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View from the Chair

This spring feels very much a season of gatherings. Over the last week I have enjoyed a pub quiz at the Duck, listened to concerns about the potential development at the airfield in a packed village hall and celebrated Easter with our first service at least partially in the church yard at St Andrews. As I write we are looking forward to celebrating the coronation with a street party and the chance to do some volunteering. All very different, but all part of what makes this parish a collection of communities, not just lines on a map.

If you value this sense of community and believe that we each have a role to play in making a better place, I would encourage you to come to the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm on Monday 15th May at the Community Farm. We are trialling a new more relaxed format with opportunities to meet with representatives from local groups, a speaker from the Dog's Trust and the chance to have your say in the work of the Parish Council.

In order to provide greater focus for our work we are developing a Parish Strategic Plan which sets out six priorities which we will be focusing on over the coming years. This is then supported by a more detailed action plan setting out what we are doing in each of the priority areas. We would love to hear your views on this. Are these the right priorities? Are we missing anything? Are there particular actions you would like to see us taking.

This is very much a living document, and at the time of writing still in draft form and so the version at the annual meeting might be slightly different, but the six priorities are-

1. To provide access to high quality spaces for play, recreation, community groups and the enjoyment of nature.
2. To ensure that development in the parish results in a thriving semi-rural community with excellent homes, facilities, heritage assets and landscape.

3. To make the parish a place where everyone feels part of a safe and supportive local community.
4. To support safe, sustainable and efficient travel across the parish.
5. To help our community respond to the issues of climate change and loss of bio-diversity.
6. To carry out all of our work in a professional way which provides residents with value for money and opportunities to be heard and participate in decision making.

These are deliberately ambitious, "big picture" statements, and we will not be able to deliver them on our own; only through partnerships with local community groups, Wiltshire Council and statutory services such as the police. However they are all issues that we believe are important to local people and where we as a parish council can have an impact.

We hope you can join us on May 15th to find out more about the Parish Strategic Plan and to let us know your thoughts. If you can't make it there will be more information on our new website <https://www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/> and please do feel free to contact me or one of your local councillors with your thoughts.

Cllr Nick Baker

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 15 May, 8pm at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 19 June, 7pm at River Bourne Community Farm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 15 May, 6pm at River Bourne Community Farm

ALL RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH are invited to join us for this annual meeting where groups, clubs, projects and residents report on the years activities. This year we welcome THE DOG's TRUST as a special guest to talk about their work.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

THE PARISH OFFICE at the RIVER BOURNE COMMUNITY FARM in Laverstock is OPEN on Tuesday, Weds, & Thurs from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

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Report from the Parish Council

This report covers our recent meetings. Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

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

Youth Provision

Community First ran a second taster session for young people at Hampton Park Pavilion in April following a successful and well attended session of 23, 11 - 17 year olds in February, where the multi-sports led by a Sports Development coach (and ex-pupil of St. Edmund's school) was very popular. Our gratitude to Katrina Watson for leafleting and encouraging the young people to come along and to Heather for helping out at the second session. The PC is exploring ways to provide regular sessions at the Hampton Park Pavilion, to compliment youth provision at Old Sarum Community Centre and the PC hope to expand this to Laverstock in the future.

New Play Areas at Bishopdown Farm

St. Lukes and St. Peters at the end of March, Eibe began installation consecutively, and the installation went smoothly. The weather has been favourable for the ground works to settle. Watch out for details of official opening celebrations on Facebook and our website.

Drakes Close

Redlynch Leisure have been awarded the contract to refurbish the neglected play area at Drakes Close which the PC has agreed to take on this year, an additional benefit of the proposed refurbishment is the installation of a footpath from Drake Close to the Hampton Trail.

Sycamore Drive

On Thursday 16th March, three councillors completed anonymous scoring of play value, design, specification and inclusivity against three tenders from play park manufacturers. Two members of Parish Council staff scored the areas of aftercare and spare parts, environmental impact, work programme, skills and experience, and health and safety. The Parish Council appointed Wicksteed Leisure to complete the Sycamore Drive Play Area project for a total cost of £90,000.00. Wicksteed held an event on April 26th at Greentrees Junior School for the local community to see their proposal and feedback on the plans and work will begin as soon as the selected equipment order arrives.

Grant Applications

The Community Fundraising Manager from St John Ambulance Wiltshire presented their application for funds towards a community support unit vehicle. The council granted £500 to St John Ambulance Wiltshire towards a community support vehicle.

The Head Teacher of St Andrews Primary School presented their application for funds towards Coronation commemorative coins for children the council granted £246 to St Andrews Primary School towards Coronation commemorative coins.

Victim Support Wiltshire and Wiltshire Citizens Advice had written to the Parish Council requesting a donation towards the costs of providing their services. Their requests were discussed and the council granted £500 to Victim Support Wiltshire and £750 to Wiltshire Citizens Advice.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Environmental Action Group

Since re-forming, the PEAG met again in February, with March set aside for Footpath Warden inductions. Co-chair Guy Mason attended a Wiltshire Climate Conference in March, and members have been active at Litter Picks and Tree Planting events in the Parish. The PC is investigating working with partner agencies to identify areas suitable for Wildflower Meadow planting, Community Orchard and more Community Growing spaces, we currently support the Community Garden at Longhedge, (see also page 18). Join the Parish Environmental Action Group on May 27 at BAMS Cafe to get involved. Email: lainejbarker@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Footpath Wardens

Seven residents have now been inducted as Footpath Wardens and have begun 'surveying' our footpaths and rights of way. From reporting of dumped rubbish to general cutting back of brambles (which thrive despite last summers hot weather), the dog walkers and ramblers amongst you will have probably noticed the signs of their work. Nigel, whom many residents might have met rescuing a scooter and a pushchair from the trees along Footpath 19 which leads from Laverstock to London Road says it has been a very sociable experience. We have another induction session planned for May. If you are interested in joining the team please contact: communications@laverstock-ford.co.uk

In March 2023 LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL launched their new website :

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

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

NEWS IN BRIEF cont.

Access to the Castle Hill Country Park

After several months of negotiations, access points on Oldfield Road and The Oakbourns have been opened.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Cllr Jones is now looking for more volunteers to help boost our local speed watch initiative. Community Speed Watch brings locals people together to monitor speeding in their communities. All information recorded is passed to the police but it does not involve enforcement merely education and awareness raising. Community Speed Watch only takes place where there is an identified speeding issue in a 20mph, 30mph or 40mph speed limits. All volunteers are trained by Traffic Management Policing Officers to monitor traffic speed and must comply with a code of practice.

If you are fed up with speeding traffic on your road and like to help reduce this behaviour, contact laurajones@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Old Sarum Community Centre (OSCC)

Do you have the time for once monthly meetings, do you have a sense of what is required to keep a venue run smoothly, safely and used by the local community? OSCC are looking for more trustees, they operate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

In particular they would like to find people who are confident enough to make a Charity Commission return once a year, and keep the books up to date and organise bank payments and check bank balances.

The current Trustees would love to hear from people with a commitment to seeing that the Community Centre is used, loved and utilised by local people. The more people on the team, the easier it is. If you're interested email oldsarumcommunity@gmail.com or parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Key Newsletter Info

**Copy deadline is Friday 28 for next issue *200*
June/July 2023**

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

PLEASE DO NOT EMBED PHOTOS or LOGOS WITHIN THE DOCUMENT BUT ATTACH TO EMAIL AS SEPERATE JPEG, PNG OR PDF FILE (medium to high resolution)

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

The Parish Newsletter is published six times a year for the benefit of parish residents. However; articles included do not necessarily reflect the views of the Parish Council. Advertisements for any business or service does not imply a recommendation by the Parish Council

A magic milestone for Merlin

Our front cover features a very special canine - Merlin with his owner and handler Kelly whom you may have seen on their walks around the Parish and at the Country Park.

Merlin trained with the Wiltshire Search and Rescue Team for 21 months, he started when he was 9 months old. He passed his national assessment this March so is now a qualified lowland rescue Search dog.

Merlin, joins the team on callouts across Wiltshire for vulnerable and missing people. Based locally volunteers are trained to the UK Lowland Rescue National Standards. They work closely with all the emergency services in Wiltshire and support neighbouring Search and Rescue teams

Wiltshire Search and Rescue Teams are on call 24 hours a day 365 days a year and are fully funded by donations and fundraising.

All the team members are volunteers and they now have 2 Search dogs that are both pets of two of the team members.

You can find out more about the team here <https://www.wilsar.org.uk/>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

DECISIONS

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

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

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

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

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

2023/02843 Householder planning permission two storey extension 29 GREENWOOD AVENUE, LAVERSTOCK SP1 1PD

2023/02079 Householder application, Loft conversion with dormer 26 ROGER WAY, OLD SARUM SP4 6GS

PL/2023/01705 Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Weeping Willow - Cut Down 5 trees, Trim Back & Tidy x2 Lawsons cypresses. SOUTHSIDE, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6DD *OBJECT WITH REASONS - following further information from the Tree Officer response changed to NO COMMENT*

PL/2023/01438 Householder Planning Permission sought for two storey extension. 1, ST PETERS ROAD, BISHOPDOWN, SP1 3FS NO COMMENT

PL/2023/01308 Householder Planning permission sought for alterations within the curtilage of the Mill House, covering the stopping up of the existing access and driveway which will be relocated to the east. MILL HOUSE, MILFORD MILL ROAD, SP1 2RT NO COMMENT

2022/20490 Appeal lodged. Conversion and extension of existing building, to use as an essential rural worker's dwelling. Re-siting of toilets to Large Barn on-site. River Bourne Community Farm, Laverstock, SP1 2SR

See over for more outstanding applications

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OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

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**

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**



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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

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IT WORKS
A successful initiative that only takes place where there is an identified speeding issue

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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 (PEAG) finds interesting, beautiful, or relaxing.

Parish Plod: 002 Type: Walking Route Time: 60+ minutes

Suitable for families, individuals, groups, dogs on leads

Highlights: Birds, farmland water meadows, great views

Among my favourite local walks is the one that my husband and I go on most frequently, commencing at Old Sarum Park and it then continues down Green Lane to the bridle path beyond. It is great that there are also various options to extend this walk in different directions.

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We start by walking along the Old Sarum Development to the park which has great archaeological significance and is adjacent to 'Norman Drive'

We enjoy walking around the well landscaped and maintained park which benefits from a great mix of trees and shrubs and which has also recently been planted with another diverse mix of very young trees as part of the 'Queens Canopy' allocation. Here we stop to take in the view of the surrounding area.

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We then continue to cross 'The Portway' and walk along the lovely rural 'Green Lane'.

We stop about halfway down to admire the countryside and beautiful Laverstock and Cockey Downs in the distance.



You can hear and see plenty of birds and then pass a farm on your left (watch out for Skylarks and Little Owls).

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We pause just before the houses to look over to the right and enjoy watching the plane which regularly takes off and lands from 'Go Skydive' and hope to catch the parachutists coming down.

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We then cross the road to the bridle path. Here, you can see clumps of snowdrops in February and March. Another stop by the gate on the left to look at the River Bourne where there is a bridge and you may sometimes see swans. It is great when you can also see the cattle grazing in the field as you look over the gate which is a bit further along.

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Occasionally for a longer walk we turn up onto the path opposite where you can access the Castle Hill Country Park on the right. This is also a lovely place to walk and to exercise dogs, where you can enjoy superb views and is also a wonderful location for wildlife.

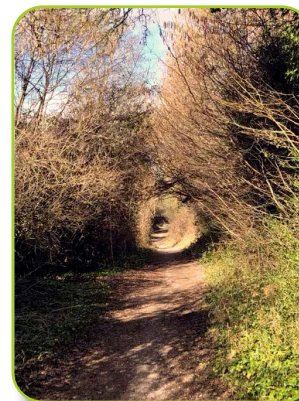
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Our walk then extends to the end of the bridle path where we then turn left and walk down to the 'Table Table' restaurant for a coffee pitstop before then walking back.

Jean Young, PEAG

Mapping reference via what3words.com

see also <https://thelandtrust.org.uk/space/castle-hill-country-park/>





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Anti-Social Behaviour

Cllr Waller and parish council staff met with the Community Police team to discuss concerns about the rise in anti-social behaviour and the vandalism of play park equipment and community assets. PC Rachel Gunn talked about the SWIFT (Swindon and Wiltshire Intervention for Families to Thrive) intervention programme that is offered by the PCSOs to teenagers who are behaving badly, with a view to preventing this escalating in to criminal activities. This is prior to a situation where a 'caution' might be more appropriate. SWIFT is only activated where other agencies are not already involved. SWIFT is designed support the family and provide stability for the young person.

The Police informed us that they were not aware of many of the issues we presented, for example people driving without insurance. They urged us to report all incidents so that they can be logged, as logged incidents are the basis of funding and targeting resources to patrols teams.

This is an ongoing issue which parish councillors are keen to see addressed and highlights a need for more investment in support for young people. Elsewhere in the parish dealing with obscene graffiti and damage to play park equipment has incurred mounting costs for the PC.

Please report all incidents via the police website where video footage and/or photographs can be uploaded. The website for this is <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

Please also register with the Community Register Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging - wiltsmessaging.co.uk if you hold a door camera or CCTV video coverage so that the police know who can help them in recovering evidence.

If you would like the police to attend your group meeting please let the parish office know, as the Community Police team are keen to meet and talk to local groups.

DOWN ON THE FARM

It is so great to see the farm being busy again after a very long and wet spring!

We have some good things to look forward to – not least Live@TheFarm 2023! This year our one-day music festival will return to its usual slot of the Sunday of the last May bank holiday – so it is Sunday 28th May, 3-10pm. Tickets are on sale from [seetickets.com](https://www.seetickets.com) – search River Bourne Community Farm.

This year we have got great headliners with Aladdin Sane (a top Bowie tribute act) and a top Elton John tribute. We will have two stages again providing uninterrupted support all day from the very best Salisbury talent. See our website for more details.

We will have a bigger bar, more food stands and children's entertainment. This is the main fundraiser of the year for the farm and, as such, we ask that people do not bring their own food and drink onto the field. This is also for the safety of the animals who will be grazing the field after the event.

This is a family-friendly event so under 18's must buy tickets with adult tickets and they will not be permitted without an adult accompanying them.

Two weeks after Live@TheFarm we are also delighted to let you know that we have got the Old Time Sailors coming back to our big barn! They were so brilliant last time that we couldn't resist getting them back again. They are a 17 piece shanty band who decorated our barn to look like an old ship last time they came and everyone had a fantastic time. They give everyone a copy of their newspaper which has the words to all their songs so audience participation is encouraged! The farm will provide a bar and BBQ. This is a mainly standing event but we can provide some seating indoors for those who need it and we will put benches outside for everyone during the breaks.

The Old Time Sailors return to the farm on Sunday 11th June at 7.30pm. Tickets for this are limited and are also available from [Seetickets.com](https://www.seetickets.com), search River Bourne Community Farm. Don't miss out as it is a really brilliant show!

Sara-Jane Hancock
Education & Marketing Manager



<https://www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk>

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Bank Holiday Sunday 28th May | 3-10pm

Live@TheFarm 2023



PLEASE NOTE:

This is our main fundraiser for the farm so we kindly ask that **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE FIELD**

This year we will have a **large bar** and more **food stands** with plenty of choices to suit all diets!

LIMITED ONSITE PARKING

TICKETED EVENT

Tickets available from [Seetickets.com](https://www.seetickets.com) (search River Bourne Community Farm)

Prices rise nearer the event. The earlier you buy them, the cheaper they will be!

This is a family-friendly event, so under 18's must purchase tickets with adult tickets. No unaccompanied under 18's will be permitted at this event.

ID will be checked at the bar.



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Old Sarum Airfield

The Directors of this much loved and historic airfield have begun negotiations and talks with Wiltshire Council and Historic England, with a view to realising a new vision which includes 315 houses split between the Ford (Merrifield Road) boundary, along Green Lane and bordering the Portway. The Directors invited both Parish and Wiltshire Councillors to an initial briefing in 2022, and highlighted their outline designs and aspirations, at our February Council Meeting and held a public event at the airfield in March.

Currently, no formal planning application has been submitted. Old Sarum airfield is older than the RAF, it has a perimeter that is largely still intact and it is a historic site set in a conservation area. The openness of the grassed operational area, setting and historic value make it unique. There are only two grassed airfields of this type in the whole of the country.

The last application to develop the airfield with housing, produced 500+ objections, with nearly every consultee in Wiltshire Council and other statutory consultees objecting to the application. Recommendations from the Planning Inspector were that there should be a conservation area management plan and an airfield management plan (yet to be fulfilled). It would, of course, be a positive step to see the industrial areas re-furbished and improved in a way that compliments the historic nature of the site.

In April, residents organised a public meeting in Laverstock Village Hall to discuss the designs. Also in April another chance to view the 'outline' designs has been proposed by the Directors (at time of going to press). These designs could change when an official application is submitted. They have been available to view here <https://www.oldsarumairfield.co.uk/public-consultation/> The Directors consider this to form part of their planning consultation process.

In this parish we have a neighbourhood plan and Ford is designated as a small village allowing for infill housing only. Salisbury's road arteries and air quality are already under pressure from high volume traffic. At a time of climate emergency, any further development of open space in the North of our Parish may also impact on an important environmental corridor across the north of Salisbury. The Woodford Valley is linked to open farm and "Range" ground to the east of the site, supporting a strong community of mammals and birds.

In another area of the development proposals there are plans to restore a Listed Aircraft Hangar, where residents have expressed dismay that it has been left to a point of near collapse. In a community that has seen so much development in the last 20 years, the Airfield takes on great significance. The Parish Council will consider carefully all aspects of any future planning application.

Wild about Wiltshire

This is an initiative by Wiltshire Council to take a new approach to grass cutting which improves biodiversity and encourages bees and other pollinators to thrive. This new scheme encourages areas to be left for rewilding and other areas chosen to promote wildflower growth. Selected rewilding and wildflower areas will receive a single cut in March and will then be left uncut until September to allow the wildflowers to thrive. the PC has been identifying areas that might benefit from wildflower sowing, or from the Wild about Wiltshire cutting schedule.

Why are rewilding areas and wildflowers important? Wildflower areas create vital habitats for insects and other wildlife and attract natural pollinators, and also help to keep soil healthy by reducing the need for pesticides and artificial pollination. Fruits and vegetables such as apples, strawberries, raspberries and more rely on pollinating to produce a good crop.

Wildflower areas can also be beneficial during the winter when other food is scarce for birds and mammals, wildflower seeds can become an important food source.

Rewilding is a conservation effort aimed at restoring and protecting natural processes, effectively humans step back and leave the area to nature. These efforts can create natural ecosystems that require little or no management. The PC has been identifying areas that might benefit from this initiative. **IF YOU HAVE AN AREA OF URBAN GRASS OR A VERGE in your neighbourhood, that you think would benefit from this, please let your Ward Councillor know (page 3) Giving a ///what3words reference if possible.**

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Notes

- Send photos of your adventure's 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

Its official, spring has arrived. A much-awaited time by nature lovers across the country. The skylarks on the park are now active, do keep your eyes out for their beautiful daring displays and beautiful song. Males can often be seen trying to out compete one another, in 'who flies the highest' and 'I've got the prettiest song'.

Castle Hill starts to really come into its full beauty at this time of year, with an array of wildflowers starting to rear their heads, try out the wildflower spotter sheet to have some fun when visiting. Wildlife surveys are back underway, collecting data on skylark and reptile populations, you may encounter me out with a clipboard staring into the sun and trying to keep balance while counting birds in flight, do come and say hello.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information on guided walks and free courses being held at the park over the summer, on the parish Facebook and in the next newsletter.

Josh Rogers

Community Empowerment Officer - #Team Wilder
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News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

Spring arrived like a lion after a soggy winter and we are optimistic about Summer although with climate changes we must be prepared for anything.

Since the last issue our local branch has been enjoying social activities, coffee mornings, pancakes and Lunch Club meetings and we also now have a varied and interesting programme ahead.

The well-attended AGM took place in March and, as usual, started with a tuneful rendition of Jerusalem followed by WI business which included positive annual reports from the President, Secretary and Hon Treasurer. Our outgoing President, Mrs Jill Kay, was presented with a bouquet as a mark of appreciation for her years of tireless and loyal service to this WI branch. We now have a new President, Vice-President and a slightly expanded Committee at the helm.

Following the election, members spoke about some of their "memorable objects" a wide range indeed. A hand-carved wooden base mounted with a horseshoe, a piece of the Berlin Wall, Bessie, a well travelled teddy, a Belgian clog, a 1910 baby feeding bottle, an owl ornament and a National Savings Book from 1945-1955.

By the time this Newsletter is delivered we hope to have celebrated the coronation of King Charles III and the country will be settling down to enjoy Summer activities.

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.

NEW SARUM WI

At our first meeting of the new year our members participated in a Tai Chi taster session led by Jill Scraig. This is an exercise consisting of sequences of very slow controlled movements. Very suitable for ladies (and gentlemen) of a certain age.

Did you know that it takes 3000 litres of 'blue' water to make one

t-shirt or that 140 million tonnes of textiles go into landfill every

year? These are just some of the statistics we learned from Sarah

Delves, an expert lecturer for the V&A Museum. She gave us a very informative talk on "Fashion and Sustainability" at our February meeting.

Also in February eight intrepid ladies enjoyed an afternoon at Lake Club playing skittles against a team from Shrewton W.I. Just one of our smaller groups within our W.I. These include History and Culture, visits to the Theatre, Crafts, Walking and a chance for a relaxed chat during a coffee morning.

At our March meeting we had a talk from two members of the Salisbury Water Meadows Trust. The Trust was formed in 1990 to restore and preserve this internationally important heritage site. Later that month some of our members could finally make use of the suitable weather for planting the whips at the Norman Drive Open Space as part of the Queens Green Canopy Award and were grateful for the publicity this gave our thriving group.

The April meeting includes our AGM which will be followed by a "Can you taste the difference?", chocolate tasting session.

If you would like to learn more about the group, please contact Sue on 07931 582357, email newsarumwi@gmail.com or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI.

Laverstock Recollections of Renée Sharp nee Heatherwick (part 1)

Edited by Loraine Sherlock, notes compiled by Ruth Newman

I had a happy childhood in Laverstock. I was born in 1939 and have lived in Melvin Close all my life. Growing up every one knew everybody who lived on the estate and I could probably still name some of them today. There is one other person who has remained here also, Mrs Gillian Hill, née Sheppard.

My earliest memories were when I was four and a half years old, when my mother took me to school on the back of her bike to the High School on the London Road, which doesn't exist today.

At the bottom of our garden there was an air raid shelter that was shared with our neighbour. I was too young to remember any air raids, but at a later date my brother, who was three years older and I used to play in it. When dad demolished it he used the bricks to make a path in our front garden that still exists today. The bricks were hollow and filled with sand that my brother and I extracted and made sand castles.

Under my kitchen floor there is a trap door; I don't know whether it was there when the bungalow was built or if it was something my dad put there. Mum used to store kilner jars bottled with fruit there and other things. Mum and Dad had a rule that when the trap door was open the back door had to remain locked.

You guessed it! - Mum left the back door unlocked and Dad fell in head first. He didn't come to much harm but after that it was sealed off. I often wonder if there are still things down there.

In years gone by Budden's Bakery van called round three times a week. The bakehouse was in Beechcroft Road, and when my mother sent me to buy a cut loaf (10d) Mrs Brown would come down from the house and I would watch her cut the bread in a machine, wrap it in wax paper, then hold it up to the hot oven to seal the ends. Also in Beechcroft Road there lived a lady who would mend a ladder in my Mum's stockings for 6d a time.

There was also a greengrocer called Baths, and a Co-op van, who all disappeared over the years; not forgetting the coalman, and the Corona lorry that delivered lemonade. Also the postman on his bike and the Post Office telegram boy on his motorbike. Oh, I almost forgot, a gypsy woman who came around with her basket selling pegs and flowers. I have just a faint memory of a milkman serving our milk in a jug from a churn.

Laverstock Mental Hospital (The Asylum) 1930s (private collection)

The Asylum - Laverstock House In 1936, when my father George Heatherwick was on night duty in the Perth Asylum in Scotland, he read an advert for a position of male nurse at Laverstock Mental Home. He came down for an interview and was accepted. He later became Chief Male Nurse and worked there until it closed down in 1955.

Chief male nurse, George Heatherwick in centre, with nurses (about 1950)



Dad didn't talk much about his work so I can't tell you much about his patients. However, I do remember four who wandered around the village, Mr T. who was once a vicar and was always gazing up at the sky; then there was Mr G. who just wandered, and two ladies, Miss M and her friend. They all knew me as I would attend Christmas

parties at the White House, and of course they knew who my father and mother were. One year near Christmas when I would meet Miss M and her friend (they were always together), she kept telling me she had a lovely present for my mother when Christmas came. It turned out to be a bar of Lux soap which we found quite comical.

My mother also worked at the asylum as a nurse. She did a few night shifts but that didn't last long after she found a female patient hanging from a door knob.

Dad was well thought of by Dr Hill, the last medical superintendent, who lived in the White House and owned the Asylum.

The White House, now demolished (Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre)

When the first Laverstock and Ford Social Club was formed in the old School Room under the patronage of Dr Hill, my father was involved with the running of the Club together with friends from the village. I can remember helping him wash up the glasses on a Sunday morning.



For further information on the Laverstock and Ford Local history Group visit: www.laverstocklocalhistorygroup.wordpress.com

Notes

1 Laverstock Asylum (1781-1955) under the Finch family in the first half of the 19th century was one of the leading progressive asylums in the country. Humanity was the watchword rather than restraint.

2 Information on George Heatherwick kindly supplied by his daughter, Renée Sharp. Behind George in the photograph is the Matron, an Irish Protestant while the staff was mainly Irish R C nurses who lived in Laverstock. (Information given to Ruth Newman by the late Dr John Norris in June 2008.)

3 The White House, on Riverside Road, was the medical superintendent's house, demolished c1956

4 Photo taken from the bottom of The Avenue beside the River Bourne. Next door to the White House and still standing is another doctor's house known as the White Cottage, now 'Kerrycroy' (Photograph 1890s, Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, 3433/1/38.)

5 The old school closed in 1888 and later became a reading room and was then used as a Sunday School and for village functions. It became the Social Club during the 2nd World War until the 1950s when it relocated as the Laverstock and Ford Sports Club to its current site off Church Road.

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COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

The Community Action Fund is now open for applications from local groups and organisations: The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is once again offering grants of up to £5,000 to local organisations and charities as a way of giving back to the community.

Every year the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Action Fund is delivered in partnership with Wiltshire Community Foundation and supports voluntary groups to deliver activities in line with priorities set out in PCC Philip Wilkinson's #MakingWiltshireSafer Police and Crime Plan 2022-25.

This year, the application process itself has been redesigned to make grants even more accessible for smaller groups, as well as there being multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year. Funded by proceeds from the Police Property Act, the pot of money available has come from auctioning any unclaimed property that has been recovered following a crime.

Mr Wilkinson said: "My office is looking to help fund voluntary groups, organisations and charities that tackle major issues like anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol related crimes and supporting young people. It's a really great way for us to give back to the community with the money raised from unclaimed property.

Visit the WCF webpage to read the full eligibility criteria and get your application in.

For more information on how to apply, please visit the Community Action Fund page. The fund will be open for submissions all year round, but funding will be awarded on a quarterly basis with the first awards being made to bids submitted by mid-May.

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LAVERSTOCK GARDENING CLUB

Our February meeting brought Stewart Pocock of Pocock's Roses in Romsey to talk to us. His plants are raised in Cornwall nowadays – 100,000 of them. Work begins in March/April by planting rootstock and then inserting the bud of a required rose variety into a slit. This is gruelling work from 7am to 6pm, 7 days a week for 6 weeks. The roses can be sold as bare-roots in November, or as pot plants. We learned about pruning bush, climber, and rambler roses and about the right growing conditions: plenty of sun and nutrients and no waterlogging or previous rose sites. Most roses will be happy in any soil and in pots using a John Innes No. 3 compost. We also learned about rose diseases, and how best to prevent these. We were fortunate to get him to present, because it was one of his last, prior to retirement from talks.

Roger Hirons joined us in March to talk about plants for continuous interest all year round. With 30 years in the horticultural trade, he brought lots of expertise and plenty of anecdotes. He is still passionate after all these years. He explained the importance of picking plant for place, and then carrying out regular training. If a plant is neglected, a sudden big 'trim' can be disastrous. He gave an example of coniferous hedges; light cannot travel far into these hedges so regular small trims are fine, but a big one-off will result in a brown hedge. Roger has expertise in hedges and recently wrote a book "Hedges and Living Boundaries". He is a strong advocate for leaving plants untrimmed over the winter to allow wildlife to find shelter. For example, hoverflies live in detritus and then are early pollinators for, eg pear trees.

Do join us at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd May to hear Matt Simpson from Simpson's Seeds on "The Walled Garden" and on Monday 26th June to hear Chris Lloyd Jones on Growing Cosmos and Geranium.

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

Class 3, St Andrew's C of E Primary School

Our Geography topic this term is Raging Rivers. To help us to explore our local river, we were helped by Kate and Jackie from Wessex Rivers Trust.

We started with an assembly at school. We learned that a river usually starts on high ground and flows to the sea. The River Bourne starts near Amesbury and flows into the River Avon which eventually flows into the sea at Poole Harbour.

Wellies and coats on, we set off to Whitebridge Spinney where Kate and Jackie gave us a safety briefing, showed us how to throw a rope and then explained what we might find in the river.

We measured the flow of the River Bourne before Kate and Jackie went into the river in their waders and used their nets to see if there were any other inhabitants of Laverstock apart from us. The shrieks and giggles of delight soon heralded our finds – from caddisfly larvae to shrimps, from water beetles to leeches it was all in the river waiting for us to discover.

Afterwards, we came back to school and Kate showed us some of our finds on her special microscope projected onto our interactive whiteboard. We then learnt about how it is our responsibility to care for our rivers and to make sure that our beautiful chalk streams survive for generations to come.

We had a fantastic day and learnt so much. We realise how lucky we are to have such beautiful surroundings near our school and we are thankful to Kate and Jackie for helping us to find out so much.



BLUE-LIDDED BIN RECYCLING

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- ✓ Washing up liquid bottles
- ✓ Yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs
- ✓ Washing up liquid bottles

Cans, aerosols and foil

- ✓ Clean foil and trays
- ✓ Clean food tins
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Empty aerosols - make sure aerosols are completely empty otherwise they can explode when compacted
- ✓ Food and drink cartons
- ✓ Metal biscuit tins

Cartons

- ✓ Custard cartons
- ✓ Drink cartons
- ✓ Food cartons, e.g. passata
- ✓ Milk cartons

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- ✓ Corrugated cardboard
- ✓ Directories and catalogues
- ✓ Egg boxes
- ✓ Envelopes (no need to remove windows)
- ✓ Food packaging boxes and sleeves
- ✓ Frozen / chilled pizza boxes
- ✓ Greetings cards
- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Ready meal sleeves
- ✓ Shoe boxes
- ✓ Toilet and kitchen rolls
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Wiltshire Council

LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Writing this report at the end of March we are all looking forward to Easter. We have cancelled our April meeting as it falls this year on Easter Monday.

Our March meeting was our AGM, but we also had a talk by Gary Price who is the Clerk of Work at Salisbury Cathedral. Gary was an excellent speaker and his talk was very interesting. He told us about the history of the Cathedral from the original one at Old Sarum to the building and inception of the present Cathedral. He brought us up to date to the present time and explained the ongoing works to replace worn stones, figures and ornamental fixtures to the walls. All highly skilled work carried out by the resident Stone Masons and a never ending task.

Our AGM was fairly short, and our present Leader Moya Hill and the existing Committee were willing to continue and re-elected. Reports were given by our Treasurer Heather Roberts and Leader Moya Hill. We make donations each year to charity and in 2022 donated to Cancer Research UK and the Community Farm in Laverstock. Some of the money donated to the charities is from monthly book sales.

Our May meeting on the 8th falls during the Coronation weekend, but as we have cancelled our April meeting because of Easter, our May meeting will be held as normal. The speaker will be Angie Watts who will take us on a 'Walk through Lower Bemerton'. In June we are holding a BBQ in Carol Taylor's garden in Potters' Way and hoping for a fine and sunny evening!

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

MUSIC AT ST. MARTINS

The choir at St. Martin's Church is led by Ben Maton, a Laverstock musician and former Organ scholar at Oxford University, singers are from a range of backgrounds. Lizzie has recently joined the choir in her gap year and was formerly a chorister at Exeter Cathedral, and Freya is a local teacher. Many of the choir like Susan and Nick are long standing members of the local community - new members are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

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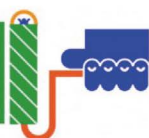
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Community facebook groups and pages: search for

Ask a Salisbury Vet, Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park Community, HOPEChurchSalisbury, Missing Dogs Salisbury page, SalisburyCampSiteQuest, LandFPC, Laverstock & Ford Community, Laverstock & Ford Residents, Longhedge Greenfingers, The Duck Inn, New Sarum WI, Laverstock, Bishopdown, Ford & Old Sarum Litter Wombles, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Longhedge Residents, Longhedge Residents Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Laverstock & District Evening WI, St Joseph's Catholic School, Laverstock Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus, Friends of Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus (link to group for uniform exchange), Old Sarum & Longhedge Community, SOS - Save Old Sarum, Old Sarum Community Centre, Old Sarum Garden Centre, Laverstock & Ford Ladies FC, StMarksAndStAndrewsSalisbury, SarumRotary, WildaboutLaverstock

VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Casual Hire Available. Not insured for bouncy castles. Contact Ruth Harris 07870 648 841 ruthharris61@gmail.com

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 Large spacious hall, seating 80+ people. Small hall which can be divided into two opened. Commercial kitchen and facilities suitable for parties, wedding receptions and training. WI Fi throughout the building.

Bookings: <https://oslcommunitycentre.co.uk/contact/> Contact 01722 335349
oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com

The Pavilion, Hampton Park Casual Hire Available

The Pavilion is located on Ash Crescent at Hampton Park. It offers excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport, as well as a meeting place for various groups and organisations.

For the latest info on availability and to hire the Pavilion for a party or meeting, please check our website: www.hamptonparkpavilion.org Contact 07483 894519

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum Conference Room available
 contact Graham Horner Visits Manager 07785 261978

The Ray MacEnhill Stadium Meeting Rooms contact via info@salisburyfc.co.uk or by telephone 01722 776655.

Church of England

www.achurchnearyou.com

Catholic Church

www.cbcew.org.uk

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

www.churchofjesuschrist.org

Hope Church

www.hopechurchsalisbury.co.uk

Domestic Abuse Support

Male and Female:

9am - 5pm weekdays - Splitz Support Service 01225 775276

5pm - 9am weekdays, all night, all weekend and every bank holiday -

Male specifically:

10am - 4pm Weekdays - Mankind 01823 334244

If in any doubt, ring Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service 01793 610610

In an emergency always dial 999

JOIN US!

Sarum u3a, is an organisation which welcomes people no longer in full time employment to join together to learn, laugh and live! We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers. These meetings are held in St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am. We also offer a vast variety of Interest Groups led by members with knowledge, experience or simply an interest in the subject, generally meeting in their own homes.

This is our monthly meeting programme for the next three months

June 21st Dr Tony Hersh - A Day in the Life of a Magistrate

July 19th Fran Sandal – Dr Livingstone I presume?

August 16th Jeremy Nettle – Why is Salisbury a City whilst Guildford is not; followed by tales of being Mayor of Salisbury

<https://u3asites.org.uk/sarum/welcome>

Lesley Waller, Sarum u3a
Speaker Secretary



Laverstock
Mothers' Union



Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May

This year's story, which helps us to understand more about the work of Christian Aid, is focused on a woman called Esther in Malawi. The people there are so friendly that Malawi is sometimes called the 'Heart of Africa'. Esther grows pigeon peas – with these peas she can bake bread, and she can also pay for her grandson Nespo to go to nursery and to help her children's dreams come true. But in Malawi, the costs of everyday essentials, such as food and fuel, are going up and up, just as they are here. In addition, the climate crisis means it is increasingly difficult to grow many of the foods Esther and her family used to eat and sell. Often crops are lost to cyclones or droughts, or seeds are too old to grow well. Many farmers like Esther are exploited by big companies and don't receive a fair price for their peas. Esther is working with Christian Aid and others in her community. Together they have:

- formed cooperatives to secure a fairer price.
- boosted the quality of the seeds they use.
- added value by baking and selling bread made from pea flour.
- built warehouses to keep peas safe from weather events
- even produced a pigeon pea recipe book!

Esther says: 'We are a community that helps one another a lot... if people face a problem, we do not allow them to suffer alone.' So, when we give to Christian Aid, we become part of Esther's community of people who help one another and help make dreams come true.

Please look out for the envelope which will be delivered to the majority of homes in Laverstock this year.

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 forever with a monthly speaker followed by tea and cake. Everyone welcome.

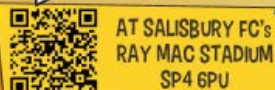
If you would like to know more or contribute in any way, please contact Pip Carter 07854827233 or Joan Prior 07833781075

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