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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the 200th Edition of Laverstock and Ford Parish News! As you read through this edition you will find the rich diversity of our community life illustrated. From novice reporter Beatrice's first trip to the Ray Mac to see Salisbury FC to David Bowie tributes and Sea Shanties at the Farm there has been plenty of entertainment on offer. We have also seen some exciting new beginnings, opening new play areas at Bishopdown Farm, a permanent home for the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry and the Chalk Stream Challenge in Laverstock.

As I read Renée Sharp's recollections of Laverstock in the fifties and sixties, I was struck by the image of the brick-a-week fund, with the Parish News deliverer coming around from house to house to collect contributions from the community to build the new village hall. It takes a lot of bricks to build a community, some of them physical but most of them human. This edition is packed with the stories of the human brick who make up our community, past and present.

The Football Club, the Pantry, the Farm, the Parish Council and the Devenish Bradshaw Trust are all testimony to how individuals can make a difference. Any initiative needs "pioneers" with the vision to start something new and "settlers" who follow on and sustain and build up that vision. Each are equally needed and equally valuable. So whether you have an idea for the next project which will add to our community life, or you have a few hours a month to help support something already in place, you are much needed and building on the strong foundation of many bricks that have already been laid.



If you are a 'pioneer' and do have an idea for a new initiative, please do talk to us about how the parish council can support you. We offer grants for local community organisations and are often able to support in other ways through advice, making connections and publicity.

One particular need is for more parish councillors to represent the communities of Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park. There is a lot happening in the community at the moment from new play parks and changes to the way the Pavillion is operated to the ASDA development and campaigns around the quality of some of the social housing and the re-opening of the doctor's surgery. Local voices are needed more than ever. Parish councillors come in all shapes and sizes, some of us work full time, some combine work and busy families, others are retired or carers. If you would like to find out more, please do contact Lesley Waller or myself, our details are on the next page.

Nick Baker, Chair

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 17 July, 7pm at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 21 Aug, 7pm at River Bourne Community Farm

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

For dates of meetings, minutes, agenda's, contacts, parish information, news and more.

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Report from the Parish Council

Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/meetings/full_council?more=upcoming

Youth Provision

Community First ran a third taster session for young people at Hampton Park Pavilion in June, which was well attended again. Stacey, the Sports Development Coach managed to get everyone outside for rounders and games. Trudi Deane (Parish Clerk), Karen Linaker from Wiltshire Council are meeting with Salisbury City Council to explore ways we might work together to take these successful sessions forward.

St Lukes & St. Peters Play Parks were officially opened in June. St. Lukes has many special sensory features that children can enjoy.

Parish Grant scheme

Requests were received from The River Bourne Community Farm, Phoenix Stars and the Community Pantry.

The Play Parks & Outdoor Gym areas at Longhedge have not yet been taken over by the parish council, whilst we have been carrying out regular inspections to ensure the areas meet safety standards, Vistry have been unable to complete required obligations.

Bin Collections

Our apologies to all residents, many of whom took the time to send us evidence of bins not being emptied during April, May and June. The Parish Clerk and Operations Officer, worked weekends and bank holidays to sort out emergency collections and negotiate the issue with our waste contractor. We sincerely hope this is now resolved. Please remember that public litter-bins are not intended for domestic waste, and for the sake of residents and public health please don't use a bin that is already full, take it home or look for another bin nearby - especially in hot weather. There are 59 bins across the Parish managed by us, and the rest are looked after by Wiltshire Council.

VACANCY

Bishopdown Farm Ward urgently needs residents to become parish councillors for this ward see page 2 and <https://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor>

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Environmental Action Group

Footpath 19 is now restored to its former glory and thanks to a joint effort from footpath wardens, New Sarum WI and members of the PEAG led by Cllr Barker, the trees planted earlier this year have been rescued from dense undergrowth and watered to give them the best chance of survival.

TREE POLICY

We have received a few calls about trees across the Parish, we run a regular programme of tree maintenance and inspection, all residents are entitled to trim or remove boughs that overhang their property boundary (up to the boundary line) but it is not our policy to cut down healthy trees.

NO MOW MAY

We received some lovely comments and photos about areas around the parish that were left uncut during May. Whilst our contractor did mow paths to ensure open spaces remained passable, there was an abundance of wildflowers that sprang up along the swale between Longhedge and Old Sarum, in parts of Bishopdown Farm, the verges along Ford Lane and along Church Road in Laverstock.

The Community Pantry finally launched in May at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre, and thanks to the hard work of Abri Housing in supporting Gemma Phillips (who has been distributing food from her home) it is growing every week. June saw a successful half-term activity session and the decision has been made to offer this service to the wider community in the Parish. see also page 39.

LITTER CAMPAIGN We ran a litter campaign with Abri Housing and Selwood Housing at Longhedge and Old Sarum which included a "Litter Trail Quiz". The prizewinners, drawn on June 07 at Bam's Cafe were: Marina Parnell & family (1st prize £50 Love2Shop Voucher) Marie Jennings-Fraser & family (2nd prize family meal at BAMs) Tom (name available upon request) won the 3rd Prize of a BAM's voucher.

Westside Close, Old Sarum - Developers have been granted outline Planning Permission pending reserved matters for 46 homes. The team were invited to the June council meeting to discuss planning gains.

NEWS IN BRIEF cont.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Cllr Jones is still looking for volunteers to help boost our local speed watch initiative. 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 & Longhedge Community Centre (OSLCC)

A new P/T Centre Manager is now in place and Nina Cope has been very busy welcoming the newly launched Community Pantry, and increasing the regular use of the centre. OSLCC is still looking to broaden its skill-base by welcoming new Trustees. It is not an onerous commitment. Why not speak to Nina and arrange to attend a meeting or have a tour and a chat, in order to decide if this is how you might contribute to your community email oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com or call Nina on 01722 335349.

Key Newsletter Info

COPY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY 28 JULY FOR NEXT ISSUE #201
SEPT/OCTOBER 2023

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

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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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in the Parish since 1st April 2023. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

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 **APPROVED**

2023/01308 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 **APPROVED**

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 **NO OBJECTION**

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 **APPROVED**

2023/01438 Householder Planning Permission sought for two storey extension. 1, ST PETERS ROAD, BISHOPDOWN, SP1 3FS **APPROVED**

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

2023/03314 Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area, UNIT 3, SPITFIRE ROAD, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6GB **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

2023/03987 conversion of the existing Stables/Office/Garages into a Dwelling GREENACRES, FORD SP4 6DX

2023/03768 Retrospective temporary permission, for a period of two years, for the siting of three modular buildings whilst internal flood damage is rectified. OLD SARUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PHEASANT DRIVE, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6GH **NO COMMENT**

2023/03387 Retention of storage containers (Temporary basis - to be reviewed after 3 years) DISTLOC HOUSE, OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, OLD SARUM, SP4 6DZ **NO COMMENT**

2023/03566 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT Works to a listed building. Retention of storage containers (temporary basis - to be reviewed after 3 yrs) Mr & Mrs Roy & Linda Guyatt, Old Sarum Airfield, Old Sarum, SP4 6DZ **NO COMMENT**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

2023/03206 Proposed ground floor extension to replace conservatory and first floor extension to create additional bedroom. 17 ELM CLOSE, LAVERSTOCK, SP1 1SA **NO COMMENT**

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**

2022/02843 Householder planning permission two storey extension 29 GREENWOOD AVENUE, LAVERSTOCK SP1 1PD **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 **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) CHURCH ROAD, LAVERSTOCK **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11145/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the subdivision of the residential plot and the erection of up to 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). **NO COMMENT**

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



While provision of natural food is the best option for hedgehogs, give them a helping hand with supplementary food, especially before and after hibernation. Offer meat-based dog or cat food, preferably chicken or turkey flavour. Avoid leaving out bread or milk as this can dehydrate and kill hedgehogs.

ITS BACK!

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER
10AM - 4PM**

DOG COMPETITION, FAT SAMS ICE-
CREAMS, HOOVES FOR COFFEE OPEN AIR
YOGA, STALLS, GUIDED WALKS, AND
MUCH MORE!

**Castle Hill Country Park
Community Day**

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Alabaré's Boots on the Ground programme

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West.

Alabaré's Boots on the Ground programme is supporting both young people and veterans, providing mental health support by delivering a range of outdoor activities, and by providing volunteering opportunities on community projects. The team have recently taken a group of young people for a residential week in the New Forest where they joined in with activities such as outdoor cooking, animal tracking and team-building. Some of Alabaré's veterans are also involved with developing the Community Garden at Arundells in Salisbury. Those who are taking part in all these activities are finding it of huge benefit to their wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. As resident Ryan says, "I don't usually go out much due to social anxiety but Boots on the Ground allows me to meet new people in a comfortable environment. It helps me to interact with people and pursue my interests which will hopefully lead to employment soon."

Knowing the positive impact this work has on the mental health and wellbeing of their residents, Alabaré is keen to ensure that as many as possible are given the opportunity to join with a wide range of outdoor activities.

If you'd like to find out more about how you can support them, including the many ways you could volunteer, do have a look at the website: www.alabare.co.uk



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Plod Around the Parish #4

When we started the "Plod Around the Parish" our intention was to let you all know about our favourite walks. However, it occurred to us that a lot of people are new to the area and perhaps don't realise the amazing heritage and beauty we have in our Parish. In encouraging you all to get out and walk, we are also encouraging you to try and ditch the cars and discover the gems on your doorstep.

This walk covers Old Sarum and Longhedge Village, but I would encourage everyone to visit somewhere new to them.

Our walk begins on The Portway. (There is parking just off the Portway opposite Avon Lodge Care Home. 1st exit at the 1st roundabout.) [///sailing.ascendant.grunt](#)

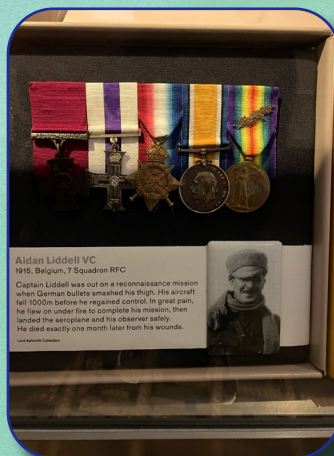
To begin with have a look at the Memorial on the roundabout. I think this looks very Celtic but as the Southwest was primarily a Celtic region, why not? The Celts go all the way down to Lands' End in Cornwall, but you will be glad to know our walk today does not go that far.

Having looked at the memorial, back track into Ramsbury Drive. Take the 1st exit at the second roundabout, continue down past the Care Home, enter the open green space, walk all the way to the bottom and follow the worn paths along the swales to the right. You should come to the end of Sherbourne Drive and just past this corner is what is known as "The Cut Through." [///glossed.jeep.differ](#)

This tarmac path will take you over the bridge into Longhedge Village. Keep walking straight up the road. This is Liddell Gardens. As you walk, you will notice that all the roads in Longhedge are named after aviators' who were awarded The Victoria Cross. In 1915 Captain Liddell was out on a reconnaissance mission when German bullets smashed his thigh. His aircraft fell 1000 meters before he was able to regain control. In great pain he flew on under fire to complete his mission, then landed the aircraft and his observer safely. He died exactly one month later from his wounds.

Continue up to the roundabout on the A345, towards the top you will see on your left the village shops, should you feel the need for refreshment, you can pause at Bams Café there is seating inside and out (should your walk take place in the evening, you could forgo the coffee and have a glass of wine instead!).

[///airliners.blogging.amuses](#)



Now that you are suitably refreshed, continue back to the roundabout, and travel up towards Amesbury, past the bus stop on the roundabout [///flickers.stitch.harsh](#) is a little path back into Longhedge, take this and follow it all the way to the end. It runs parallel with the A345. You will pass the Longhedge Open Space, this is being managed as Chalkland Wild Meadow, absolutely beautiful in early summer, the range of wildflowers and bird and insect life is amazing. If you wished you could walk the paths through the meadow, but I recommend you join The Monarchs Way at the end of the path. [///fuzz.smallest.events](#)

We are incredibly lucky to have Monarchs Way in our Parish. Historically it has great significance. When King Charles 1st was attacked by Cromwell's troops at the battle of Worcester, his 21-year-old son, King Charles 2nd, literally had to run for his life. He mostly walked from Worcester via Bristol to Shoreham on Sea in West Sussex under cover of darkness, where he boarded a ship to France. A distance of 625 miles. Although I am not a fan of the Stuart kings, I can sympathise with the young king. He had seen his father murdered and was dependant on loyal subjects for food and shelter along the way, Heale House in the Woodford Valley being one. He must have been terrified.

Turn right into Monarchs way and follow the path, sometimes you can see the deer in the fields on the left and I have regularly seen Red Kites hunting over the farmland. Great to see their numbers increasing At various points along the lane there are access points to turn back into the Longhedge Space. (It is possible to continue down Monarch's Way to The Portway but there is no footpath along the road. It is possible to walk along the grass verge, but I doubt this would be suitable for children's prams or anyone unsteady on their feet. If you do decide to take this option, once on the Portway, look over the road and under the trees you will see some mounds, these are barrows, ancient burial grounds. On your right as you walk down the verge is a WW2 Pill Box [///mammal.potions.defenders](#), again incredibly significant as there only are few left.)

If you have turned back into the Norman Drive open space [///skimmers.bound.revealing](#), follow the paths down the meadowland to the Old Sarum side. Once at the bottom walk along the green space back to The Cut Through and then back home or to your car.

Cllr Lainey Barker, CO-Chair PEAG

Parish Plod: 004

Type: Walking Route Time: 45+ minutes
Suitable for individuals, groups, dogs on lead.



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Laverstock Gardening Club

The Laverstock Gardening Club meets most months on the fourth Monday in the Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Ray Broughton kindly stepped in to talk to us in April when our listed speaker was unable to attend. 43 years of speaking to horticultural clubs and societies was the title but as usual he interspersed his anecdotes with gardening tips. He has had to deal with all kinds of club committee members over the years but hopefully he found us welcoming. One of his tips was when using mycorrhizal fungi the root ball should be chopped 3 times and then the powder dusted directly onto the root ball. The bottom couple of inches of the root ball can be safely removed, all of this will encourage new roots. New fibre pots are under development which have feed and water-retentive products built-in. An excellent talk as we have come to expect from Ray.

Matt Simpson from Simpson's Seeds talked to us in May about the Walled Garden which he currently uses for growing plants. He specialises in tomatoes and peppers but grows many other plants, edible and ornamental. His father started growing tomato varieties as a hobby, selecting them from all over the world. This developed into a small business in Surrey but eventually it out-grew the space available. They now rent a walled garden on the Longleat Estate which was very neglected but now boasts two large greenhouses. Matt brought a selection of tomato plants, salad plant seeds and chili sauces in a range of hotness. He will be moving his business to a new site soon because Longleat needs the garden back. He arranges tasting sessions in August for garden societies to help decide which varieties should make it into the catalogue.

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



Photos showing the Clubs visit to Ordnance House at West Dean, taken by Bruno Drag

DOWN ON THE FARM

A huge thanks to the River Bourne Community Farm for putting on 'Live at the Farm' at the end of May, not only was the weather perfect but it was well attended and enjoyed by all. It's the main fundraiser for the farm and we appreciate that they involve local businesses and treat it as a community event (as far as possible). So it was lovely to see parish-based 'Slinky Fox' Pizzas.

It was also ambitious to be offering cask ales but we think they pulled it off! It's a huge operation that runs alongside the day-to-day running of the farm and relies upon the goodwill of an army of volunteers to make it the valued and family friendly music event that it is. A testament to the hard work of Sara-Jane Hancock and her team.

Hard on its heels, June saw the return of the spectacular 'Old Time Sailors' who raised the roof in the Big Barn.



There have been some changes at the farm, Ben Parker MBE has introduced two new Directors to secure the long-term education aspirations of the Farm (River Bourne Community Farm CIC). So welcome, Antony Gumbrell and Peter Hardingham. We can also

see new faces and a new menu at the popular farm Cafe, with light lunches now on offer as well as a selection of cakes and cold drinks - including iced Lattes!

The cafe will now be open from 9am til 2pm Monday to Friday and 10am til 3pm at weekends. Please note that the farm will still only be open 10am til 1pm daily.

Please follow the cafe's facebook page for updates Cafe at River Bourne Farm @cafeatthefarm. This summer pop along and visit - the compost toilets are as much a talking point as the animals!

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



David Bowie Tribute Act 'Aladdin Sane' wows audiences at a packed 'Liveatthefarm2023'

EVERGREEN CLUB

Coffee Morning

Weds 19th July

10 am - 12 noon

at Laverstock Village Hall



RAFFLE &
BRING & BUY SALE

coffee and cake £4



Beatrice B. investigates... Going to the Footie!

When Colin from Salisbury Football Club popped his head round the door of the office to drop a Car Boot Sale flyer in, an idea was born! Huge thanks to Beatrice from Longhedge, ably assisted by her Dad Stuart, who have investigated on our behalf.

The name of the Old Sarum Football Stadium is a testament to the long-standing financial and personal support over the years of past chairman Ray McEnhill. Ray, a local businessman who lived in Duck Lane, Laverstock and quietly helped many local charities over the years. We hope you'll enjoy Beatrice's first article and if you're a budding young reporter or writer, and would like to write a piece about somewhere or something in the Parish do get in touch.

It was Bank Holiday Monday, the 10th of April, I woke up really excited as I was going to my first ever live football match. Salisbury FC were playing their local rivals Winchester City. The 'Ray Mac' football stadium is very close to us, I can see it across the park from the Community centre where I go to Cubs. The excitement started to build up as my Dad and I walked towards the stadium with the other fans.

Arriving at the stadium we were met by Nicki and Colin who took us on a tour of the whole stadium. We peeked into the home changing rooms where all the players' shirts were hanging up ready for the game. We walked past the managers' office (where I hoped they'd been planning the downfall of Winchester), saw the kit room with its many washing machines, and finally poked our heads in to see the ladies in catering preparing the half time food for all the fans. Moving upstairs, we saw the bar (which my Dad would revisit after the game!), the press box and the announcers' booth, had a look at the trophies and memorabilia in the board room then went to our seats. Colin explained the history of Salisbury FC to us, and I discovered the new club is the same age

as me! The clubhouse is a really, welcoming place and everything was ready for the match. This was despite there being a break-in the day before and volunteers coming in to clean everything up so that it was safe for the game.



3:00 pm had come around very quickly and from our seats high up in the stand, the pitch seemed really big in real life. As the match kicked off, Colin informed us I was going to be picking the player of the match award, so I started to take some notes to make sure I made the right decision! The weather was beautifully sunny and the ball really thumps into the hard ground. The game itself also seemed a lot more physical than on TV, you can hear the players (and management) calling to each other.

Sadly an error at the back let Winchester in on goal and they duly scored, Colin telling us the goal scorer happened to be a former Salisbury player which explained the reaction from the fans! Shortly afterwards everyone was cheering as Salisbury's number 7, Devon Arnold, equalised. The first half really flew by, the sunshine turned to driving rain and I was glad to be under the shelter of the stadium roof. Half time came and I tucked in to the biscuits and cakes on offer despite my Dads' protestations.

Salisbury came out for the second half and I noticed some of the players had moved around, after the substitution of the injured player at the end of the first half. The game had calmed down a little, helped by the intermittent rain showers, but Salisbury were applying continual pressure on the Winchester goal. No sooner had I let Colin know who my pick for player of the match was, Winchester broke forward against the run of play and scored. My Dad looked crestfallen and explained there was only a couple of minutes left. The handful of Winchester fans behind the goal, were delighted. We left our seats and made our way pitch side where we posed for a photo with player of the match Devon and offered him our commiserations. We then retreated to the bar for a drink (and some surprise live music).

I had a great time watching the game and it was really eye opening seeing how much effort people go to behind the scenes to put on each game. Dad says, "To have this within our community is really special". My family and I will be visiting the Ray Mac again as soon as we can!



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Castle Hill Country Park, Summer Update

We are thrilled to announce that the Community Day held last September went so well, that we will be running another! **Sunday September 17, 10am - 4 pm.** So do save the date and come and join us, as this year will have even more to enjoy! There will again be stands from local organisations and activities for the whole family. A fun dog show and guided walks plus much more to be announced nearer the time. We hope to see you there!

It will be a joint effort between The Land Trust, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council, so if you would like more information or would like to be involved, please contact any of the contacts below. You may have seen posters on site advertising Green Angels Courses. These courses are free and open to anyone with an interest. The courses so far have been on Natural Health and Wellbeing, Introduction to Conservation Management and an Introduction to Wildflowers and Meadows. These courses are developed by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to provide a specific insight into the wildlife at Castle Hill, and funded by the Green Angels. The Green Angels team will be at the Community Day in September if you would like to meet them and say hello! Their aim is to deliver exciting training opportunities with an environmental focus, giving you the chance to learn new skills, change your future prospects and make a difference in your community.

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That's over 33 years of Parish Newsletters in its booklet format popping through letterboxes across this growing parish. That's hundreds of volunteer hours delivering those newsletters. The PN has seen it all; the population growth, the geographical expansion, the merger of St. Edmunds Girls School with Wyvern Secondary School.

It has commented as farms have morphed into housing estates and a country park was created at Castle Hill. All recorded in past issues of the PN along with the *Battle of the Bins*, constant attempts to address traffic congestion along Church Road in Laverstock, and, in no particular order -

the building of a skatepark, five new housing estates, three new schools, a community centre, shops, a Veterinary Practice and a Medical Practice (which we really hope to see return to Bishopdown Farm). Triumphs and losses at Laverstock Sports Club, a ladies football team (and also at the Ray Mac). The PN has reflected as parish councillors have led rallying cries for campaigns to preserve the environment and local wildlife, curb careless and corner-cutting development, see safer streets, install bus shelters, protect local heritage and the PN has given a space for residents to appeal for support for local charities, or causes close to their hearts, and to promote community activities such as wellbeing and fitness, scouting activity, gardening, and the University of the Third Age (apparently not a cult but a fun, eclectic mix of social and mind-expanding talks for folk reaching their third age).

In the last 33 years the PN has only missed two print issues, the latter was during the pandemic. To protect the volunteer deliverers issue 181 was distributed online only. That's 200 issues of people, problems, ideas, appeals, and reporting of Parish Council activity. A huge thanks also, to our advertisers whose loyalty has helped us defray costs.

*"People...people who need people..
are the luckiest people in the world!"*

Jule Steyn & Bob Merrill

Next year the parish council will be one hundred and thirty years old. Since forming in 1894 the Parish Council has seen 24 Chairs - so far all of them chair-men.... and apart from the welcome on page 1, by our current Chair, Nick Baker, we also feature articles from ex-chair David Burton on page 36 and one about ex-chair David Blyth on page 29. The PN continues to celebrate the people within our parish who have given of their time and dedication to make our communities places where people can thrive. All of these assets to our community involved a local councillor making representations to the local authority, overseeing documentation, rallying support, lobbying managers and obscure departments, tracking down the person who can effect change and standing on doorsteps - listening. We welcomed one new Parish Councillor last year - James Smith who despite his commitments in the military and to his family, stepped up to make a difference. There's no one particular type, or trait that is required to be a councillor other than a belief in your community and a will to improve things for yourself and others.

People in Bishopdown Farm (Hampton Park and Riverdown Park) have been the most vociferous in reporting and communicating with the Parish Office over the past year, and yet, they only have one ward councillor Lesley Waller, an active and seasoned councillor who would like to see new councillors with ideas and a passion for making things better stepping up. If you are passionate about your local community, we need you. Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward for election. Please consider joining us. WE NEED YOU!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUMMARY

Our APM seems like an age ago now, but if you find you've got things to say about where you live on facebook then the APM is the place to meet others passionate about your community.

Residents of Laverstock, Millford, Ford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum and Longhedge attended their Annual Parish Meeting held in the Big Barn at River Bourne Community Farm on Monday May 15th.

Residents enjoyed displays from local groups and partner agencies, including the Milford Area Preservation Group (MAPG), Wild About Laverstock and The Land Trust. Nick Baker, who as Chair of the Parish Council called and chaired the meeting, introduced the Parish Councils Strategic Plan, capturing the councils' big ambitions for the future in terms of Community Resilience, Planning & Development, Sustainable transport, Climate Change & Environment, Public Amenity and Accountability. Nick included details of the Operations Officer's report discussing the important work of taking over assets from Wiltshire Council including litter bins and play parks and work done to tackle issues of speeding. The council is waiting on the handover of five new play areas and by the end of the year the parish will have 33 play areas in total.

Those present also heard from Josh Rogers, The Wiltshire Wildlife Community Empowerment Officer, who stepped in, when the guest speaker from the Dog's Trust was unable to attend. Josh spoke about management of the Castle Hill Country Park, the tension between being 'dog friendly' and protecting the ground nesting Skylarks who thrive on the site, and the difference between a country park and a nature reserve. He also mentioned the Hibernaculum offering safe spaces for reptiles and other wildlife, and plans for a community garden. In closing he also gave special thanks to Bishopdown Farm resident Jim Boardman for all the work he does, both as a volunteer at Castle Hill and in protecting the Community Orchard from damage by extreme weather last year.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson and Catherine Roper, the new Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police, took the trouble to join the APM and chat informally to residents before they spoke officially and answered questions from councillors and residents at the Annual Parish Council Meeting which followed on straight afterwards.

Tom Maskell, Vice-Chair of the Parish Council who also attended both meetings said, "It was pleasing to see the number of residents who came, including representatives of our Footpath Warden volunteers, Parish Environmental Action Group and our Community Police team.

We are grateful to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, for the healthy level of discussion, and for giving detailed and re-assuring answers regarding issues of concern to our residents, such as, staff levels and responses to reported crime and anti-social behaviour. To hear Wiltshire Police are looking to improve ways in which the public can communicate with them is encouraging.

We also heard from a resident who spoke as a recently retired member of Wiltshire Police about the many ways in which Wiltshire Police should be proud of their awareness, response and attitude towards Domestic Violence incidents. We know from Cllrs Lynn and Vanstone who head the Neighbourhood Watch team in Longhedge that residents are concerned about a rise in anti-social behaviour but clearly Wiltshire Police are determinedly raising their game. We wish the Chief Constable success in their new role"



Above: residents getting seated ready for the 'talking' part of the APM



Above: Philip Wilkinson, Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner with Cllr Laura Jones



Left: Barbara & David Lovibond at the MAPG display talking to residents about their work

News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING W I

In our previous article we were looking forward to celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and we are pleased to say we did this in some style at our May meeting. The weather was on our side as we enjoyed a garden party “dressed to impress” while we ate a cream tea and cake, surrounded by patriotic bunting and balloons. Prizes were awarded for the best outfit and for winning the kingly pictorial quiz (see photo).

Looking back to our April meeting, we had a most interesting talk by a speaker from GUL Outdoor Therapy. This is a charity which provides physical, mental health and support for people of all ages through working with horses and ponies. The benefit of working with these gentle beasts through riding, caring for and exercising in the open air under guidance brings comfort to many. The charity was founded in Wiltshire in 2009 and now has branches in Wales as well.

Looking ahead we shall soon be visiting the beautiful gardens of Bowood House and also continuing our general activities, coffee mornings and Lunch Club outings. June is our branch WI birthday so more that later. Meanwhile enjoy the summer and the good things this season brings.



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

NEW SARUM WI

As an added incentive to attend our AGM in April, we held a ‘Can you Taste the Difference?’ chocolate tasting for our members. Well we certainly could at the start of the session but towards the end the taste buds of some had given up by the over indulgence! Interestingly the votes cast by our members showed that the more expensive chocolate was not necessarily the most popular!

At our May meeting where we welcomed 2 new members, microbiologist Dr. Andy Simpson, talked to us about his work during the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone in 2014. From the initial phone call in the early hours, to the setting up of mobile laboratories and the processing of patients and samples, ensuring that the spread of this deadly disease was limited. This was a fascinating insight into what was world headline news at the time. The same evening we held our annual plant sale, this year raising funds for our two nominated charities, Salisbury Hospice and Mencap. We are looking forward to our June meeting when local Justice of the Peace, Liz Jennings will visit to give us an insight to the workings of the judicial system.

At the time of writing this, we are just unpacking our WI kit after a very successful presence at People in the Park, an annual community event in Queen Elizabeth Gardens promoting sustainability. We were there not only to promote our group and recruit new members, but to show how the Women’s Institute has continued to move with the times and is campaigning on major issues such as climate change, ending plastic soup and the need for cleaner rivers.

Our sub groups continue to thrive. Our Art and Craft group took on decoupage, our History and Culture Group had a guided tour around Wilton, and our two walking groups continue to work off all of that chocolate! Walks included a lovely one through Grovely woods to enjoy the last of the seasons bluebells.

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.

A deep pond with steep sides is a hedgehog death trap. Hedgehogs can swim but quickly become exhausted, and find it impossible to climb out. Ensure your pond has sloping sides so hedgehogs can exit easily. Alternatively, drape thick rope netting over one side, or place a log at one end to act as a ladder.



Laverstock Recollections of Renée Sharp nee Heatherwick (part 2)

Edited by Loraine Sherlock, notes compiled by Ruth Newman



The Church and village activities. Although my parents were not church goers, my brother and I were sent along on Sundays, when we were both in the choir. The boys wore cassocks whilst the girls wore blue veils. The vicar at that time was Dr Baker followed by The Reverend Barker, then the Reverend Philip Rounds, who

was a much younger man.

When I was young, the vicar at the time would visit every house in his parish. My brother used to carry the cross up the aisle at church services, but one Sunday he managed to hit Canon Baker and he was never allowed to carry the cross again!

Sunday School was held in the old village hall in Church Road on Sunday afternoons. At Sunday School we were given a little book to put a large stamp in. However, if we didn't go there was no stamp, so I suppose it made us attend every week¹.

In the summer there was always the Sunday School outing to the seaside which was great fun as there were very few cars about in those days. We also had a Youth Club in the village hall that was well attended. We had pottery lessons, made leather items, raffia mats, and played games. We put on shows for the village; it was all great fun.

We had a Miss Whatley who lived in Salisbury. She was to do with a Youth Organisation². She would come and teach us to dance around the maypole at the May Day celebrations (Fete). We always had a May Queen and attendants with a large fancy dress procession starting at the bottom of Greenwood Avenue and finishing in the Sports Field where the Club is today³.

Picture Above: Audrey Stapley being crowned as Laverstock's first May Queen, 1949 (private collection)

The village hall was also used as a clinic, where I would take my baby son for weighing etc. Across the road lived a Mrs Case where the young mothers could collect their free orange juice, Cod Liver oil, and National Health dried milk.

When the hall was pulled down to make way for housing, a brick-a-week fund was set up to build a new one; it was sixpence a week which the people of Laverstock paid. On the estate the money was collected by Mrs Williams from Beechcroft Road, who also delivered the Parish magazine. In those days we paid a shilling for it⁴.

Footnote

Renée married her second husband Derek Sharp in 1967; they were together for 52 years. In all that time Derek was very much involved with Salisbury Football Club. Renée soon joined him, raising tens of thousands of pounds for the Club. Sadly Derek passed away in August 2019 and Renée retired after 40 years.



*(Above) The opening of the new village hall, November 1966
(© The Salisbury Museum/The Salisbury Journal)*

1. The original village hall was built on the eastern side of Church Road on land owned by Major Byles of the Hill.
2. Miss E K Whatley was the Assistant County Youth Officer.
3. The photo shows Audrey Stapley as May Queen and her maids of honour on May 7th 1949. In that year the procession was led from Greenwood Avenue by a military band with the crowning ceremony taking place in the field at 3.30 pm. There were fancy dress and decorated bicycle competitions, maypole dancing with a fun fair including 'bowling for the pig' all afternoon. The 'entire proceeds' went to 'Village Youth Work'.
4. The new village hall has continued since 1966 to cater for the wealth of village activities, from the traditional WI, Scouts and Gardening Club to Bonsai, Tai Chi and Line Dancing. It is widely used for private events.

For further information on the Laverstock and Ford Local History Group see website:

www.laverstocklocalhistorygroup.wordpress.com

DAVID BLYTH 1928-2015

David Blyth was a member of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council for many years and its Chairman from 1969 to 1977.

Born in Southampton he moved to Salisbury in 1950 to work as a research scientist at Porton Down. In 1954 he and his wife Jean had the first house built in Potters Way, backing onto Duck Lane, on the site of the old barrage balloons.

He always took a very keen interest in the local community and whilst a member of the Parish Council he played a key role in the establishment of the playground off Duck Lane as he felt there were not enough facilities for children in the village.

After the building of the secondary schools along Church Rd, the safety of the school children along the very busy road was of particular concern to him. With his Parish Council colleagues including Ernest Norton (who lived in the thatched cottage on the green), he was instrumental in the building of bus shelters in the village. He also spent much of his spare time, along with Ernest Hartley, another long-term member of the Parish Council, walking the footpaths of the parish to ensure they remained clear and accessible to all.

In the 1960s and 1970s he was also a school governor at both St Andrews Primary School and later at St Edmunds School, schools which were attended by his three daughters. He left the Parish Council when his work started to take him overseas a great deal and he left Laverstock when he retired from Porton Down in 1986 to continue his research work, this time in the USA on behalf of their government.



One of the best things you can do for hedgehogs is to allow them access to your garden. Simply cut a hole, 12cm x 12cm, in the bottom of your fence. If you have a large garden, consider making holes at several points. If you get together with your neighbours, you can create 'hedgehog highways', allowing hedgehogs to roam greater distances.



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Right: Matt Lampe at Bam's Cafe, Longhedge draws the three prizewinners of the Litter Quiz Trail on June 08



Below: Volunteers working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at Castle Hill Country Park



Centre Right: Over 60 hours of one Footpath Wardens dedication and time has ensured that the footpath between Laverstock Sports Club and Cheverell Avenue, is now safely passable and in good order. We hope users will continue the good work by keeping it litter free and report any dumped items.. We have notified Wiltshire Council, and hope they will keep it trimmed throughout the summer



Our Community Police team with a new recruit at the Longhedge Litter Pick-me-up sign-in point.



Play Park installations take a lot of time and effort to see through from planning and design to the final H&S sign-off but we're delighted that St. Luke's & St. Peter's play parks at Bishopdown Farm are now open with lots of sensory equipment and

(L-R) Phillip Wilkinson, Police & Crime Commissioner with Catherine Roper, Wiltshire Chief Constable, Andrew Prince, Responsible Financial Officer (LFPC) at the Annual Parish Council Meeting



Attendees of a Green Angels course, get an early start at Castle Hill Country Park (including our Operations Officer Joe Elder - top right)



The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust – The First Five Years

In 2018 a new local charity was formed to own and care for around 60 acres of water-meadows and other habitats along the River Bourne Chalk Stream between River Bourne Community Farm and Laverstock Sports Club. The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is going from strength to strength in fulfilling its' charitable objectives.

Here are some of the major achievements of the Trust in the last five years.

1. Putting nature back on the water-meadows

We have spread wildflower seed rich green hay across the meadows along with preparatory wildflower seed. Careful management with local cattle and sheep, together with hay making is helping the wildflowers to establish. We have also coppiced and pollarded trees and scrub to increase the diversity of habitats. Just as importantly we have allowed natural processes to take place without over management, particularly in our stretches of the River Bourne chalk stream. Wildlife is flourishing across our land as a result. Have a look at our chalk board by our car park next to River Bourne Community Farm to see what the latest wildlife sightings are on the water-meadows. Yesterday two kingfishers flew in formation right over me, each with a fish in its' bill! And other Trust volunteers discovered beautiful mauve marsh orchids amongst the meadow buttercups.

2. Making access to the water-meadows safe and pleasurable for all

Access to the water-meadows from the Sports Club or the Community Farm has been improved through our efforts although as with nature restoration there is still much to do! We are particularly proud of our Nature Discovery Area at the Community Farm End of the meadows and also our river dipping platform restoration by the farm which will be completed this Summer as the floods from the wet Spring recede. See how many species of fish you can see swimming amongst the trees in the river and listen out for the noisy Cetti's warbler in the brambles. It will make you jump! From the Sports Club there is direct access to some of our most flower rich meadows. Narrow field has river access opposite the Sports Club for quiet nature study. A grass snake was seen slithering there a couple of weeks ago. I recommend Top Field as birdwatching and butterfly hotspot. Garden Warblers and Blackcaps are in full song at the moment. Can you tell the difference between their songs? Most birdwatchers struggle with that one.

3. Increasing opportunities to learn about and care for the water-meadows and other chalkstream habitats.

Our Saturday morning volunteer work parties are a great way to unwind after a busy week. Some Saturday mornings we have as many as 6 work groups in action simultaneously. Work tasks range from creating more habitat for wildlife, installing easy access gates and benches, surveying nature and above all having lots of fun! We also host a plethora of educational and community groups including schools and community organisations like the Community Farm school visits, Three Birds falconry experience days, Giant Steps Nursery, St Josephs School and numerous Scout groups.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust then visit our website www.dbct.org and take a stroll across the water-meadows.

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CHALK STREAM CHALLENGE

David Burton, Trustee, Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust



LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Summer finally arrived in the second half of May with beautiful sunny warm weather.

Our group didn't meet in April due to Easter and so we met as usual in May on the Monday evening of the Coronation weekend. There was a very good attendance, and we were taken on a 'Walk Through Lower Bemerton' in a talk by Angie Watts. It was an interesting 'walk' and Angie had lots of local knowledge having lived in the village as a child. The village has retained much of its charm. There are two churches, a village school, a play area and many original interesting houses. Angie remembered swimming and playing in the river, but this would no longer be possible as the area they used is now a permanent car park. The talk was illustrated with many photos of the village.

In June we are looking forward to a BBQ in Carol Taylor's garden and then in July, Frogg Moody will tell us all about the Salisbury Pop Scene in his talk called 'Hold Tight.'

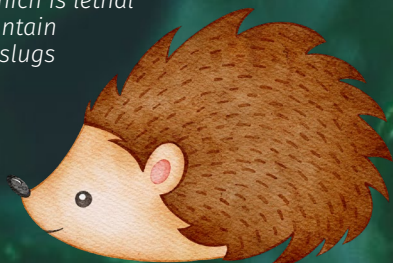
We don't meet in August and so will be looking forward to meeting up again in September for a Ghost Walk around the City.

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

Hedgehog hospitals and rescue centres are full of hedgehogs with injuries caused by strimmers. To prevent injury or killing a sleeping hedgehog, check your long grass before using your strimmer. If you find any hedgehogs, move them from danger to a safe, secluded spot.

Conventional slug pellets contain metaldehyde, which is lethal to hedgehogs. Wildlife-friendly, organic pellets contain the less toxic ferric phosphate, but they still take slugs and snails out of the food chain.

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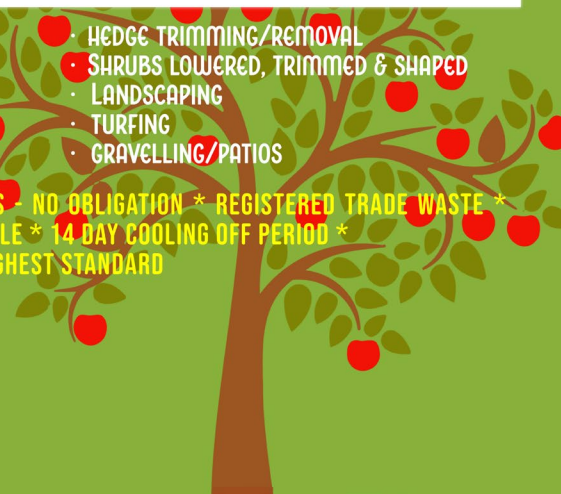
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Pop by for a cup of tea and a chat and to find out more about the Pantry, which is a great way to reduce food waste and help people struggling with the rising cost of living. There are lots of plans in the pipe-line including offering 'food-to-go' bags for working people. Do come along if you're free and see what it's all about. Volunteers are also welcome to help sort the food and run the cafe.

We would also like to extend our belated congratulations to Gemma Phillips who ran this project from her home during the pandemic and was made one of 500 UK 'Coronation Community Champions' by the Royal Volunteer Service in May.

The Pantry opens every Weds morning at Old Sarum Community Centre, Pheasant Drive, Salisbury, SP4 6GH. For more information please contact oslpantry@gmail.com or call 01722 335349



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🌐 www.hamptonparkpavilion.org ☎ 07483 894519

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

contact Graham Horner Visits Manager ☎ 07785 261978

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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.

Wed Jul 19th **FRAN SANDHAM - DR LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME**

Fran tells the story behind the legendary meeting in Africa in 1871 between the missing explorer Dr David Livingstone and the ambitious news reporter Henry Morton Stanley. How their meeting proved to be the newspaper scoop of the century, bringing Stanley world fame and notoriety; the widespread controversy, hostility and personal ridicule Stanley faced on his return to Europe and America after finding Livingstone; why their meeting was such a sensational news story – and why Stanley's four words became the most famous greeting in history.

Wed Aug 16th **JEREMY NETTLE - WHY IS SALISBURY A CITY?**

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

Lesley Waller, Sarum u3a Speaker Secretary



Mothers Union has continued to meet regularly. At the end of April we joined the group at Harnham to meet with Ruth Brookes-Martin of Spurgeons Baby Bundles and we were able to give her all the items we had made and collected. Two of us have also started to help at Salisbury Pantry.

We held our annual outing in June, this year at Breamore, where several members from Wilton joined us. As well as the house and museum, we had the opportunity to visit St Mary's church – described as one of the most important Saxon churches in England.

Our focus at the next meeting on 13th July is local history – we look forward to hearing from Bryan Evans about the history of not just St Andrew's church but also Mothers Union here.

And then 17th August we would like to invite you to come along to our Garden Party in St Andrew's churchyard, it's open to everyone of all ages. Refreshments provided free of charge. Please note it's the 3rd Thursday in the month, not the 2nd, because of a wedding. We would very much like to see you, any time from 2.30pm onwards.

If you would like to know more please contact Pip Carter 07854827233 or Joan Prior 07833781075.

What's On at the Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

Monday

Monday Monkeys - 9.00-11.00 Beavers - 18.00-19.15
Youth Club - 18.00-20.00 (every other Monday)

Tuesday

Tumble Tots - 9.15-12.05 Aspire Martial Arts - 17.30-20.00
Radiant Yoga - Pregnancy Yoga/Fitness 18.30-19.30 Yoga/Pilates/Fitness 19.30-20.30

Wednesday

Community Pantry - 9.00-12.30
Radiant Yoga - Pregnancy Yoga/Fitness 19.30-20.30

Thursday

Radiant Yoga - Mum & Baby Fitness/Yoga 10.00-11.00
Cubs - 18.30-20.00
Rock Choir - 19.00-21.30
Cocaine Anonymous - 20.30-21.30

Friday

Radiant Yoga -
Yoga with Pilates Fitness 9.30-10.30
Scouts - 19.30-21.00

Saturday

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Sunday

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