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View from the Chair

I'm writing this at the end of a cold, dark and wet January, but I know that by the time you read this we will be seeing the first signs of spring as the natural cycle of the seasons continues. But reassuring as this is, nature needs a helping hand, or rather for us to undo some of the harms our way of living has created.

I am a trustee of an environmental charity, and a recent blog by our Director of Conservation pointed out that although the UK recently signed the Kunming-Montreal Protocol after COP15 (the biodiversity equivalent of last year's Glasgow climate conference), we have a long way to go to turn pledges into reality. He writes "Target seven, for example, commits governments to reducing the impacts of water pollution by 50% by 2030. But in the UK, unabated pollution of rivers and streams from sewage outfalls continues, and monitoring bodies such as the Environment Agency are chronically underfunded."

The river Bourne is one of our parish's most important natural assets and part of a site of special scientific interest. Within the parish there is only one sewage pumping station at Green Lane which has a storm overflow, and that 'only' released a mixture of rainwater and raw sewage for 46 hours in 2020 (the last year I can get complete figures for). However just upstream of the parish boundary at Hurdcott, Wessex Water operated the storm overflow 220 times in 2020 for a total of 3,464 hours. In 2021 it operated the outflow 170 times.

The way we still allow our sewage to pollute our rivers is just one example of how years of failure to invest in our public services are now affecting our society.

I always take a bit of time in this edition of Parish News to write about our budget as it is the closest edition to when letters come out explaining your council tax for the coming year. This wider under-investment across society has left parish councils picking up responsibility for services which Wiltshire Council can no longer afford to provide, and some neighbouring councils have been faced with very hard decisions about whether to significantly increase their precept or cut much needed services.

We are fortunate that the more modest scale of our direct operations, with fewer staff and buildings to heat and light mean we are less affected by rising inflation and we have been able to keep our contribution to the increase in the council tax down to 56p per month for a typical band D property. In the light of the cost of living challenges we know everyone is facing, we had looked to see whether we could not increase the precept at all, but we have had to continue our programme of replacing dilapidated play areas we have taken responsibility for from Wiltshire Council and to set aside £30,000 to support our community buildings through these challenging times. We are still in discussions with managing committees and other stakeholders about the exact form of this support and I hope to be able to report more next month.

CLlr Nick Baker



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Report from the Parish Council

This report covers meetings held in January and February. Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

<https://laverstock-ford.co.uk/agendas---minutes-2022.html>

Annual Review

The Clerk had circulated a report regarding a proposed Action Plan and strategy in advance of the meeting. Councillors suggested the addition of items including Community Events, protection of heritage assets including Old Sarum Airfield, the Love Your Parish campaign, climate change, access to open spaces, Quality Council awards, succession planning and anti-social behaviour. The Clerk will update for council and committees to review, with the intention of adopting the formal action plan at the annual meeting in May.

Adoption of Policies

It was resolved to accept the Communications Policy that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Jones had volunteered to become Team Leader for the Laverstock and Ford Community Speedwatch Group which should be up and running soon.

Anti-social Behaviour

Cllr Barker reported on reports of anti-social behaviour at Old Sarum, in particular involving the Co-Op and resulting in several 999 calls to the Police due to threats, intimidation and shop lifting. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership, Wiltshire Cllr Oliver and the Police Area Inspector.

The Police reported on a dog biting incident at Castle Hill Country Park, the attempted theft of a motor cycle in Old Sarum and incidents of offensive graffiti in Laverstock. Some stolen motor cycles have recently been recovered in Bemerton Heath.



Youth Provision

Community First will be running a taster night for young people at Hampton Park Pavilion in February half-term. It is hoped this will help to develop interest in a more permanent provision. The current model requires voluntary support from the local community, until a more sustainable funding stream can be identified to support some form of professional youth provision in the future.

New Play Areas at Bishopdown Farm

Cllrs approved an additional 6.5k for turf rather than top-soil and seed, at St. Lukes and St. Peter's play parks, in order to minimise the time required for the play parks to 'bed-in'. The RFO reported that historic funds for play areas at Bishopdown Farm which had recently been transferred from Wiltshire Council or CIL funding could be used for the works. A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting

Community Centres Update

The Clerk is awaiting updates from solicitors regarding Hampton Park Pavilion. It was agreed to progress the quote received from Wilsons for professional advice regarding Old Sarum Community Centre.

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 20 March, 7pm at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 17 April, 7pm at River Bourne Community Farm



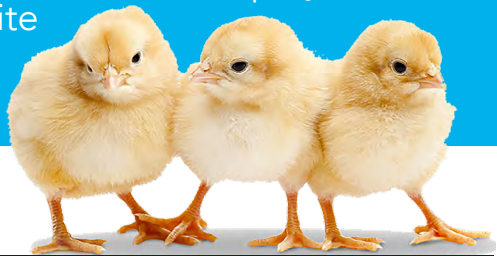
Spring make-over!

In March 2023 LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL will be launching our new website :

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

a simpler, streamlined site, incorporating our parish-online mapping system.

For dates of meetings, minutes, agenda's, contacts, parish information and much more, we hope you'll take some time to browse the site



The Surviving Winter Grant

The scheme will run until April 2023. As part of the application process we will complete a free income maximisation check to ensure you are receiving everything you are entitled to.

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May/June 2023**

We welcome short articles and photos from groups, residents and charities within the parish, (space permitting).

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A full page of A5 is around 350 words, a half page around 200 - less if you want to include a photo. Articles can be sent within the body of an email, or as a pages (Mac) or word document.

The Editor reserves the right to edit articles for content & length

Email Juliet: communications@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Back issues can be found here: www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

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This is an advance notice about Christian Aid Week, which runs from 14th – 20th May

Supported by over 40 Church organisations in Britain & Ireland, we exist to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Christian Aid works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

As in previous years, the local churches are planning to deliver envelopes through as many doors as possible inviting financial donations to this cause. We won't be calling back to collect the envelopes, but there will be various drop-off points for you to use if you wish to donate. Or of course you can donate online.

If you support the aims of Christian Aid and would like to help to deliver envelopes in your area, **please contact Paul Butler on 07917455778.**



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in the Parish since 1st January, 2022. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

2022/007953 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on 21/00885/FUL to allow for design development and reduced scope of proposed works Burroughs Hill, Duck Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1PU **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

2022/0053 Creation of vehicular access 79 Church Road, Laverstock, SP1 1QZ **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2021/09567 Outline application for the erection of 46 dwellings, including access, parking, public open space (POS) and landscaping. Land at Westside Close, Old Sarum, SP4 6BX **SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS APPROVED**

PL/2022/08941 Flexible permission as either a Class B8 use or a Class E Use as a specialist cheer/gymnastics/trampoline studio UNIT 1, Castigate Business Park, Old Sarum SP4 6QX **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2022/08792 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders 8 Green Lane Ford SP4 6DE **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2022/08258 Proposed Driveway 29 Duck Lane, Laverstock SP1 1RS. **SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS APPROVED**

PL/2022/08046 Verge in Green Lane T4 Sycamore - acute union at ground level, bark to bark contact – poor structural condition - remove tree. T5 Sycamore (road side) - previous stem failure at 3m exposed wound on upper surface with dysfunctional wood on tension wood side of stem rubbing wounds stem extend over road – remove tree. **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2022/06377 Location of condenser units on slab to service the nursery associated with 19/01690/FUL at 10 Rhodes Moorhouse Way, Longhedge, SP4 6SA **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL2022/07953 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for design development and reduced scope of proposed works at Burroughs Hill, Duck Lane, Laverstock, SP1 1PU **NO COMMENT APPROVED** *See over for outstanding and new applications*



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OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

2023/00623 Householder Planning permission, Single storey extension to rear / side of property, 9 GLENDALE CRESCENT, MILFORD, SALISBURY, SP1 1NT **NO COMMENT**

2022/09704 Dormer Window to the first floor 50 POTTERS WAY, LAVERSTOCK SP1 1PX **NO COMMENT**

2022/09504 Proposed Studio Outbuilding. DARNAWAY, LAVERSTOCK PARK, LAVERSTOCK, SALISBURY, SP1 1QJ **NO COMMENT**

2022/09544 Proposed Single Storey and First Floor extensions and alterations 5 TRYHORN DRIVE, BISHOPDOWN, SALISBURY, SP1 3WA **NO COMMENT**

20/11598/OUT Erection of up to 135 dwellings, the laying out of a car park with up-to 50 spaces, access from Church Road, Green infrastructure including landscaping and children's play, a sustainable urban drainage system and utility buildings. (Outline application relating to access)

20/11145/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to 3 dwellings Land SE of Bourne House, Ford Lane, Ford **NO COMMENT**

20/09949/FUL Additional 13 new dwellings in Parcel D, Longhedge **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

PL/2022/04875 Proposed commercial development comprising a Use Class E foodstore (including the sale of non-food goods) and drive thru coffee shop unit (use class e); petrol filling station; provision of open space/landscaping including a new pedestrian and cycle link between London Road and Green Lane; access, parking, and associated infrastructure and development at Land at Salisbury Retail Park, London Road, Salisbury SP1 3YX **SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

2021/04084 Residential development of 53 new dwellings on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F) alongside with the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the Old Sarum Local Centre (Area G) to provide 7 affordable apartments. Old Sarum. **OBJECT WITH REASONS**



Plod Around the Parish

Within each Parish Newsletter you will now find an interesting walk within the Parish Boundary. Somewhere that a member of the Parish Environmental Action Group finds interesting, beautiful, or relaxing.

Parish Plod: 001

Type: Walking Route

Suitable for families, individuals, groups, dogs on leads

Time: 30 minutes to 'as long as you've got'

Highlights: There's a brewery, a café, a museum

Now, you might think a walk around an Industrial Estate would be a little ludicrous, unless you were specifically looking for a business service. However, not all Industrial Estates are what they first appear to be. Take Old Sarum Park Business Park. At first glance it is as one would expect it to be, just like any other Industrial Estate, but in my view is an absolute gem, hidden in plain sight. Lets find out why.

Walk into the Park via Lancaster Road, take the 2nd left turn and proceed along the road flanked by the large hangers on your right.

Keep going until you reach the second large open area. Proceed up to the corner of Salisbury Flower Shed and turn left along the narrow road, past Guyatts Scrap business.

Turn right at the end. As you pass Guyatts, take the time to stop and read all the interesting facts displayed on the boards, pertaining to the Guyatts family, and their participation in the various Military and Civilian Services during WW1.





The green area ahead of you is the last surviving grass runway WW1 airfield in England. It was from here that many missions were undertaken. On the left you will see two Memorials to the airmen. The first is for the American, Canadian, Australian and other Nations Forces who took part in the conflict.

The second Memorial is to the British Squadrons who flew from the airfield. Today this airfield is home to a skydiving operation. On a clear day it is lovely to sit at the picnic benches in

the sun, with a hot or cold beverage from the great little café, and watch the planes take off with their cargo of fearless parachutists whilst they make their descent back to terra firma. Personally, I can't think why anyone would wish to fling themselves out of a perfectly serviceable aircraft, but there you are, each to their own.

Time now to continue your walk, follow the runway down its edge towards the Control Tower and you will see some of the static aircraft displayed by the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection on the way. For those interested in a closer look, the Aviation Collection is open to the public and a very interesting place to spend some time. Children and adults alike, love to see the planes up close. Continue back to Lancaster Rd and out to The Portway.



So, not a long walk, but something a bit out of the ordinary and a chance to reflect on the heroic actions of those brave airmen.

Cllr Lainey Barker





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NEWS IN BRIEF

Temporary Closure of Access in Laverstock

Enovation Controls Limited, situated next to St. Josephs School based in Laverstock have been in touch with the Parish Council. At 'time of going to press', they will have commenced work on a new roof for their building. This is a very much-needed refurbishment, the roof is old and unsafe. As part of the refurbishment, the roofing contractors will be using the car park to store their materials and waste.

The car park is regularly used by local dog walkers, runners etc, and Enovations do not have any issue with this. However, during the refurbishment, there will be no access to the car park or access to the side of our building. The roofing company will be working in this area, and therefore the area will be fenced off.

Once the work has finished, Enovations will remove the fences and allow the dog walkers to return.

OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

The outdoor gym at Campbell Vale will be open in April (subject to stabilisation of the grass matting).

St. Lukes and St. Peters play parks will include braille communication boards that have been designed with the help of an SEN specialist. St. Lukes will be refurbished first, followed by St. Peter's.

Tenders have been submitted for Sycamore Drive, the successful contractor will be engaging with the local community.

The neglected play park at Drake Close will also be subject to works commencing soon (supplies and weather permitting).

Parish Environmental Action Group (PEAG)

Held its first meeting in January. They will be meeting monthly around the Parish, see page 30. Members have raised safety concerns for the flooded Swale at Longhedge. The Parish Clerk has sought another site visit with Vistry to discuss.

Contractor Parking at the Farmyard Development alongside the Castle Hill Country Park (CHCP) & Spoil dumping

Residents and CHCP users have complained of continued negligent parking, blocking the access gates that link the field behind Greentrees Junior School with the rest of the Country Park. The Parish Council has been working with Imperial Homes to ensure this stops. Further concerns regarding spoil blocking a part of the Country Park Trail has resulted in a further site visit by the parish clerk.

Love Your Parish? Do you live in the Best Kept Village?

We ummed and aahed over this one at the Parish Office. Laverstock is a Village, but is Ford? Is Bishopdown Farm a Village? What about Longhedge, Old Sarum...? The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England is running it's annual competition and looking for willing groups of residents and villagers to participate. Neither entering the Competition nor preparing for it need be substantial tasks. *Please note also that the Competition is for the best kept village, not for the prettiest village.*

Entry is open to all villages/parishes with a population not exceeding 3500 as stated on Wiltshire Council's database. Any village with a population that exceeds this figure is welcome to apply to enter if there are reasonable circumstances, such as a large housing estate in the parish that is effectively separate from the historic village and which would not be included in the judging area.

We're all proud of where we live, so we thought we'd throw it out to you the residents in case you might want to enter...

see more here:

<https://www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/news/wiltshire-best-kept-village-competition-2023/>



CALL OUT FOR A CUB REPORTER !

Are you doing your Duke of Edinburgh Award and need to do something in your local community? Are you a budding journalist, or just love English class and want to do more?

We are looking for a young person (14 - 17 years) in the parish to write some articles about places and people around the parish to celebrate our forthcoming 200th issue of the Laverstock & Ford Parish newsletter. Your first assignment would be us sending you, and your parent or guardian to a match at Salisbury Football Club.

You'll have support and guidance from the Editor and the chance to write at least six articles across the year (more if you're keen but we're talking small steps here).

All you have to do is email:
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by March 20th saying a little bit about yourself and why you'd be interested in this role. Or you can drop a letter into the Parish Office.



Laverstock Mothers' Union

As I write this we have just held our AGM, celebrating the last year and looking forward with hope to the year ahead. We plan to support more MU projects this year: making items for the Baby Bundles, and also offering practical support for the Virtual Babies, among others. The Virtual Babies project involves students at some of our secondary schools looking after a virtual baby for a weekend. You may know someone who's experienced this. We're also exploring ways to support the Salisbury Pantry.

Our meeting this month, on 9th, falls during the church's season of Lent; we will be meeting earlier than usual, at 1.00pm, for a soup lunch and a reading of Tennyson's poem 'In Memoriam'. At our April meeting, on 13th, we are planning some craft activity.

And on 11th May one of our members will be talking about her work with the Courts Chaplaincy team.

Please remember that we welcome non-members to our meetings – you may want to find out a bit more about MU, or you may just be interested in a particular talk or project – either way we would love to see you.

Mothers Union meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Curtis Room at St Andrew's Church from 2.30 pm till 4.00 pm with a monthly speaker followed by tea and cake. Everyone welcome.

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Meadow buttercup

☐


Greater knapweed

☐

Notes

- Send photos of your adventures nature spotting at Castle Hill Country Park to: castlehill@wiltshirewildlife.org for a chance to be featured in the Parish News and Facebook. (Please strike a pose with your spotter sheet)

CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK

Spring is in sight!

The bustle and liveliness are just around the corner, with weather becoming more welcoming, increasing visits from both wildlife and humans at Castle Hill.

For those readers that are not already aware, we have a healthy population of Skylarks at the park, these are ground nesting farmland birds that are on the UK Red List, and therefore under close protection. Due to the changes in farmland management, increased use of pesticides and disturbance from humans the UK Skylark population has been rapidly decreasing (see page 24), with nesting season approaching it is important that we all try our best to be considerate and mindful not to disturb these beautiful inhabitants.

From March to July end, we request that all visitors to the park keep to the paths and keep dogs on leads where possible. Keep your eyes out for the early wildflowers blooming as the hills come into colour, an ideal opportunity to use our spotter chart which is also downloadable from www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

Josh Rogers

Community Empowerment Officer - #Team Wilder
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News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

Writing these notes in the depth of winter with all the local floods, various national protests and strikes by railway workers, NHS staff, teachers and Royal Mail and not to mention the seasonal illnesses, one may feel all is gloom and doom. However, the weather has also brought beautiful frosty mornings and sunsets and we now have Spring on our doorstep too.

WI life continues and at our January meeting, The Revd Andy Bousfield gave an uplifting talk about the Hope Home Orphanage and school in Moshi, Northern Tanzania with which he is involved. This is a family run home where children who have suffered serious deprivation are loved, cared for and given educational and practical skills to enable them to lead fulfilled and useful lives. There is, of course, no government funding available so this worthwhile cause is entirely dependent on charity and operates under the Kilimanjaro International Tanzania Aid Agency plus fund raising and donations from different sources. Revd. Andy is able to visit every year and maintain the friendships with staff and children.

Looking ahead – we are in the process of compiling our 2023 programme of talks and social activities for our members. Meanwhile there is talk of pancakes at our February meeting

If you would like to join us, we meet on the third Monday evening of the month at the Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

For more information, please contact our Secretary Louise Hall on 01722 326549 or by Email – laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk



LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Writing this in January in the depths of winter, it is hard to think of Spring and Summer, but recently there are a few early signs of Spring. This month we had a visit from the St John Ambulance and the talk concentrated on emergency first aid. We found out the difference between cardiac arrest and a heart attack and what to do in either case. The group was also taken through the steps to follow if we found anyone unconscious. Several members took the opportunity to practise CPR on 'Annie'.

Looking forward to February, we will have a visit from Lesley Self who will give a talk about the history of Salisbury Infirmary and in March the Clerk of Works of Salisbury Cathedral Gary Price will tell us more about his work. We are not meeting in April, as our normal meeting evening falls on Easter Monday, but in May we look ahead to a talk by Angie Watts called 'A walk through Bemerton' This meeting falls on May 8th which is the extra Bank Holiday following the Coronation of King Charles III, but as we are not meeting in April because of Easter our May meeting will be held as usual.

We welcome new members and meet in the village hall on the second Monday of each month at 7.45pm. For details please contact Moya Hill at moyahill@hotmail.com or Carol Taylor 01722 322702.

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LAVERSTOCK GARDENING CLUB

After our Christmas break, we reconvened for a New Year party at Laverstock and Ford Village Hall. About 40 of our club members braved the chilling temperature for a two-course meal prepared by Jill Kay and other talented committee members. We enjoyed chat, good food, and had fun (and some healthy competition) over a couple of quizzes. One quiz was more tactile, and involved guessing the common home/garden items hanging in a row of socks; Bruno and Jo Drag were outright winners. The other quiz, pulled together by Margaret Smith, was a challenging cryptic quiz based on plant names, and Heather Roberts won.

Here are a couple of plant names for you to work out:

1. Sounds like you might want to pick a fight with him (7)
2. What the Duchess of Cambridge may call her husband (5, 7)

We meet at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall on the fourth Monday of most months. Do join us for our next open meeting on Monday 27th March at 7:30pm when Roger Hirons (AKA The Plant Doctor) will talk about plants for continuous interest all year round. You will be warmly welcomed, and refreshments are available after the talk.

Roger's visit marks the start of our new programme; throughout the year we will have talks on snowdrops, Daphnes, and Great Bustards (admittedly not garden birds), amongst other topics. On Thursday 14th September the club is organising a return visit by coach to RHS Wisley, and you are welcome to join us; the cost is £16 including coach, entry fee and driver's tip. Please contact Jo Drag on 01722 501248 if you want to book a place – payment is due by end of April to secure the place.

David Hutchinson (Programme Secretary)
and Sharon Pettit (Club Secretary)

Answers to quiz: 1. Anemone 2. Sweet William

Skylark Nesting Area

Skylarks are a Red list species, meaning they are of highest conservation concern



Skylarks are known to be nesting in this area. They nest on the ground, so are sensitive to disturbance.

During the nesting season of 1st March to 31st July we request that you use the paths around the edge of the ridge to give them the best chance of a successful breeding season.

Castle Hill Country Park is a Land Trust space that is managed by Wessex Grounds Stewards and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

thelandtrust.org.uk/space/castle-hill-country-park/



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Start your blooming future with Green Angels at Castle Hill Country Park in 2023!



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In 2022, we ran the following courses:

- Wild Wellbeing (tree-planting, nature journaling, building a hibernaculum and much more).
- Conservation and Land Management (involving basic tree and soil science, species and plant ID, woodland structure and managing habitats.

Here's what our trainees have been saying:

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We are currently planning courses for 2023 – more details will be advertised on our Green Angels Social Media channels. To find out more, look for Green Angels on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram. You can also email greenangels@thelandtrust.org.uk or phone Rachel on 07468 367904 to express your interest.

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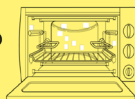
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Green shoots

The Parish Environmental Action Group (PEAG) met for the first time on Saturday 14th Jan. Councillor Barker was joined by residents of Longhedge and Old Sarum. It would be great to have more areas of the parish represented at our March meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves and talked about their particular interests in the local environment. Some themes emerged which may become the focus of the group:

- Encouraging things that have a positive impact on the environment or biodiversity
- Active travel (modes of travel that involve a level of activity)
- Litter-picking
- Use of allotments and community gardens
- Discouraging things that have a negative impact on the environment or biodiversity
- Unnecessary light pollution
- Fly-tipping
- Concerns about the water management features (swales) in Longhedge.

The group recognised some positive aspects from which the Parish already benefits, which include:

Local rights of way, the open spaces we have like Castle Hill Country Park, chalk streams like the River Bourne, the water meadows at Laverstock, existing biodiversity including wildflowers and wildlife, the trees we have and are in the process of planting, archaeology (which brings interest to the area and restricts development) and the River Bourne Community Farm.

Several volunteers have come forward as Footpath Wardens (thank you) and the Parish Clerk is awaiting confirmation from insurers, prior to proceeding. A member of the PEAG group will be attending Wiltshire Councils 'Climate Workshop' in March.

Why not join us and help us grow and come up with an action plan. email lainejbarker@laverstock-ford.co.uk for details

PLEASE TRY TO WALK, CYCLE, RIDE, BUS OR CAR SHARE THERE IF POSSIBLE! ASK YOUR NEIGHBOUR IF THEY WANT TO JOIN YOU! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Play Parks around the Parish Pt. 2

Since our last issue, Facebook has been awash with brief moments of speculation over the various plans regarding play parks across the Parish. 2023 marks the year of a programme of replacing dilapidated play areas we have taken responsibility for from Wiltshire Council. It's a muddled picture. There are parks still owned by developers or leaseholders, that we have no responsibility for but are in a poor state of repair, and we try to represent the interests of residents across the board. We do regular inspections of the play parks under our care, some of our staff and councillors undergo special training to carry out these inspections. As one of Wiltshires 12 largest parish councils with a relatively small staff team, it's time consuming. We rely on residents to alert us to any issues that can occur at any time due to weather, curious and potential future mechanical engineers (what does this do? can I unscrew it?) and sometimes sheer mindless damage caused by people who have had a very bad day. There are very strict health and safety regulations about playground equipment despite these limitations, we have a refreshingly varied selection of play equipment including two trim trails and now, an outdoor gym for adults. But in all this social media debate, we also received a letter from a resident who has a very different and slightly darker view of play parks. They live beside a play park and enjoyed many happy times playing there with grandchildren until the grandchildren had grown-up, by which time the neighbourhood had grown bigger, and the park had become a late night, social meeting point, where older teens (maybe even adults) got drunk, made lots of noise, and caused concern.

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We are currently working with Community First to scope out interest in a youth club; a safe indoor space, where young people can hang out, chill out and not disturb the local residents. Just like play parks, youth services has also been a victim of cost-cutting by Wiltshire Council. There is some funding available. Exploring re-establishing a youth club, is just another step in creating a safer community, alongside clubs like Buzz Action - Salisbury Circus Club BUT it can't happen without community involvement, it needs adult support, community members to give of their time and support the youth workers. Could that, should that, would that be you?

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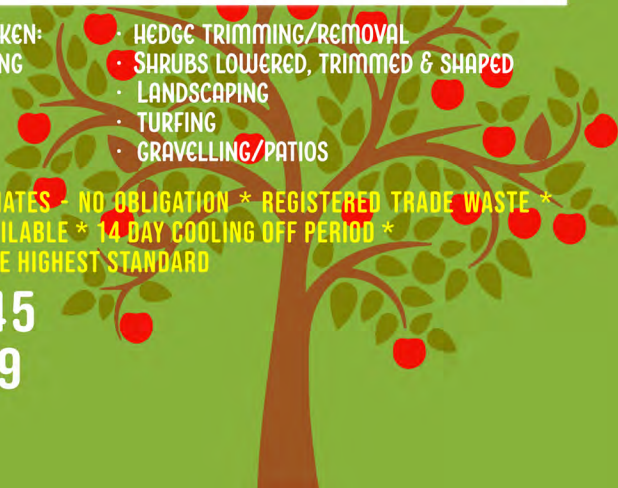
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Sun 05

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Sun 12

Salisbury FC Women v Highworth 14.00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

Sat 18

Salisbury FC v North Leigh 15.00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

Tue 21

Salisbury FC v Hayes & Yeading United 19.45 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

April

Sat 01

Salisbury FC v Dorchester Town 15.00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

Sun 02

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Mon 10

Salisbury FC v Winchester City 15.00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

Sat 22

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| March 18th | The works and Life of MacDonald Rex Gill
Speaker - Caroline Walker |
| April 19th | Gardening at the end of the world; The Falkland Islands
Speaker - Morton Burdick |
| May 17th | Exhibition of work by various Sarum u3a groups |

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Weekly/Monthly Timetable - Updated January 2023

Any booking enquiries to Ruth Harris, Booking Secretary, 07870 648841 or ruthjharris61@gmail.com

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	WEEKLY AM	WEEKLY/MONTHLY PM	CONTACT DETAILS AND INFORMATION
MONDAY		1.30 – 4.00 Line Dancing	www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk
		1 st Monday, 19.00 – 23.00 Salisbury Bonsai Society	07785 565510 Grahame Alexander 07786 141636 Paul Baron
		2 nd Monday, 19.45 – 22.00 Ladies Open Group*	moyahill@hotmail.com
		3 rd Monday, 19.45 – 21.30 WI**	laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk
		4 th Monday, 19.30 – 21.30 Salisbury Gardening Club	
TUESDAY	10.00 – 11.00 Taoist Tai Chi		jpcdomin@gmail.com (starting Feb 23)
		14.00 – 16.30 Laverstock Art Club	fionajforbes55@gmail.com
		18.00 – 20.00 JaXFit Dance	www.yourdayyourdance.co.uk/jaxfitdance
WEDNESDAY		1 st Wednesday, 13.00 – 16.00 Evergreen	
		18.15 – 19.30 Cubs	kate.chil@sswscouts.org.uk
		19.30 – 21.30 Explorer Scouts	david.waspe@btinternet.com
THURSDAY	10.00 – 11.30 Toddlers Group (terms)		standrews.toddlergroup@yahoo.com
		16.45 – 19.00 11 plus Teaching	01722 327525
		19.30 – 22.00 Line Dancing and Western Partner Dancing	www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk
FRIDAY	09.30 – 11.00 Yoga		ruthyoga61@gmail.com
		12.00 – 13.00 Flexercise***	pmsemails@aol.com
		18.00 – 19.00 Ballroom Dancing	Closed class, no spaces.
		19.30 – 21.30 Scouts	andychisholm2018@gmail.com
SATURDAY	09.30 – 11.30 Beavers		01722 421287 jane.waspe@btinternet.com
		1 st Saturday of month, 14.00 – 16.00, Quiz	07876 402932 mike_hall1@hotmail.com

*Ladies Open Group is a group open to all ladies, we have speakers on a wide range of topics as well as engaging in other social activities.

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