we would sincerely like to thank all those who supported us, we have been constantly asked if we would do it all again? So, after many cups of tea and discussion the simple answer is yes, we will do it again on Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm at The Corn Exchange, Devizes this time, in aid of Dorothy House. Tickets (£15) available from Devizes Books and [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

### EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks to Marlis Rawlins for the cover picture this month. This splendid composition was produced by Gilly Franklin for the Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Little Cheverell, in October. I am sorry that we do not have the facilities for doing full justice to its colour. **A reminder that there is no issue for January 2015 and therefore all notices for that month should appear in the December issue.**

Jim Hodges

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### THE NESTLING TRUST



On behalf of the Nestling Trust I would like thank everyone who came along to the *Thanks for the Memory* concert on 20th September. It was a wonderful evening filled with nostalgia , and our grateful thanks go to Jane Francis, Peter Cook and Bob Jones whose talents brought to life so many favourite melodies and songs.

We would also like to thank Tim Gravina for his expertise in dealing with the sound aspects and Fiddington Hill Nurseries who provided the beautiful shrubs, which created such a lovely garden-like setting for the evening.

Through your amazing support we have been able to raise £2600 towards the home for destitute and abused children of Nepal. We are now awaiting the detailed plans which are being drawn up; following this we will receive tenders from at least three construction companies and will then be in a position to commence building.

Do follow our progress on both the Children's Home building and also the Healthcare project in the remote village of Marbu. Our website is [www.nestlingtrust.co.uk](http://www.nestlingtrust.co.uk) I am also very happy to come along to groups/schools/clubs etc. to talk about our work in Nepal.

Sue Hamblin

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### WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

We were lucky to welcome Kate Howden and Paul Jones for a truly entertaining evening on October 3rd. This versatile duo demonstrated their musical skills by playing a number of instruments as well as delivering memorable lyrical songs and amusing repartee. It was wonderful to hear original music played with real talent.

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Village Hall, by donations, providing raffle prizes, helping out on the evening or by coming along to the show. A delightful event that we hope to repeat next year.

Lynne Rayner

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Thanks to the members for their ideas on what trips we can do in future, keep the ideas coming, what else would you like to do, let us know?

Come down to the sessions at West & Market Lavington and join in the fun. If you are not yet a member it is free to join.

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
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Eric Freeman - Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club



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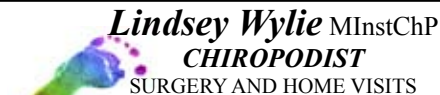
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### 1st Battalion

At the beginning of November the 1st battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment was in Locre, Belgium. They had lost about 350 men and 14 officers, either killed or temporarily out of action after the battle at Neuve Chapelle at the end of October.

On 5th November they marched to Hooze. The roads were very muddy and congested with traffic. They were put in reserve in dugouts in a wood. Over the next few days they found the dugouts were useless against high explosive and common shell, but were good protection from shrapnel. The mornings were foggy, and things were relatively quiet. They made the occasional foray looking for snipers, but found none; there was regular shelling and several men were killed or wounded. On 15th November it started snowing, and the trenches were very wet. On 17th November the battalion executed a bayonet charge when 150 Germans reached their trenches. They were driven out, but 50 Germans were killed and many others were wounded. At the end of that day the battalion had lost 11 killed and 15 wounded.

The weather turned very cold, with snow and freezing conditions. On 21st November after 15 days in the trenches, the battalion marched twelve miles from Hooze to Westoutre, where they expected a more comfortable billet and a rest. On the way, they were shelled by light shrapnel, which caused considerable consternation, and eight men were killed, including Albert Fiddler from Great Cheverell. Twenty one men were wounded.

### Private Albert William Fiddler 6802 Killed in Action 21st November 1914

Albert William Fiddler was born in Easterton in 1886. His father was Thomas Fiddler, a farm carter from Eastcott, and his mother Annie came from Worton.

Albert was the second son and he grew up with seven brothers and sisters. In 1891 the family was living in Bishops Cannings, but by 1901 they had settled in Great Cheverell where Albert and his older brother John were working as under carters.

In 1904, at the age of eighteen, Albert enlisted into the army in the 3rd Wiltshires. At that time he was working for Mr Coleman and the family was living at Great Cheverell Green.

Albert was no longer in the army by 1911, when he was working as an agricultural labourer and lodging with the Ridout family in Little Cheverell. In 1912 he married the daughter of the house, Alice Ridout. They had a daughter, Margery born in 1914.

It isn't clear whether Albert re-enlisted into the 1st Wiltshires before war was declared, or whether he was on the army reserve and was called up. He was in the very first wave of arrivals in France on 14th August 1914.

The regiment was engaged at Mons and Ypres and on 21st November, after spending fifteen days in the trenches, they were shelled on the road between Hooze and Ypres; eight men were killed, including Albert, and twenty- one were wounded. Albert has no known grave but is remembered on the Menin Gate at Ypres and on the war memorials at Bratton and Little Cheverell.

Alice remarried in 1916. Her new husband was William McGuinness, and they had at least two children; Douglas born in 1917 and Kathleen born in 1920.

If anyone has any further information or photographs, please contact Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 or by e-mail: [lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk)





## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Open Days

We invite prospective parents into school for our Open Days on:

Thursday 6th November  
Thursday 20th November.

Open Days run from 9.30am until 2.15pm, there is no need to book.

### Oak Class Plas Pencelli Trip

Oak Class had a fantastic time at Plas Pencelli. They took part in Canoeing, Caving, Rock Climbing, Night Orienteering and even tackled the 'Dingle Descent'.

### Let's Grow and Tubs4Tablets

We are collecting the Morrison's Let's Grow and the Flora Tubs4Tablets vouchers. These are a very valuable resource and we would be grateful for any donations of them. Vouchers can be left at our School Office.



Mandy Francis Admin. Asst.



## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Beautiful Autumn

Our children have, as ever, really enjoyed our lovely school grounds this Autumn. We are fortunate to have on site a small area of woodland (which the children call Bluebell Wood) and many other beautiful and exciting areas where children can learn and explore. Some children have learnt about the work of Andy Goldsworthy, and have completed some outstanding art in his style this term. Other children have done really carefully executed observational drawings using the "gifts" from our Harvest thanksgiving celebration.

### Cooking Lessons

Every week we have cooking lessons in our new Art Centre (which also has a great kitchen attached). Children learn about healthy eating, good nutrition, hygiene, health and safety in the kitchen and they prepare a series of little meals. Amongst the food they have experimented with this term are fruit ice cream, fruit crumbles, pizza and salsa. A lot of science, geography and other areas of the curriculum are enriched by the cooking experience.

### Clubs

Gardening club grew some enormous pumpkins this year – and some very tiny ones as well! These formed part of our Harvest display. They have made sure that our grounds always look lovely, with flowers, fruit and vegetables growing in abundance. Street surfing was popular this term, and children could choose to take part in various other special interest clubs as well including football, netball, cricket, judo, ukulele, handbells, junk modelling, book club and chess.

Please do come and look at our school if you are considering sending your child here. We do not hold open days – we like to meet each family individually and show you our school. Contact us on 01380 813 796 or look at our webpage where there is lots more information about our school. [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk).

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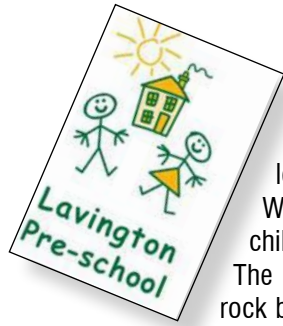
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**Timetable November-December 2014**  
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Great Cheverell	Lay-by near school	9.45-10.00
Great Cheverell	The old school	10.05-10.20
Littleton Panell	Lay-by in High Street	10.30-10.45
West Lavington	School	10.50-12.10



## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term the children have really enjoyed their investigations into our topic area, 'The Weather'. They have made snowflakes, sunshine and rainbows; we have been on weather walks and looked at the autumn colours and listened to the autumn noises.

We have also talked about the Hindu festival of Diwali with the children and we made some coloured lanterns with jars and tea lights.

The children have done some fabulous cooking this term creating rock buns and jam tarts. We have been lucky enough to be visited by Active Trowbridge a couple of times this term for an hour of fun filled

physical activities, concentrating on developing their gross motor movement. Next term the children's investigations will be 'All About Winter' and we will be incorporating talking about Christmas and other family celebrations.

**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 week is from communication and language in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), Listening and Attention 40 - 60 months, if your child is having trouble focusing on an activity "Use sand timers to help extend concentration for children who find it difficult to focus their attention on a task".

**AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th November, 2014, at 7.30pm at the Pre-school.** Everyone is invited to attend and if you are interested in getting more involved in the Pre-school Committee please come along as we are looking for new Committee members. We promise lots of fun and laughter! Being on the Committee can be really rewarding and allows you a unique insight into the running and ethos of the setting.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT INDOOR MARKET:** Please come along to our **Christmas Craft Indoor Market** on the 19th November from 7-9 p.m. at West Lavington Village Hall. Our Christmas Craft Indoor Market is a great way to top up your Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a mince pie and a chat with your friends.

**CUSHIONS:** We are in the process of creating a relaxing reading environment and would really appreciate any donations of bean bags, cushions and/or cushion covers. Thank you.

**OPEN DAY:** We will be having an open day on Thursday the 20th November from 9 to 11.30am and 1pm to 3pm for all potential parents;, if you know anyone who might be interested in coming to look around please let them know.

**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](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: [info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk)

## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

November may see some interesting developments in the realm of strategic planning in Wiltshire and in the local scene too. Close to the top of my wish-list is that the inspection of Wiltshire draft Core Strategy will be completed and that a final recommendation by the Inspector to approve the Strategy will be sent to the Secretary of State.

It is more than two and a half years since the base document of the Strategy was published in February 2012. It was approved by the Council in June 2012 and then submitted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

A whole year passed before the inspection process actually got underway in the form of public hearings in mid-2013. Evidently, those hearings did not tick all the boxes and I understand that the subsequent correspondence between the Council and the Inspector has since reached a record level. The Inspector's letters can all be seen on the Council's website

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshirecorestrategy/wiltshirecorestrategyexamination.htm> .

A final public hearing was held in late September 2014 so, with luck, the Inspector's report will now soon emerge.

Not only has this long process placed a substantial administrative burden on Wiltshire's strategic planning staff; it has left development control procedures in a difficult interim position. Until adoption, the draft Strategy can only be given limited weight when making planning decisions. At the same time, less weight can be given in this area to the old Kennet Local Plan, which was adopted in 2004 and is now pretty out of date.

Neighbourhood Plans, which are intended to put local meat on the bones of the Core Strategy, are even further behind. Many groups of worthy volunteers at parish and town level are ploughing through some pretty heavy bureaucratic processes in the hope of setting out the local vision.

In the meantime, there are no substantive local planning policies on which to base development control decisions. In this limbo, the high-level National Planning Policy Framework is the only definitive document. It is written in general terms but the underlying theme is a presumption in favour of development.

In many places, developers have sought to take advantage of the weakness of local planning controls to propose unsuitable schemes. One such scheme for a development of 25 houses outside Great Cheverell was put forward by Gladman Developments Limited, which was rightly refused by Wiltshire Council's planning officers. The applicant's appeal will be heard by during the course of November. The proposals would not accord with the Core Strategy or the old Kennet Local Plan. I hope the Inspector will agree the development is not welcome.

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

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

As reported last month, works to repair the surface of the BMX track have been completed. However, in the interests of safety, parents are asked to ensure that their young people wear protective helmets, knee pads etc. while using the track.

The six new dog waste bins are now in place around the perimeter of the recreation grounds. Dog-fouling is harmful to the environment and presents a serious risk to health, particularly to young people playing in areas where dogs may have fouled. Therefore, please be sure to clear up after your dog. The bins are there for that purpose.

Plans for installation in the parish of three defibrillators are now at an advanced stage. Sites providing the necessary supply of electricity and space to affix the cabinets housing the equipment have been secured at regular intervals along the A360. The defibrillators will be located at the Bridge Inn, the Village Hall and the bus stop in Littleton Panell. When ready for use, training will be provided to the public. Please keep an eye out for information regarding time and venue.

Resurfacing roadworks in Eastfield and the Spinney are anticipated for November. Please watch out for more information

### Sandra Gamble, Chairman

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

If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT The Clerk to the Parish Council, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or [clerkpc@sky.com](mailto:clerkpc@sky.com)  
Parish Website [www.westlavington.info](http://www.westlavington.info)

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th October

**Planning Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council.**14/07621/TCA – 35 High Street – Fell Willow – No Objections, 14/07480/TPO – 42 High Street – various tree works – Approved

### Applications for discussion and comment.

14/08331/FUL – Cavalier, Great Cheverell – First Floor extension with pitched roof, single storey entrance hall extension with flat roof, over cladding of existing brickwork to all elevations.

The Parish Council responded as follows: owing to the size of the original property will the total footprint including the new development exceed planning laws re footprint size? And the proposed cladding is out of character with the area of The Green.

**Grants Awarded.** The council was approached by the Village Fete Committee for help with purchasing a new marquee and twenty tables. A grant of £900 (half the total purchase cost) was agreed but the Parish Council will purchase and insure the items and the Village Fete Committee will reimburse the Parish Council its £900 share from this year's raised funds and next year's. The equipment will be available for other village organisations to use.

**Dog Fouling.** It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention that not only dog fouling is becoming a problem around the village footpaths but also owners kindly picking up their dogs faeces but leaving the plastic bag containing the waste on the footpath or throwing it into hedges. Would all dog owners please take care to clean up after their dogs and either take the bag containing the waste home or dispose of it in the nearest refuse bin.

**Wiltshire Council** has a new reporting procedure for highways issues as follows:

1. By telephone on 0300 456 0105 (you will receive a report number but not get updates by email).
2. At [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts) (you will have to register or login and will be able to see the progress on all your reports)
3. By downloading the MyWilts application to your smart phone. (You can follow progress on your smart phone or by using the web as in point 2).

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 3rd November at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close.

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## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

30th September

The Council met in the village hall on the evening of 30th September. There were three main topics for discussion.

First the Council received reports of the continued use of Low Road by large HGVs and articulated lorries. The single track lane, with no passing points, is wholly unsuitable for these vehicles and damage to verges and property is inevitably done. Signage at the north end to indicate that Low Road is unsuitable for HGVs has been requested of WCC but has not yet been forthcoming. The newly installed signs at the southern end have now been corrected and no longer indicate that diverted lorries should use Low Road. The Council will continue to press for the correct signage at the northern end. In addition the Council will continue to press for a 20 mph limit to be imposed on the whole of Low Road.

Secondly the Gladman Estates proposal to construct 25 new houses in Great Cheverell was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the access to the new development, through Garston and School Lane, would be wholly inadequate, and would cause serious problems to Little Cheverell from the use of both School Lane and Low Road as access routes. The Council will be represented at the appeal by Gladman against the refusal of planning consent to argue this case. The hearing is due in Trowbridge Council offices in late November.

Finally the Council received a very complete, detailed and thorough review of the footpaths in the parish from Gil Rooke. He has agreed to represent the Council in negotiating and coordinating with the landowners concerned the upgrading of the footpaths and the placement of gates thereon where needed. The thanks of the Council to Mr Rooke for all the work undertaken so far was minuted.

Various planning matters were reviewed and all agreed save one which was referred back for further information.

The next meeting will be held at 1900 hrs on November 25th at the Little Cheverell Village Hall.

### 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.



## LIFE ON THE CIRCUIT

I was somewhat disappointed when I realised that Life on the Circuit was not about Formula 1 Racing but a talk on the Judiciary. I settled down for an episode resembling Rumpole and was not disappointed. I must not go into any details here (I was threatened with instant incarceration) but suffice to say the talk was amusing and very entertaining.

We finished with a Q&A session where Sir Thomas enlightened us on some of the current legal controversies surrounding the judgements from the European Court of Human Rights, which incidentally is a completely separate body from the International Criminal Court. We learned that Circuit judges stay put in a particular court whilst the High Court Judges (based in London), move around the circuit. This on the old premise that simple country folk could not be trusted to administer even-handed justice. Sir Thomas Morison's son's dog joined us and was equally engaging and well behaved. We have a firework party in November followed by a talk on the History of Devizes and the Bear Hotel, at our meeting on the 13th.

Annemarie Seager



We were delighted to welcome Joanne Triffitt to our meeting to talk about, grandparenting/parenting. Joanne gave us statistics about the amount of work and support

grandparents give to their families, and the influence they have. Also their awareness of the internet. All children should have boundaries and respect should be mutual, and parental and grandparents should be fully aware of their control of the internet. We then played a sort of snakes and ladders answering questions on how we would react to different situations; this led to a lot of discussion on our own experiences. It was a very interesting afternoon.

We had a brief discussion on next year's programme. The theme is United in Prayer, and we hope to bring this in to our 2015 programme.

Our next meeting on Monday 10th November the Rev. John Cowburn will lead a short service of Remembrance, and Gordon and Susan Somerville will discuss their families' part in the war. Please remember all are welcome to our meetings

Janet Hodges (812467)





Our October meeting was entitled *Planting with bulbs*. It was a talk with a difference. There were no colour photographs or illustrations. Instead our speaker, Sue Robinson from Hilliers Nurseries, declared that she would just stand in front of the audience and plant up containers and talk to us. It turned out to be a format which worked very well. We were given descriptions of the bulbs she was planting. We also received advice on what to plant at the surface of the containers so that we would have something to look at during Winter while we waited for the bulbs to emerge. She recounted some amusing anecdotes and kept the audience entertained and enthralled. The talk was very informative and littered with useful tips. Here are just ten of the tips that you might like to bear in mind when you plant your bulbs this Winter.

1. Soak your anemone bulbs for 24 hours before planting.
2. Use lime green or blue flowers to link blocks of other colours when designing flower beds or container plantings.
3. When planting irises stagger the planting to extend the season.
4. Plant lily bulbs on their sides so that water does not get into the neck of the bulb.
5. Delay planting tulips until November to prevent them from getting the disease known as tulip fire.
6. Spanish and English bluebells will not mix together in a garden.
7. Dead head your muscari to stop them from self seeding.
8. Put bonemeal in the soil when you plant bulbs. This gives the plants a boost when the soil starts to warm up.
9. Bulbs that feel waxy or are presented in sawdust or sand need to be planted quickly to prevent them from drying out.
10. To get your bulbs off to a flying start, dip them into bulb starter or root grow before planting. These products contain mycorrhizal fungi and other ingredients that stimulate root growth

At the end of the evening there was a scramble to purchase the planted up containers, packets of bulbs and a selection of plants.

On Tuesday 11th November Helen Hall will be giving a talk entitled *Garden Myths*. Helen is an active member of our Garden Club and all who know her will be aware that the evening is bound to be very interesting and entertaining. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome. The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting.



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

It is never too late to start playing football; new members welcome – please contact the relevant team coaches for information on training sessions (contact info on Club website above or google 'Worton and Cheverell FC').

The Website provides updates on team news and results, in addition to membership payment methods via the web. Payments are now due, BUT you will need to be registered on the Club website (both parent and player).

At Adult level, we now have 3 teams: 2 playing on a Saturday in the Trowbridge and District League, with October results being disappointing with a 4-1 loss to Calne and a 9-0 loss to Holt for the 1st team, whilst the Reserves fared slightly better with a 2-3 loss to Bratton and a 2-2 draw against 'The Stiffs' ! One team also plays in the Sunday Chippenham League, who are currently top of the table with 11 points (3 wins, and 2 draws).

Under 12's had a frustrating tie losing 2-4 to Calne, with 4 easy away goals but 2 great goals for the Badgers. Whilst the Under 14's have had a great start to the season with 2 good wins in October – 8-3 against Westbury 'Lions' and an 11-0 win against Westbury 'Tigers'.

Finally, many thanks to Martin Rose – newly appointed honorary Club member for supply of water for line marking at Worton School pitch.

**Steve Dagnall 01380-72796**

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\*Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday 10.45 a.m. at St Mary's Church

\*Sunday 16th 10.30 a.m. Rev Gary Gotham All Age Worship and Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd 10.30 a.m. Janet Ruddick

\*Sunday 30th Advent Sunday Rev Gary Gotham

\*Sundays 9th, 16th and 30th are part of our "Season of Invitation". If you have never been to Trinity and are curious, then these Sundays you are particularly welcome to come and join in.

A Season of Invitation began as 'Back to Church Sunday' in 2004, which was an annual opportunity for churches across the UK and abroad to invite people to come with them to church. The reason for this change is that we've found people are much more likely to come to church and keep coming if they're invited several times. So we want to build A Season of Invitation, with five invitational moments coming one after the other.

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### FUNERALS

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

**Robert Gordon FREEMAN** of West Lavington died on 13th September aged 89 years. His funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium was held on 25th September 2014.

### BAPTISMS

**Matilda Anwen HARRIS** was baptized by Rev James Campbell at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 5th October 2014.

### BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The draw this month was done jointly by Slater and Sally Reynolds. The winner of the £40 prize was Margaret Hayward of Great Cheverell, and the winner of the £20 second prize was Audrey Goldsbrough of West Lavington.

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## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH After Darkness, Light

This year's Remembrance Day has a special poignancy. On 4th August the nation paused to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. It was a solemn moment as Between 10 and 11 at night lights were switched off in homes and public buildings all around the UK. Solitary candles flickered in the darkness. This act of remembrance was inspired by the words of the man who was Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of World War I, Sir Edward Grey. As he observed a gas lamp lighter going about his business on the streets of London, Grey is said to have mused; 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, and we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.'

Europe was indeed plunged into darkness during the 1914-18 War. Millions of lives were lost amid the blood and mud of battle. Every city, town and village in Britain was touched by loss. The 888,246 ceramic poppies that flow from the battlements of the Tower of London and fill its moat bear silent testimony to those who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Historians will no doubt continue to argue over the rights and wrongs of Britain's involvement in World War I. But I hope all would agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who gave their lives for the life and liberty of the people of these islands. We will remember them.

The tragedy is that the Great War was not, as hoped, the 'War to end all Wars'. Darkness descended upon Europe once more in the shape of the Second World War. Conflicts around the world today testify to our inability to learn the lessons of history as we keep on repeating its mistakes.

Jesus sacrificed his life to save the world from the darkness of human wrongdoing so that by faith in him we might be put right with God. He came to reconcile us to God and each other. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### Events:

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'Knit & Chat' women's meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, from 2.30pm.

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