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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the November and December edition of Parish News, a season which starts with us burning an effigy of a man who tried to blow up parliament on a bonfire and ends up with us celebrating peace and goodwill to all men!

It is also going to be a very busy season for us as a Parish Council, with responses to prepare for to the consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan and the planning application to build 315 houses at Old Sarum Airfield. Both of these will be decided in our full council meeting on the 20th November. It is a public meeting and all residents are very welcome to attend, and briefly have their say at the start of the meeting (preferably channeling the spirit of peace and goodwill rather than burning at the stake!).

The aim of the local plan consultation is to allow residents to have a say in the document which will shape development in our community for the next 15 years, yet as soon as you look at the amount of information and the form provided it can seem rather intimidating and technical. This is why the Parish Council has authorised the expenditure of up to £4,000 from our reserves to obtain specialist legal advice to ensure we can represent the views of the community and defend the Neighbourhood Plan as effectively as possible. We have not yet received that advice, but we will share the key information via our website and social media when we receive it and you may want to read that before you reply.

However please don't let the volume of information put you off responding in person. If you are interested in the sites allocated for large scale housing development in the parish they are:

1. Policy 23- 350 new houses on the North East edge of Old Sarum up to Monarch's Way
2. Policy 25- 100 houses North of Beehive Lane Pack and Ride
3. Policy 30- 50 Houses East of Church Road at the foot of Cockey Down

If you want to oppose or support these sites for new houses unless you are picking up very technical issues, in the language of planning you are probably going to want to comment on the "soundness" of the plan, and if you disagree with the allocation of houses you are likely to want to use the "not justified" reason.

To get to the consultation page just put "Wiltshire Local Plan Consultation" in to your search engine of choice and it should be the top link. If you are good with technology Wiltshire Council would encourage you to use the Consultation Portal and comment on the website (all of the policies above can be found on the left hand menu by going to 'Area Strategies' and then 'Strategy for Salisbury Housing Market Area'. However if you are struggling with that you can download a form to fill in. You could even just write Wiltshire Council an old fashioned letter saying you want to take part in the consultation and make clear which policy you want to have your say on! The deadline is Nov 22nd.

Compared to the local plan commenting on the Old Sarum application is comparatively simple. Just put "Wiltshire Planning" into your search engine of choice and where it says "Search for Planning Applications" put PL/2023/07368 in the box. There are lots of documents! However the Design and Access Statement (Part 01) provides a good summary and then you can comment online.

Nick Baker, Chair

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 20 November, 7pm
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

Monday 16 December, 7pm
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

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

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Details of Councillors' interests and membership of parish council sub-groups, can be found on our website www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

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

Drakes Close Play Area in Bishopdown Farm has had a lovely make-over, thanks to contractors Redlynch Leisure.

Parish Grant scheme

The Council has awarded the following: £364 to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for the provision of toilets and a generator at the Community Day. £1750 to Salisbury City Council towards Salisbury Pantry. - a social supermarket which also caters for residents from our parish and £50 to St Josephs Catholic School towards the purchase of water sampling kits.

The Outdoor Gym areas at Longhedge Once some further work has been done to stabilise the area surrounding the gym, Abri are organising some sessions with a coach to help residents make the most of the Gym, which also features a phone charger and an app to help you manage your fitness regime.

VACANCIES - BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR Please join us, we are a non-political council serving a growing population and we need people with skills in decision-making, the environment, communication, planning, administration (you name it we can use it). Being a parish councillor is a rewarding way to give back to your community.

MILFORD AREA 20mph Speed limit became operational on the 2nd of October.

YOUTH CLUB - Hampton Park Pavilion Thursdays 5pm - 6.30pm term time only from Nov 2nd. Thanks to additional funding from Southern Area Board we are delighted to begin a new Youth Club in partnership with Salisbury City Council Communities Team for young people in year 6 upwards email communications@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk for more info.

LONGHEDGE RETAIL AREA Our gratitude to Myddelton & Major's Commercial Dept. who worked with the Landlord of the site, to get a new bin installed (and moved). There is also a bin outside the Spar shop.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK We were so sad to have had to cancel the planned community day in September due to a last minute upgraded severe weather warning, our gratitude to all the concessions, organisations and residents who were due to join us for what promised to be a lovely day. Hannah Bosence will be leaving the Land Trust this autumn, and will be much missed. We also said farewell to Josh Rogers from Wiltshire Wildlife who by now, will be grappling with lectures at Plymouth University in pursuit of higher learning, we wish them both successful onward journeys. However, we welcome Russell who arrives as the new face of Wiltshire Wildlife at the Country Park see page 19.

OLD SARUM MANHOLE ISSUE Cllr Schneider followed up an incident on Sept 02 at Crozier Close, he contacted Leep Utilities who whilst not responsible for the dangerous manhole, kindly made it safe. The company responsible for maintenance has been made aware.

QUEEN MANOR ROAD Cllr McDonald is investigating the possibility of getting the new speed signs moved so they are visible from both sides and not obscured by the trees.

FOOD & FUEL VOUCHERS Abri have secured funding to offer food and energy vouchers for those in crisis this winter, find out more from the Community Pantry at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre on Wednesday mornings (see page 22).

PLANNING The Management of Old Sarum Airfield have lodged a planning application to re-develop the site, the parish council will be considering this application and considering the views of local residents, in the light of the the current and future best interests of the parish. Developers have also amended plans for housing at Westfield Close in Old Sarum, this application includes both social housing and shared ownership housing. Visit Wiltshire Council Planning Portal to view all planning applications <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk>

WARM SPACE & CHATTY CAFE Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre will be opening throughout the winter as a warm space on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings from November (see page 22).

THE PARISH STEWARD has been out and about cutting back supergrowth and clearing gulleys and kerbs this autumn (see page 20).



Key Newsletter Info

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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We are working with the Community Safety Officer at Wiltshire Council and our local Community Police team to hear peoples views on a rise in anti social behaviour and its impact. Please take time to fill in this brief online survey.

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/Old-Sarum-Longhedge-ASB>

Or you can email your concerns regarding any anti-social behaviour you have witnessed or your comments on how you would like to see this addressed to communications@laverstock-ford.co.uk



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

DECISIONS

PL/2023/06065 Change of use of land and erection of three bedroom Chalet Bungalow on vacant site THE MEADOWS, MILFORD MILL ROAD, **WITHDRAWN BY COUNCIL**

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

2023/03768 Retrospective temporary permission, for a period of two years, for the siting of three modular buildings whist internal flood damage is rectified. OLD SARUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PHEASANT DRIVE, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6GH **APPROVED**

2022/02490 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 **APPEAL ALLOWED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2023/07012 Proposed two-storey rear extension. 92 SHERBOURNE DRIVE, OLD SARUM SP4 6GA **APPROVED**

PL/2023/08424 Revised application of PL/2022/07787 - Single storey extensions to east and west elevations. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1QW

PL/2023/07727 Erection of a new dwelling, landscaping and associated works. Beehive Cottage, Portway, Old Sarum, Salisbury, SP4 6BL

Outline application with all matters reserved, except from the means of PL/2023/07368 access to the site for the demolition, modification and renovation of existing buildings, structures and site development. Provision of approximately 15.03ha of residential land accommodating approximately 315 residential dwellings. Provision for mixture of employment, commercial/leisure, and aviation uses on 3.51ha of land at Area B. Provision of associated access, including construction of new points of vehicular access to surrounding highways network, car parking and connections to surrounding footpath and cycle networks. Green infrastructure provision. OLD SARUM FLYING CLUB< OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, OLD SARUM SP4 6DZ

PL/2023/07359 Retrospective planning permission for two sheltered storage buildings at Milford Farm, Milford Mill Road, Milford, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 1NJ **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS continued

PL/2023/07282 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders, Lime - Prune new shoot growth back to previous pollard points to maintain tree 16 NORTON DRIVE, FORD, SALISBURY, SP4 6DA **NO COMMENT**

PL/2023/06866 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders: Oak tree – reduce canopy by 3m and remove overhanging branches, 35 APPLIN ROAD, BISHOPDOWN, SALISBURY, SP1 3PD **NO COMMENT**

PL/2023/04526 Development of 46 dwellings with internal access, footways, parking and garaging, public open space (POS), landscaping and associated infrastructure (Reserved Matters application pursuant of Outline Application) LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX. original **OBJECT WITH REASONS CONDITIONS still stands**

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**

PL/2021/09567 relating to landscape, layout, appearance and scale LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX **SUPPORT WITH 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 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). Land SE Of BOURNE HOUSE, FORD LANE, FORD, SP4 6DJ **NO COMMENT**

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



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PLOD AROUND THE PARISH #6

Parish Plod: 006 Time: 1 hour +
Suitable for all

When we started the "Plod Around the Parish" our intention was to let you all know about our favourite walks. In encouraging you all to get out and walk, we are also encouraging you to try and ditch the cars and discover the history and natural beauty on your doorstep.

This walk takes place in the northern part of the parish, in the Longhedge area, bordering on the boundary with Winterbourne Earls. It is about 2 1/4 miles long and could be walked comfortably in around an hour.

Starting from the Spar shop and Bams Grill, cross the Rhodes Moorhouse Way into Mottershead Row and onto McNamara Way. Cross the road into Ball Grove, pass alongside the soon-to-be-football pitch and pavilion. At the top of Ball Road cross over into Trigg Crescent. Pass the children's playground and enter the Community Open Space ahead of you, via a gravel path.

This area is a naturalist's delight. As you walk through here look out for the wonderful array of wild flowers. When I wandered through in early September I was confronted by a vast display of dark mullein, a prolific yellow flower that dominated the area. There was also lots of toadflax, knapweed, wild marjoram, bedstraws, cornflowers, ox-eye daisies, scabious and red field poppies, and many more. I even saw some fat hen and sun spurge.



Keep ahead, ignoring side paths. When you reach a T-junction of paths, turn left and soon swing right and head towards the hedge-line ahead of you. Just before a large beech tree in the hedgerow, go through a clear gap in the hedge and you are on Monarch's Way. Turn right. This wonderful long-distance footpath (625 miles) roughly follows King Charles II's escape route from Cromwell's forces at the battle of Worcester in 1651, during the Civil War. In the cornfields to your left you can often see/hear singing skylarks in the summer and flocks of chirping sparrows in the rough bushes to your right.

Keep on the Way for about a third-of-a-mile and just after the track widens, turn sharp right through a wide gap in the hedge into an arable field. Turn right again and walk along the field edge. Follow this to the end, then turn left with hedge on your right. Follow this field-edge path towards the cross-hedge, with houses behind. Turn left and continue along the field edge. After about 250 yards



look out for a narrow gap in the hedge on the right. Squeeze through this and emerge onto a cut grass area. Go half right and through a gap in the hedge by a street lamp. Turn right along Norman Drive. Pass Jay Drive, Lapwing Drive and Robin Road to your left. When you reach a grass area ahead, take the faint path on the right. (This is a very attractive path through a semi-wild area.) When the path forks, go ahead towards the large hedge, then swing left at the T-junction. This path is usually well cut. Bear right at the next fork. Keep ahead, parallel with the overgrown hedge on your right. At the cross-hedge, bear left to the road and turn right and right again at the waste bin and lamppost. Keep ahead on the narrow path and when you reach the tarmac path, turn right and cross the bridge that separates Old Sarum from Longhedge. At the end bear left near the houses, then right, and walk up McLeod Place. Go over the crossroad and up Davies Road. Keep ahead, passing



Robinson Grove and Old Sarum Manor care home on your left. The shops are just ahead of you, where you started your walk. We are very fortunate in having so many wonderful footpaths and walks right on our doorstep

and I hope we can all play our part in keeping the paths open. Whenever I go for a walk, I always take a pair of secateurs in my rucksack and do my bit to trim back the natural growth. If we all did this, all our paths would be passable with ease. Try it sometime!

Peter Westmacott
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For further information contact Toni Evans
WBVT Stay Safe Online Manager Email: Toni@wbvt.org

ACROSS THE MEADOWS

I volunteer on Laverstock Water-meadows for the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust every weekend on a Saturday. Partly because it is needed for you to volunteer for D of E, but I also volunteer because I enjoy working on the Meadows. Most of our work entails helping the environment achieve its natural state. For example, for the past month or so we have been sorting out the river. Over the last few months, we have rebuilt the dipping platform, cleaned out the river of any rubbish, branches and debris (such as leaves). Our community meadows are a place for anyone to come and enjoy. Over the last 2 years built by only volunteers we have managed to erect fences, install electric fences to keep livestock safe, create paths, plant flowers and plant an entire new row of trees at the end of the River Bourne Community farm. The list goes on.

Working on the meadows has been an absolute privilege, since I first registered as a DoE volunteer at the Devenish Bradshaw Trust I have seen volunteers coming week in week out to give back to the community and help improve the environment. Working on the meadows is a great way to get to know new people and get closer to the people you already know.

Another benefit of working on the meadows is that it can help you in later life, build your confidence in working with people you don't know and by your developing skills and knowledge. It provides excellent experience that you can use in a job resume or interview. Most importantly we have fun working together on the water meadows.

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You could be in mud putting up a fence, or chopping wood with an axe but because you are with people that you have common interests with you can enjoy the work. My time on the meadows has and will keep me active and healthier, provide me with experience and gives me time to be with friends. It has truly been an unforgettable experience.

Ethan Cleary, Duke of Edinburgh volunteer



SALISBURY ROTARY NEEDS YOUR HELP



Salisbury Rotary Club is a registered charity and offers you a great opportunity to get involved in supporting your own community.

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What we need is new members so we can provide even more help where it is most needed.

We have fun and social events as well as trying to make a difference in so many ways - be it environmental projects, supporting the next generation through youth leadership projects, volunteering and running local events, and some fund raising too.

So come along and see how Rotary can and does make a difference.

*If you would like to learn more, please contact us on:
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Coffee & Cake £4

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raffle & refreshments*



HOW DO I GET MY LITTLE ONE TO SLEEP OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD?!

With the excitement and anticipation of Santa, celebrating with friends, extra chocolate, and changes in routine, Christmas can be the most exciting and exhausting time of the year for little ones!

Some of my top tips to follow to help with this on are:

Tire them out – No lie ins (especially on Christmas Eve morning) get up and out and plan activities where possible. Christmas movies can wait until later in the day, we need to burn off that excess energy first and increase their exposure to daylight. Activities such as helping you to deliver those last few Christmas cards, walking around looking at Christmas lights, a nature walk around the country park or baking mince pies and cookies. Keeping them stimulated will help at the end of the day when it is time to wind down. Be sure to watch out for overtiredness as this can raise their cortisol levels and make sleep difficult and cause early wakings.

Limit sweets – Yes this is the time to indulge, however excess sugar can have a negative impact on sleep. Have a cut off time to avoid the bedtime sugar rush and a glass of warm milk before bed can help promote sleep.

Routine – keep your routine as much as possible especially around naps, if your little one still has daytime naps, stick to these even if they are napping on the go. Keep their sleep cues the same and if you are staying with family or friends keep their sleep environment similar to home e.g. white noise, bedsheets that smell like home.

Bedtime – put them to bed earlier – this may sound crazy however this extra half an hour will allow them extra time to wind down, you can bring dinner and bath time forward to allow for this. On Christmas Eve, rather than being strict and telling them they must go to sleep, make it more of a game and give them options along the way. Reading a festive book and explaining that the whole family are having an early night can help too. Build the excitement of Santa coming once everyone is asleep rather than the excitement of staying awake. For older children you could try some light meditation exercises to help them drift off.

Jess, Founder of Twilight Tots Sleep Consultant

Castle Hill Country Park

Firstly, I would like to say hello to you all!

My name is Russell and I'm the new Community Engagement Officer at Castle Hill Country Park.

Up until 2019 I was working as an actor and singer and got to travel all around the world doing so. However after doing that for over 10 years I was ready for a change. I have always had a love and respect for nature and the great outdoors. In 2021 I applied and was accepted on a 10-month conservation traineeship with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Since then, I have been and still am, working with the Youth Education and Wellbeing team within the trust as a support worker. This made me realise how much of a positive impact being outdoors and around nature can be for our physical and mental wellbeing. Taking on this role will allow me to pass on skills and knowledge and for myself to learn more about what this great site has to offer us! I'm looking forward to meeting some of you around the site and sharing some fun facts and information in the future.

Russell

Castle Hill Country Park Community Engagement Officer
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Find out more about our Parish Stewards and their role in your community

The Wiltshire Council team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes. There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. Each parish has a planned visit each month, with the programme set in advance over a three-month period.

Each Parish Steward has a 4x4 vehicle suitable to undertake the task and duties, along with winter and weather-related activities. These vehicles enable the stewards to respond to extreme weather conditions.

Parish Stewards' tasks - planned works

Typical planned local highway work undertaken by Parish Stewards includes (but is not exclusive to): Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers, hand clearing of blocked gullies, rodding of drainage systems, clearing storm debris, trimming encroaching hedges and vegetation from around road signs and railings, cleaning/straightening small road signs, responding to road closure requests from the emergency services, removal of ragwort (hand pulling or strimming) and other weeds, graffiti and fly-posting removal, clearance of small fallen trees or minor overhanging branches/limbs.

Examples of types of emergency reactive local highway work undertaken by Parish Stewards includes (but is not exclusive to): Resolving flooding issues – clearing drainage grips and drain gully covers, placing emergency signage and traffic management, clearing structures - fixings and making them safe, reactive pothole repair, small masonry type works, such as repairs to slabs and damaged kerbs, clearance of storm-damaged trees from the highway, including the use of a chainsaw.

The list continues, but you get the picture, here's Steve our Parish Steward who says 'he loves meeting people around the parishes he covers, and he enjoys working outdoors in the fresh air, making a difference by making areas safer and tidier for everyone'.

Contact Richard Heather our Operations assistant if you spot a job for the Steward - richardheather@laverstock-ford.co.uk



Congratulations to OLD SARUM NURSERY for achieving a Good Ofsted rating in their latest inspection. The inspector said *"Children arrive happy at this warm and friendly nursery. They put their arms out to welcome cuddles from staff and separate from their parents with ease, showing that they feel safe to leave them. Children settle quickly in their room and are keen to get involved in their play and learning from the outset."*

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Saturday 25th v Dorchester Town K/O 15.00

December

Saturday 16th v Hendon K/O 15.00

Tuesday 26th v Winchester City K/O 15.00

Fixtures are subject to change

Online tickets for all 1st team games are available at www.salisburyfc.co.uk/tickets/

Don't forget we now have a collecting box for the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry in the reception at the club



The Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry is at the Old Sarum Community Centre, running on a Tuesday evening 8.30pm – 9.30pm and Wednesday 9am – 12.30pm.

Members receive produce totalling 10 points for £3.50 or 15 points for £5.00. Membership to the pantry for the year is £1 and a great way to help both reduce food waste and with

rising household costs.

Free Tea and Coffee will be served alongside a light snack. Everyone is welcome to attend the Centre on a Wednesday even if they don't want to use the Pantry.

During the colder months the Pantry is a registered 'Warm Space' Do pop in for a hot drink and a chat!

Most of the up and coming events will be posted on Facebook, or for more information please email oslpantry@gmail.com or call 01722 335349

Salisbury Pantry- A Social Supermarket

This pantry operates differently to OSL Community Pantry. The Parish Council has also awarded grant funding to this project to help ensure that residents from the surrounding areas of Salisbury City have access to a Community Pantry, especially in the winter months when energy costs can mean people struggle to pay bills. This friendly shop, at 59 Catherine Street, Salisbury, is a membership scheme for people on low incomes who struggle to balance the demands on their household income.

The shop is run by Salisbury City Communities Team and is part of a franchise run by Church Action on Poverty called 'Your Local Pantry.' Anyone in the city of Salisbury who needs access to low cost food can join.

The Communities Team have created this social supermarket to take action on food poverty in Salisbury.

The aim is for Salisbury Pantry to be a space where members can build connections, confidence and sense of belonging in the community. <https://salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/our-community/salisbury-pantry/>

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McNamara joined 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corp in 1916 and was shipped to Egypt but was then sent to Upavon in Wiltshire for further training. He re-joined 1 Squadron based in Egypt flying 2-seat BE.2s and single seat Martinsyde Buzzards.

On 20 March 1917 McNamara went on a bombing mission against the Turkish railway in Gaza. They were using howitzer shells improvised as bombs but one detonated as it left the aircraft, seriously injuring McNamara. He then saw a fellow pilot on the ground alongside a crashed BE.2. He landed, picked up the downed pilot in his single seat aircraft, but crashed on take-off. Both pilots returned to the crashed BE.2 and repaired it sufficiently to take-off again, while being fired on by approaching Turkish cavalry.

Suffering from his wounds and a serious loss of blood, McNamara flew the aircraft 70 miles back to their base at El Arish in Sinai.

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by Andrew Prince



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News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

Looking back to the extraordinary weather we had in August and September, we were glad we had planned meetings in the Village Hall, thus dodging both unexpected heatwaves and fierce storms.

Our August meeting was an enjoyable challenge as we solved various gardening problems by designing suitable gardens for differing conditions and situations. Our A3 sheets of paper were soon filled with colourful solutions collected from magazines and glued into place after amusing discussions (see photos).

In September, we enjoyed our traditional harvest supper prepared by Jill Kay and eaten amid Autumnal table decorations and bunting. Also in September, some of our members supported a WI street protest on Fisherton Bridge. We were drawing attention to the disgraceful state of our rivers and seas, 90% of which are polluted on industrial waste, farming run off and raw sewage. Public opinion was in agreement that action must be taken before our beautiful natural habitats are lost for ever and we collected over eight hundred signatures in two hours.

Our October talk will be "Gone to Blazes" –make of that what you will !

Meanwhile our members wish the readers a Joyful Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in 2024

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

NEW SARUM WI

Our group has been particularly busy over the last couple of months. Recent speakers were the very popular and entertaining Phil Harding from Wessex Archaeology, and the wonderful Jill Tomalin from Salisbury Hub for Ukraine whose personal experience of hosting a family was incredibly moving.

Members made the most of the remaining days of summer with a leisurely guided punting trip on the river Avon, followed by lunch at the Rose & Crown, others enjoyed a 5 mile walk around Berwick St James followed by a delightful lunch at the Old Forge. The History & Culture Group made both a visit to Roche Court New Arts Centre and a visit to the Playhouse to see 'Jeeves & Worcester in Perfect Nonsense'.

NEW SARUM WI continued

The usual coffee, craft & chat and Book Clubs met at various venues. Hampton Park Fun Day was a great success for us, raising over £150 for our chosen charities this year. Sadly however the Castle Hill Park Open Day had to be cancelled at the last moment due to adverse weather conditions.

We were very fortunate however that the sun came out for us on September 16th for our Action Day. This was our chance to show what the WI ladies are all about – getting involved in something that matters to us all, 'Clean Rivers For Wildlife & People'. NSWI were joined at riverside locations in Salisbury by representatives from other local WI's and together collected over 800 signatures for our petition whilst at the same time raising awareness of how harmful the pollution of our rivers is to our ecology. We were very well received by the people of Salisbury, and helped by interviews on both Radio Odstock and That's TV, we hope to get even more signatures in the coming days, before presenting out petition to our MP for discussion.

At the time of writing, our future plans include a West Harnham Heritage Walk, cocktails and food at Elas Restaurant, sampling the delicious food on offer at Nani's seafood restaurant, a trip to the Studio Theatre in December to see 'It's a Wonderful Life', and a Christmas lunch at the White Hart Hotel.

If any of these activities sound like the sort of thing you would enjoy, why not consider joining us? You can attend up to 3 of our meetings for no charge and you would be made most welcome. You can either phone Sue on 07931 582357, email at newsarumwi@gmail.com, find us on www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI, or just turn up at the Old Sarum Community Centre, the first Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm



Left: Campaigning for clean waterways



Right: Punting on River Avon

The following officers & men were villagers or worshipped at the parish church of St. Andrews Church, and gave their lives for their country.

WW1 1914 - 1919

DGH Aldworth 2nd Lieutenant- 3rd berks, G Aplin Private - 7th Wilts, TP Bundy Private - 2nd MGC, AL Cook Private - 6th Wilts, E Fiander Sergeant 8th KSLI, GK Fulton Lt Colonel DSO - 9th Cheshire, S Glover Sergeant - 6th Wilts, CV Hensler Ordinary Seaman - HMS Victory, AG Howes Sergeant - 4th Wilts, R Salisbury Private - ASC MTI, C Saunders Private - 2nd Wilts, WJ Stout Private - 1st Wilts.

1917

JT Ford Private - MGC

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1939 - 45

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Researched and compiled by David Waspe
(a leaflet is available at St. Andrews Church.
Laverstock for a donation)

Lest We Forget

Laverstock & Ford Parish Council invite you to join them in the laying of a wreath at the Castle Hill Country Park WW1 memorial
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We will meet in the field by the Saunders Avenue car park and walk up to the Memorial www.serves.nuzzled.innovate
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Q. What do you do if you find a live bat in your toilet bowl?

A. First you panic, then you call her 'Loo Loo'

On Sunday 13th August, I awoke later than normal and like most people headed straight for the bathroom only to find a live bat struggling in my toilet bowl. I firstly panicked and then whilst talking on the telephone to my daughter devised a plan for its safe rescue.

Both of us were aware that we should not touch the bat as only registered bat handlers are allowed to do this; so, I very carefully scooped the bat up using a cup I use to fill my bird seed feeders. I then placed the bat in a washing up bowl lined with kitchen paper and popped the Bat in a dark corner in my garage making sure to drain any surplus water away. I called the Bat Conservation Trust only to find it closed until 10am. I called again but the phone was not answered, no answerphone either, but shortly afterwards Roger called me back and apologised for not taking my call. He was helping someone else. Now that is impressive service.

Roger talked me through making the Bat safe before calling a volunteer handler to assist. When I went into my garage, I was relieved to see that the Bat had moved and climbed up the kitchen roll in the bowl. Using a mask, a piece of muslin and wearing gloves, I placed the Bat in a box with airholes and a supply of water in the lid of a milk carton.

My heart was pounding but not quite as much as when I lifted her out of the toilet bowl.

I then called Debbie, the nearest volunteer Bat Handler from the list of volunteers that Roger had given to me. We agreed I would deliver the Bat to Debbie, she asked me to place the Bat onto a seat and not to use the boot as the boot's vibrations would traumatise her. I even used a seat belt to avoid her box falling from the seat!

Debbie identified the Bat as a female Common Pipistrelle, fortunately she was not injured just exhausted. Looking at her closely I could see her tiny teeth as sharp and vicious as ever. This image shows the Bat in Debbie's safe hands (look at those tiny toes, its long fingers for clinging on).



Cllr. Lesley Waller,
Bishopdown Farm Ward

Laverstock Gardening Club

The Laverstock Gardening Club meets on the fourth Monday of most months in the Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 7:30 pm. We usually have a talk by an outside speaker and then it's tea/coffee and a chat. All are welcome.

We don't have a meeting in August but hold our Summer Show instead. This year it was held in the big barn at the Community Farm. We were made very welcome by the team at the farm so setting up was carried out on the Friday and then Saturday was for fine tuning, receiving entries and judging. Sarah Jane from the farm was especially helpful.

There were fewer entries than usual but they were of a high standard. The sub-committee did a great job of organisation. Jill Kay won the Floral Arrangement, Jo Drag the Cookery, Jenny King the Creative Art but Heather Roberts swept the board winning the Julie Dennis Cup and the Silver Salver.

Next year's show will be on Saturday 10 August 2024.

Our AGM was held on the 25th. September in the village hall. Our esteemed secretary, Sharon Pettit stood down and Sue Lee was elected unopposed. The other members of the committee were re-elected. Then it was cheese and wine and another fiendish puzzle by Maureen Smith.

On the 23rd of October we welcome Mike Bacon, a local boy, who will talk about Daphnes. On the 27th of November Lyn Miles returns to talk about snowdrops and on 26th of February we hear about the Harnham Water Meadows.

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary
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Carers Right Expo

21 November, 10.00am – 6.30pm, Civic Centre, Trowbridge

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For Carers Rights Day this year Carer Support Wiltshire are bringing together experts from across local government and the voluntary sector to share their expertise and guidance with carers. This one-day event will attract unpaid carers from across Wiltshire, local government, the NHS, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Autumn has arrived and our group doesn't meet in August, so it was good to get together again for a Ghost Walk in September. The walk was interesting and at times may be a little spooky!

Our Blue Badge guide for the evening was Margaret Smith who was a good speaker and knew her subject well. Members were told about the 2nd Duke of Buckingham who was executed in the old Blue Boar Inn courtyard now the Debenhams site. The Haunch of Venison grey lady seen at a window overlooking St Thomas' graveyard. One of Charles 11's courtiers who paces a bedroom in Malmesbury House, and other ghostly stories from in and around the city. The walk was enjoyed by members and the evening was rounded off at the Red Lion Hotel for refreshments.

In October we have Nicola Lipscombe giving a talk about Lime Kiln Way and in November Steph Read will be giving a floral demonstration. We know from her previous visit that Stephs makes lovely floral arrangements.

This leads us to Christmas when we are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations with a meal at the Duck Inn. Looking forward 2024! In January we have Nick Baker coming to our group to talk about 'How to make Change Happen' combining his Parish Council work and his charity work.

New members are always welcome, and we meet in the village hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm

For more details contact Moya Hill moyalhill@hotmail.com or Carol Taylor 01722 322702

Salisbury Carers Cafe

Venue: The Red Lion Hotel, Milford Street, Salisbury, SP1 2AN

3rd Tuesday of the month Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm Dates: 17 October, 21 November, 19 December, 16 January, 20 February, 19 March - Kindly funded by Tesco Community Grants

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Laverstock Recollections of Barbara Fitcher (née Osborne)

Edited by Loraine Sherlock, notes compiled by Ruth Newman



After reading Loraine Sherlock's memories of Laverstock in the 1950s in the Parish newsletter it spurred me on to write about my memories of my early years in Laverstock that started in the 1940s.

I was about 5½ years old when we moved from Portsmouth to escape from the bombing in the early years of World War Two. My father was in the Navy and he was worried about us during the raids so wanted us to move to a safer place.

Photo 1: Barbara and her brother Bill, in 1940 - private collection.

So my mother and brother Bill and I came to Salisbury to live with our Aunt Bessie in Greenwood Avenue in Laverstock, a place we knew well as we often came to visit her. She had a small two bedroom bungalow where she lived with her small daughter Delia (Bessie's husband was away in the Army). My mother, brother and I shared the small bedroom.

We were there for about a year when tragedy happened. In May 1941 my father was killed when HMS Hood was attacked and blown up. I remember walking home from Laverstock school when a boy came up to me and said "your dad's been killed". I was upset and said "no he hasn't". It upsets me even now to think of that day. I was seven years old and my brother was nine.

There is a plaque in St. Andrew's Church honouring my father Reginald Osborne, among others, who died in the war (*see page 27*).

My brother Bill and I went to Laverstock School. I think the head mistress was called Miss Dale. She was very strict. My teacher was Miss Salmon and she was very nice and kind. It was a very small school back in the 1940s. Just two classrooms, infants and juniors. Miss Dale taught all the juniors in the large room and Miss Salmon taught the infants in the small room. Miss Dale had the best position right in front of the fire while we all shivered.

We had a little glass bottle of milk every morning which was often frozen. The toilets were outside. No wonder I suffered with chilblains on my fingers and toes.

My brother and I outgrew Aunt Bessie's small bedroom so we moved to Beechcroft Road to a bigger house just a few steps from Buddens Bakery. We could smell the lovely bread cooking and I loved their lardy cakes.

The adult son of the owner, who I think was called Joe, lived in the same house. I was eight years old when he helped me with my maths, reading and writing, and would explain things so that I could understand. He made me a clock face made out of cardboard with moveable hands. What a brilliant man! I often wonder now if he was actually a teacher. There was an orchard nearby where Vanessa Avenue is now. We would go apple scrumping. I was caught once and had a good talking to.

I remember a black corrugated fence along Duck lane which we climbed over into the lane. It seemed like a forbidden place to go. There was a barrage balloon in the field along the lane near to Milford. We were not allowed to go anywhere near it.

I had a relative who kept chickens and pigs where the village hall is now. I would go and help feed the chickens and pigs and rolled in the new straw.

On the bank of the River Bourne alongside Riverside Road there was a big tree with a hole in it where we used to hide things. We called it the Wishing Tree. I learnt to swim in the river. When I used to walk to school with my friend Maureen Jenkins, we used to pass a field, just before 'Drake's Shop' where Italian prisoners of war used to wave at us and show us photos of their children. I used to feel sad for them.

Photo 2: The old village shop in a converted army hut about 1950 by kind permission, Robert Parr.



Continued over

When I was about ten years old I joined the church choir. The vicar was Dr Baker, he was very nice and we used to have tea in his garden. We moved again to 1 Greenwood Avenue, the bungalow by the postbox. We were there until the end of the war. I then went to St Edmund's School near Bedwin Street in Salisbury when I was twelve years old and moved home again into Salisbury.

I was away from Laverstock for ten years, then got married to my husband, Tony, and we had a house built in Potters Way. We found all sorts of metal and pieces of pottery which we have taken to the museum in Salisbury. Potters Way got its name because of the old pottery kilns that were found on the site. It was very interesting to see the archaeologists digging there. I wish I had taken more notice at the time and taken photographs.

So, newly married I was back in Laverstock again in 1956, and have lived in the same house now for 67 years. In fact the house was built in the same field as the barrage balloon was in.



Photo 3: Barbara standing in the foundations of her new house in Potters Way - private collection.

To get to work at the Polyfoto Studio on Blue Boar Row I would often cut through the allotments where the Riverbourne Estate is now. I would chat to a lovely man attending to his vegetables and he

would give me a cabbage, runner beans or whatever he had plenty of. I don't know his name but he grew tasty vegetables.

There was no road built for Potters Way estate for many years so access was to the rear of the property via Duck Lane, or later when my children were born, I would trudge across the field to the front pushing a pram and wearing wellies, that I stowed in a hedge when I changed into shoes on reaching the road.

The views from our house were lovely in the early days. We could see the river winding round and watch the boys from St Probus School playing cricket. That was before the houses in Riverbourne Road were built. However we can still see the Cathedral spire and we get some dramatic sunsets. There are some delightful walks. I used to walk to Clarendon and up to Cockey Down with my three children. They used to slide down the hills in the snow on their sledges and have a wonderful time.

We had many a happy picnic and caught minnows in jam jars in the River Bourne. There was no island in the river by the Medieval bridge in the 1950s. All my memories are here in lovely Laverstock. I love it here.

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

Notes

Photo 1. It is believed that this photograph is one of two copies - the other one was given to Barbara's father for Christmas just months before he went down with HMS Hood when it was attacked and sunk on 24 May, 1941. So it is probable that he had the photo with him when he died. Only three of the crew survived.

Miss Ethel Dale, headmistress of St Andrew's School from 1918 - 1947, was a strict disciplinarian who left her mark on many pupils. She underwent an official investigation following several parental complaints of ill treatment of children but these were not upheld. Others described her as 'firm but fair'. (Information from Sharon Evans, 2019, 'Laverstock and Ford, Chapters from Local history', *Sarum Studies* 6, 187.) Barbara was not aware of any investigation until recently but she recalls that her mother complained and was told that 'Miss Dale's bark is louder than her bite' - Barbara disagreed!

Percy and Vera Drake bought a converted army hut in 1937 and opened a village shop with post office attached (as in photo 2). In December 1955 this was replaced with a purpose built shop/post office. Percy and Vera Drake who retired in 1965 are fondly remembered by older residents.

A substantial Medieval pottery industry, of national importance, was discovered in the late 1950s on the site of the current Potters Way. 10 kilns in total were discovered and the high grade pottery was much in demand in the 13th century from both Clarendon Palace and the new city of Salisbury.

Ruth Newman.

AUTUMN AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREWS & ST. MARKS

Hello from St Andrew's Church Laverstock. As we move through Autumn the colours in the churchyard are changing, the natural habitat continues to mature, and our thoughts turn from Creation-tide & Harvest to Remembrance & Christmas...

November: A time to Remember

Each year on All Saints Day we invite our community to a special service of remembrance for loved ones lost. It alternates and this year it is hosted at St Mark's Church. We provide an opportunity to light a candle and Remember with Thanks: Sun 5 November, 3pm at St Mark's Church.

We are ready to welcome you on Remembrance Sunday 12th November at 10.30am at St Andrew's Church. A service of Holy Communion will take place beforehand at 9.30am.

And on St Andrew's Day 30 November we hold a service at 6pm followed by a fish and chip supper in the village hall.

December – A time to Celebrate

We want to share the joy of the season with you at our Carol Services, and will also be planning some carol singing around the village, so watch out for news of that.

- Carol Service: Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm
- Christmas Eve: 4pm Crib Service
- Christmas Eve: 11.30 Midnight Holy Communion service
- Christmas Day: 10am Celebration at St Mark's Church

Through the week, every week

MAN-CHAT - Wednesdays 11am-noon St Andrew's Curtis Room. A tea and Coffee Break for men. A time to relax and chat. Warm Welcome Space. (No meeting 20th & 27th December)

Communi-Tea – Welcomes all ages from the community to St Andrew's Church 2-4pm Tuesday afternoons (term time only). Come and enjoy a cup of tea with a biscuit.

www.stmarkstandrew.org

See the contacts on page 37 for other ways of getting in touch



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November 21st *The History of Fireworks by Joe Cameron*

Dec 20th *A6 Murder – James Hanratty by Paul Stickler*

January 17th *Secrets, and Salacious Gossip from the Royal Court 1660 to 1830 by Sara Slater*

<https://u3asites.org.uk/sarum/welcome>
Lesley Waller, Sarum u3a Speaker Secretary



Mothers Union In the summer we raised £220 for the Women's Refuge, our thanks to everyone who helped – a real team effort.

We also enjoyed Sheila Soper's talk in September about her trip to visit Mothers Union in South Sudan. As she said, the facilities may have been basic but the warmth of the welcome was wonderful.

When you read this we will be planning our Christmas meal out. But first, on **9th November**, we will be meeting for a service in St Andrew's church at 2.30pm. All are welcome to join us for this.

And then looking ahead to the New Year, our **AGM** will be on **11th January 2.30pm** in the Curtis room at the back of the church. This sounds like it could be boring, but actually there's quite a lot of information about MU, our diocesan projects, and also what we might do locally here during 2024. It's a good opportunity to come and meet us and find out more about MU – nationally, internationally and locally.

Please contact Joan Prior on 0783378105 or Pip Carter on 07854827233 if you want more information.

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