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View from the Chair

Welcome to the spring edition of Laverstock and Ford Parish News. As I look through some of the articles I am struck by the contrast of some of the dark events of winter and the contrast with the excitement as we look forward to nature coming to life again in spring and to new activities springing up across the

parish.

At the start of the year it seemed like we had a new named storm each week of the year and the high levels of rainfall led to flooding in Milford and Ford, while high winds took their toll on Hanger 3 at Old Sarum, an important part of our local history that has been on the heritage at risk register since 2020. All of these are local illustrations of the news stories we see about the pace of climate change increasing and how it exposes us to more frequent extreme weather conditions than in the past (and it is worth remembering that we in the UK are less severely affected than many much poorer countries around the world).

We need to respond to these changes at international, national, local and individual level. We need, both to make changes to our lifestyles to address the cause of the issue- the emission of climate changing gases such as carbon dioxide and methane, and also, to make us resilient to the changes which we are already seeing to our climate and nature that it is too late to stop.

The community emergency volunteer scheme is a new initiative in our parish, equipping volunteers to provide practical help to our neighbours in a wide range of situations from flooding to power cuts. I would encourage you to think about whether you are able to be part of this important scheme.

Sometimes the scale of the challenge seems too huge for us to make a difference, but from thinking about how to get more use of existing wardrobe, to keeping our dogs on the lead while vulnerable skylarks are nesting in Castle Hill Country Park, you will find throughout this magazine small things that you can do to make a difference, and opportunities to connect with other people so that as a community we can work together to do our bit to make a difference and support one another.

Nick Baker, Chair

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Parish Council Meetings

Monday 18 March, 7pm
at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 15 April, 7pm
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

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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

Bishopdown Farm Ward We welcome James Lewis and Estelle Williams as new Parish Councillors.

Longhedge 61 Elms were identified as dead or dying following an Arboriculturalist survey along the drainage ditch between Longhedge and Old Sarum estates requiring urgent felling. Branches were laid to form wildlife habitats and one Beech tree where signs of an aggressive wood fungi that causes decay were found, was also felled and cut to form a wildlife monolith.

RIVERDOWN PARK LITTER PICK Thank you to all the residents who joined Cllrs Jones & Waller for a pre-spring litter pick.

COMMUNITY MATTERS An informal pop-in was held at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre, for residents to express views on things they considered important in their community such as dog waste, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour. Also to share ideas on how these issues might be tackled. Cllrs Williams & Lynn joined our CCEO, our Operations assistant - Richard, John Gunns the Community Emergency Volunteer Co-ordinator and Jessica Tarrant from Abri, to talk to people attending the Community Pantry during half-term.

FORD BRIDGE The bridge parapet was struck on the 8th of January. The bridge has been inspected and temporary warning signs and steel barrier erected around the damaged area.

To complete the necessary repairs, works will include removing debris from the watercourse, erecting a temporary scaffold, and casting new concrete sections. The parapet will be rebuilt like for like and upon completion the site will be cleared / tidied and road reopened. To all intents and purposes, the appearance of the bridge will remain unaltered. These activities will require a 15-day road closure to all traffic over the bridge. It is Wiltshire Council's intention to start these works on the **2nd of April** to coincide with the school holidays and minimise disruption to the highway network. We hope road-users will help by not moving barriers or signs. Any residents witnessing signs, or barriers being moved by members of the public, please report to the Police using the online reporting system <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

HANGAR 3, OLD SARUM AIRFIELD On hearing of the partial collapse of this grade II* Listed building during storm Isha, the parish council contacted Wiltshire Council for an immediate response, stating that residents would be disappointed to know that no enforcement action had been taken to prevent this wholly avoidable collapse. See more on page 12.

Out & About Cllr Jones attended the MAPG Litter pick in January. In February Cllr Barker hosted the PEAG Open Talk in February, Cllrs Lynn and Williams attended the Community matters Event and Cllrs Waller & Jones led a Litter pick at Riverdown Park.

YOUTH CLUB Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre We say farewell to Katrina Watson and wish her all the best for the future. Katrina, a Senior Community Development Officer for Community First, who has been running this Club successfully for many years is moving on and a local volunteer has agreed to take over as leader and keep it running. She would love more support, if you have time on Monday evenings (fortnightly) to donate a few hours. It's a popular club and it would be sad to lose it.

PEAG OPEN TALK at BDAC In January, members of the Parish Environmental Action Group were delighted to see residents from Old Sarum, Longhedge, Ford and Milford join them to hear from Graham Horner about the history of the BDAC, David Burton from the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust talk about flooding and water management (including a live demo of how floods can happen) and finally to hear Mark Uffindell talk about the Community Emergency Volunteers and how important their role can be in future emergencies, for instance in dealing with flooding issues in the future.

Community Emergency Resilience Volunteers We welcome John Gunns, as the new co-ordinator. please join their mailing list, or keep an eye out on social media for opportunities to find out more about this exciting project. If the Floods and extreme weather this January were anything to go by - it showed how important it is for us as a parish to establish stronger communication with the agencies who will step in to deal with emergency situations such as flooding and road diversions, etc. Everyone has a skill that will be useful to the Community Emergency Volunteer Group. To find out more email jongunns@btinternet.com, see also page 11.

MILFORD Highways have carried out drainage works, and the Parish Steward has given the boardwalk a good brush and sweep to attempt to clear the foot deep silt deposited by flood water and back wash from cars.

TWO BIRD EXPERIENCES & EDUCATION Ltd. are spreading their wings and moving to a new location after establishing their business at River Bourne Community Farm. We wish them every success for the future (see page 21)

LONGHEDGE OUTDOOR GYM Sports Coach, Abi Cleary will be leading some sessions which will include advice on how to get the best from the gym equipment in the Spring - lookout on for dates on the Longhedge & Old Sarum Community Centre facebook pages.

SCEPTC TANK UPGRADE Wiltshire Council is teaming up with Wessex Rivers Trust to help those in the Avon River catchment area (along the Bourne) who are not on the mains sewer network. They are offering full grants for homeowners to upgrade their septic tanks with more efficient small sewage treatment works. For more information contact Officer: Rachel Jones, Ecology Manager: Rachel.Jones@wiltshire.gov.uk

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE last year the parish council gave grant funding to the St. Johns Ambulance and we recently received news that new Community Support Unit (CSU) has arrived in Swindon and is now operational. This Community Support Unit will help their volunteers to deliver outstanding first-aid to communities across Wiltshire. On Monday 5th February HRH The Princess Royal KG KT GCVO GCStJ, who is also our Commandant-in-Chief (Youth) for St John Ambulance, formally 'Received' the CSU on behalf of all our Donors (namely you) and it was blessed by the County Chaplain, Rev Dr Peter Howson.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted to the Parish. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

PL/2023/11024 Single Storey rear Extension & associated works. 36 Green Lane Ford SP4 6DE **APPROVED**

PL/2023/10897 Single-storey rear extension, with adjacent hard-paved 'patio' area, to existing domestic dwelling bungalow. 19 Beechcroft Road, Laverstock SP1 1PF **APPROVED**

PL/2023/10537 Front and rear single storey extensions. Ground mounted solar panels to rear garden. 2 Green Lane Close, Ford, SP4 6DQ **APPROVED**

PL/2023/10508 Proposed new frames, glazing and solid roof panels to existing rear conservatory. 28 Myrrfield Road Bishopdown, SP1 3FQ **APPROVED**

PL/2023/09969 Proposed garden Annexe, 59 Church Road, Laverstock, SP1 1QY1 **APPROVED**

PL/2023/09906 Single storey side extension and new front entrance porch 18 Norman Drive, Old Sarum **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 **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07887 planning permission revised application for single storey extensions to east and west elevations. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works at 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock SP1 1QW **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07359 Full Planning Permission: Retrospective planning permission for two sheltered storage buildings at Milford Farm, Milford Mill Road, Milford, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 1NJ **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2024/01468 Householder planning permission. Part Garage conversion, general glazing changes and associated works. 24 Norman Drive *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/01073 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on PL/2022/05123 for removal of water source heat pump from proposals and addition of 2 air source heat pumps. Mill House, Milford Mill Road, Salisbury, SP1 2RT *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/00509 Conversion of garage into laundry area, gym, and shower room and toilet. 56, Burden Drive, Bishopdown Farm SP1 3RD *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/00416 Removal of Conditions. Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3 and 12 and removal of conditions 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 on PL/2021/11645. The Old Chalk Pit, Gypsy Lane, Petersfinger SP5 3PA *NO COMMENT*

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS continued

PL/2024/00412 T1 - Chestnut tree - pollard to 3m T2 - Walnut tree - fell T3 - 4 x Scots Pine trees - fell. 1 THROGMORTON HALL, PORTWAY, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BQ *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/00315 Consent to display an advertisement. Proposed panel sign and fret cut lettering. Unit 7, Castlegate Business Park, Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 6QX *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/00102 Listed building consent. HANGAR 3, LANCASTER ROAD, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6DZ - *awaiting confirmation*

PL/2024/00073 3 No. branded signage fixed to the front (East elevation). 1 No. directional branded signage fixed to the fencing along the East elevation. 1 No. branded signage fixed to the South elevation. 10 Rhodes-moorhouse Way, Longhedge, SP4 6SA *NO COMMENT*

PL/2023/10145 Change of Use of land to provide 3No. Additional Gypsy and Traveller family pitches for an extended family, x3 No. Static Mobile Homes, parking for 6 vehicles 2 per pitch, turning area, passing places, together with other hardstandings. Land between Open View and Little Acre, Main Road, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 6DS *NO COMMENT*

PL/2023/07368 Outline application with all matters reserved. 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. OLD SARUM FLYING CLUB, OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, SP4 6D *OBJECT WITH REASONS*

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

PL/2023/04526 Development of 46 dwellings (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, SALISBURY RETAIL PARK, LONDON ROAD Salisbury SP1 3YX *SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS*

PL/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. (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). 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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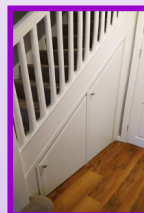
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March 12: First Flight Over Everest by Col (rtd) Meryon Bridges OBE MIMechE

April 09: Fast-jets Aden to ADV by Grp Captain Ron Burrows AFC FRAeS

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CRISIS! WHAT CRISIS?

We have a tradition in this country of helping others in a crisis. With the formation of the CEV network, those many people who ask in a crisis; “what can I do to help?” will be able to have a local point of contact and a pre-agreed plan to put their much appreciated energy and efforts into.

You may have noticed that the local authority is unable to provide the same services locally as they once did. Council funding is being squeezed hard and communities are being asked to be more proactive about organising those funds that are available. Wiltshire Council, through Parish Councils, are setting up an initiative called COMMUNITY EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS (CEV). The title doesn’t effectively describe the project, it is about local knowledge and local people being able to best direct and focus emergency services in the case of civil emergency. This may take the shape of flooding, power outages or events that may be peculiar to a community. In our case, for example, we would have a contingency plan for any local consequences from an emergency on the Old Sarum airfield.

We are looking for local residents who would like to help identify the needs of Laverstock, Ford, Bishopdown, Longhedge and Old Sarum to draw up contingency plans and confirm a system of communication to allow contact points for emergency services, and on site volunteers and helpers.

Having just watched a report from Manchester concerning a tornado destroying properties, I was intrigued by the local council spokesman saying that they had yet to assess the requirements of residents, before they could implement any realistic contingency operation. This occurred to me as the type of situation where CEV would have the required contingency plans and contacts, ready to put into action and deal with the situation.

The intention is that CEV meetings will be infrequent but useful, and timings will be organised to suit as many as possible. We will endeavour to utilise Zoom for those who can’t attend in person. We need help at all levels and with all experience. Diversity and application of local knowledge will be at the core of our efforts.

Please come and join us to make our community emergency ready! (See page 37 for contact info)

by Mark Uffindell, Deputy Co-ordinator

HANGAR 3

The Parish Council wrote to both Wiltshire Council and Historic England to ask how this Grade II* listed building had been allowed to fall in to such a state of disrepair over such a long period of times despite warnings from the public and Cllrs. Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, said: “We are very concerned about the damage to this historic hangar. We have raised the state of the building with the owner on several occasions and we would expect it to have been properly maintained.

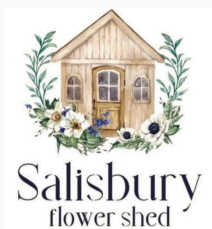
We have been working closely with Historic England over recent years and explored all possible opportunities to prevent the building from falling into disrepair. Unfortunately, there is no legal obligation for owners to maintain listed buildings, other than in case of ensuring public safety.

We have required the owner to carry out appropriate temporary works to ensure public safety around the building. However, due to the construction type of this building, much of the building will need to be reconstructed and there is no further legal action we as the local planning authority can take in the meantime to reduce the need for reconstruction rather than repair.

A full and detailed digital survey of the structure has been undertaken by Historic England’s specialist recording teams and this is available to the owners

We can confirm we have also received a planning application for land at Old Sarum Airfield. As with all planning applications, it will be processed in the usual way, in accordance with planning law and local and national planning policies.”

The Parish Council noted this was a disappointing response, especially in the light of several powers that would have enabled Wiltshire Council to take action: Sections 47, 48 and 54 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Cllr Botterills response was simply that they are reassured by the fact officers are continuing to work with officers at Historic England. At the time of going to publication no response had yet been given by Historic England, SouthWest. Planning Application: PL/2024/00102 (wiltshire.gov.uk) for the repair and refurbishment of Hangar 3, was submitted just before the further collapse, which occurred in storms at the end of January. The case officer at Wiltshire Council stated he had written to the agent to query if the application will stand in light of the subsequent collapse.



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Our cafés offer a comfortable and supportive space to allow people living with the early stages of dementia, and their families or carers, to socialise and build new support networks.

Every month, we will have a different activity taking place including crafts, quizzes, and games.

Avonbourne Care Centre is made up of Avon Court and Bourne House. Avon Court is our specialist dementia home, with specially trained staff with knowledge and experience of supporting those living with dementia, from early stages through to those with very complex needs. Members of our team will be available at each of our Dementia Café events to answer any questions you might have.

Our cafés take place on the first Monday of every month, 2pm-4pm, and there is no charge for attending. The activities run between 2:30pm and 3:30pm to allow attendees to grab a drink and settle in!

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Counting Butterflies

In spring 2023, Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust volunteers set up a butterfly transect on the Laverstock Water Meadows. Transects are walks that follow a set route, with the data collected on the water meadows feeding into the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS) which is one of the longest running insect monitoring schemes in the world. The UKBMS dataset is a hugely important resource for understanding changes in insect populations.

Butterflies can indicate the state of the environment as they are highly sensitive, with their presence, or absence, allowing us to assess the impacts of climate change and habitat management practices. If recorded and monitored over a longer period of time, the datasets created can allow for an accurate assessment of their trends at site level.

The transect route was walked weekly during a 26-week period between 1st April and 29th September. A total of 2651 butterflies were counted (23 species), with numbers peaking at the start of July. The most abundant species by far was the Meadow brown, followed by the Small white and Gatekeeper.

It will be exciting to see what this year's survey yields.

For further information about the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme, visit www.ukbms.org

For further information about the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust and the transect results, www.dbct.org

DBCT Volunteer, Tracy Standish



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Laverstock Evergreen Club

This club, for the over 60s in the Parish, will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in June this year. Over this time it has proved to be a hub for friendship, entertainment and interest in Laverstock meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall.

In December we had a group visit to a most enjoyable matinee performance of Dick Whittington at Salisbury Playhouse where the joy of young school children invoked memories and the fun that we, our children and grandchildren, had at such annual treats.

We also entered a tree in the St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival decorated with baubles made by members at the November meeting and received many complimentary comments. The festival was visited by many locals and visitors to Salisbury.

We ended the year with a Christmas Party where we were entertained by the Navy Larks and had a good old sing along before tucking in to an afternoon tea with Christmas cake.

We have a good programme for the rest of the year so If you are over 60 and would like to spend an enjoyable afternoon and make new friends do come along to Laverstock Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Membership is £15 for the year but there is no other charge for the monthly meetings or refreshments.

For further information phone our Chair,
Nancy Joyce on 01722 329150.

Laverstock GARDENING CLUB

After a break in our meetings for Christmas, we reconvened for our New Year Party. 44 people attended for a delicious two-course meal prepared by our Chairwoman, Jill Kay, and her skilled helpers. Once again Maureen Smith set us two clever quizzes to whet our appetites, a general knowledge quiz and one on birds. A very enjoyable occasion for everyone. When asked, most people present preferred the next Summer Show to be held in the village hall rather than the farm.

We have a varied programme of speakers this year, some old friends and some new blood too. There will be a visit in June to an herbalist's garden and our Summer Show in August. On the 25 March we will have Rebecca Twigg on the Arundell's Community Gardening Project and then in future months we will have David Jewell from Hillier's Gardens and Ray Broughton on water gardening. After that our programme includes the head gardeners of Horatio's Garden and Larmer Tree Gardens and Michael Bowyer in November on Christmas flower arrangements.

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

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary

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Castle Hill Country Park



What an unpredictable wet and mild winter we have had here this season! This didn't stop the dedicated group of volunteers coming out to prepare the sight for springs emergence. We focused a lot of our efforts in reducing the amount of hawthorn and blackthorn that grows on the grass downland. To do this we use a fantastic tool called a tree-popper. These work by clamping into the base of the tree allowing you to pull it out from the roots. These trees are a fantastic source of food for our overwintering species however we do need to make sure their numbers are managed to allow our small seasonal wildflowers to emerge and flower successfully.

One of the earliest wildflowers to grace Wiltshire's grasslands is the cowslip (*Primula Veris*). With its clusters of yellow flowers atop slender stems, the cowslip brings a splash of sunshine to the countryside, attracting early pollinators in search of nectar. Often found in abundance, these cheerful blooms thrive in the nutrient-rich soils of grassy meadows and roadside verges.

As nature awakens from its winter slumber, the first flowers of spring at Castle Hill serve as a poignant reminder of the cyclical rhythm of life. They inspire awe and wonder, igniting a sense of gratitude for the beauty that surrounds us and the promise of new beginnings that each season brings. So let us embrace the arrival of spring in all its glory, savouring every moment as we witness the unfolding of nature's masterpiece.

Russell Brooks, Country Park Community Engagement Officer,
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



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SKYLARK SEASON

The enchanting melody of the skylark is becoming increasingly rare in the countryside, with the species facing a decline nationally in the UK, raising conservation concerns. Contrary to the assumption that birds only nest in trees and hedges, skylarks are ground-nesting birds, finding an ideal habitat in a grassy meadow filled with insects, grass tussocks, and wildflowers. Castle Hill Country Park serves as a perfect home for them, and our dedicated partners and volunteers are diligently working to protect and enhance their habitat.



Nevertheless, the ground-nesting behaviour makes skylarks susceptible to disturbances, particularly from dogs off the lead. Due to their camouflage and well-hidden nests in the long grass, people often overlook their presence. Unfortunately, dogs roaming freely in nesting



areas can inadvertently disrupt nests, leading to the destruction of skylark eggs or the squashing of young chicks. The presence of dogs can also trigger a sense of threat in parent birds, potentially resulting in abandonment or nest failure.

To address this issue, a skylark protection zone will be established this season—a fenced area shielding nests from accidental disturbances that could otherwise impact their nesting success rate. Additionally, there are simple ways for visitors to Castle Hill Country Park to contribute to skylark protection during the nesting season:

1. Adhere to seasonal signage requesting dogs to be kept on leads.
2. Stick to the main paths along the ridge, avoiding walking through the long grass and flowers.

Jake Taylor,

Countryside and Greenspace Officer South & West, The Land Trust

If you would like to find out about other ways you can get involved in protecting the skylark and their habitat you can sign up here:

<https://volunteering.wiltshirewildlife.org/>

DOWN ON THE FARM

The farm is springing into Spring

Well, thank goodness it's getting a bit warmer. As we are working outside and with animals for most of the time, we become a bit obsessed with the weather and the last few months have felt particularly wet and then cold! We know the animals are all enjoying being out and about again and feeling a bit of sun on their faces – as are we!

Our new farm Directors, Peter and Tony, have some fabulous plans for the farm to improve the farmyard and visitor areas, including expanding the education facilities, as demand for alternative provision rises. Ben Parker, the founder of the farm, can still be seen on the farm, helping with advice (and a bit of tractor driving – he does love that!). He's been a volunteer since he started the farm and will continue volunteering with us until he finally retires!

You have probably read, or heard, that TWO Bird Experiences and Education are leaving the farm to continue at a different venue. The farm has supported their venture from the very start by offering them the space to house their birds in the farmyard, offices, storage and teaching spaces, for free. Emily and James have created an exciting business and it has been great to see the birds flying round the meadows over the years. TWO Birds decided that, as the farm has become busier, they wanted to find a more suitable location for their birds and the business. We respect their decision to leave the farm but we will miss seeing and hearing the birds. We obviously all wish their whole team the very best for their future and are proud to have been part of their journey. We are now considering our options for what we can do with the space they occupied in the centre of the farm.



We've got a lot going on and will be frantically trying to get as much done in the next few months so there is less disruption for our busier summer months. Our new toilet block located in the centre of the farmyard should be finished by the end of March (Hip Hip Hooray!). We are hoping to properly re-surface the carpark which has been pot-hole central for ages! That will be very welcome. We are also going to re-fence all the paddocks as they haven't been done for many years and are beginning to rot and fall apart.

Next to our Bird Aviary we are also going to build some bespoke pens for our rabbits and guinea pigs to go out to in the warmer months. They will be more sturdy than previous pens and visitors should be able to see them better.

Another new addition will be to re-introduce a small flock of laying hens into one of the paddock areas. This is partly for visitors but also to make sure that we have eggs for visiting school groups to collect when they come to the farm. We rehomed our last batch of free-range laying hens after yet another bout of Avian Flu a couple of years ago, but our new chicken area will be fully compliant should that hit again and will house less chickens, so they will still be free range.



Coming up in March and April:

PLANT SALE – Saturday 16th March. A great selection of plants will be available, grown locally. **CASH ONLY.**

NEW – FARMERS MARKET! We are planning to start a regular Farmers Market on the farm. The first one will be on Sunday 24th March, 9.00-12.00.

EASTER EGG HUNT – the farm will be running its annual Easter Egg Hunt around the farmyard during the School Easter holidays. Dates to be confirmed.

More details on all events and activities will be posted on our website www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk or on social media: Facebook @riverbournecommunityfarm, Instagram @riverbournefarm and Twitter (X) @Salisburyfarm

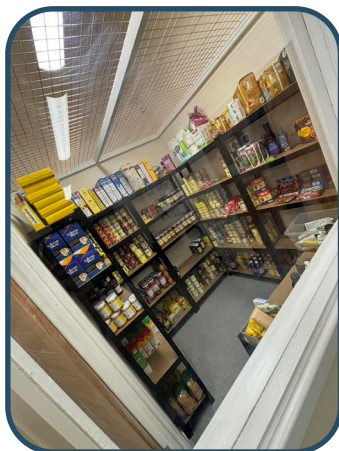
Exciting times! Onwards and upwards!!

**Sara-Jane Hancock, Education and Marketing Manager
River Bourne Community Farm**

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

We now have a new pantry shop and storage beautifully installed by Sam & Toz from JM Developments.

There are lots of events and classes happening at the centre, come along and join in. We have a new class run by JaXFit Dance on Thurs at 6pm for all fitness levels book via jackie@yourdayyourdance.co.uk or call 07763 251153. Radiant Yoga classes are on Tuesday evenings email radiantyoga.jane@gmail.com or call 07726 554 298. Youth Club is on Monday nights(fortnightly), TumbleTots on Tues mornings book via www.tumbletots.com/salisbury



March

08 & 12 support group for parents of neuro diverse children

April

04 The Good Grub Club

11 The Good Grub Club

18 Afternoon of Jazz with Celebrating Age Wiltshire

22 Bingo!

24 Baby First Aid - book via daisyfirstaid.com/fordingbridge

26 Bingo!

Come and visit us at the Community Centre on Wednesday mornings 9am - 12.30 where we open up as a Warmspace and where we have our latest addition of a 'Chatter and Natter' table plus the Community Pantry is open from 9am - 12.30pm The Pantry is also open Tuesday evenings from 8 - 9pm

See here for details: <https://oslcommunitycentre.co.uk> email: oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com for info or ☎ 01722 335349



Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

DEFIBRILLATOR

Treasurer Frank Lambert successfully applied for a grant (matched by Hall funds) towards the purchase of a defibrillator now installed on the exterior wall of the Village Hall, Park Lane (off Duck Lane) Laverstock, SP1 1RQ.



You can see our website <https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/defibrillators> for a map of defibrillators located around the Parish.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Consultation of draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28

We are consulting on our draft Community Safety Plan, which sets out the key challenges and risks facing us over the coming years. This is our high-level strategic plan.

With future financial uncertainty, the plan details what we intend to carry on doing and what we intend to review and do differently, in order to continue to provide a high level of service to our communities. Working with others is central to how we deliver our services, and this will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. For that reason, we invite you to view our draft plan www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-csp-2024-28-consultation and the accompanying video, which provides a short overview.

The consultation period runs from 9 February until 3 May 2024, and we would welcome your feedback, through a short set of questions on our website www.dwfire.org.uk Alternatively, you can call our freephone 0800 0213022

If you wish to raise anything specific, or require any further assistance in accessing the information, please email us directly at consultation@dwfire.org.uk.



LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

At the time of writing the country is experiencing huge and destructive winter storms leading to flooding, wind damage and electricity supply problems but by now we should be enjoying milder weather and will know whether Spring came in like

a lamb or a roaring lion.

Memories of our WI winter activities include the preparation of our Christmas wreaths, see photo, and the making of large paper stars which required great skill and dexterity with scissors, glue and much determination.

On a freezing evening in January we met to hear a talk about the amazing work done by Medical Detection Dogs. This is a charity which trains dogs to detect potential medical emergencies so warning the owner of impending danger. The dogs are trained to utilise their highly developed sense of smell and can detect cancers, diabetic problems and blood disorders thereby helping many people to live more independent lives. A very worthwhile charity.

Our Coffee Mornings at the Community Farm and monthly Lunch Club continue to provide social get-togethers and we now have an exciting programme of events and activities planned for the coming WI year.

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



NEW SARUM WI

Although it seems a long time ago now, our final meeting of 2023 saw our group partaking in Scottish country dancing followed by festive nibbles and mulled wine. Continuing the dancing theme at our January meeting, we were entertained by the Sarum Morris Dancers. Did you know that the style of dancing was slightly different depending on where you lived geographically?

A very cold afternoon saw eight members of NSWI. History and Culture group visit the Cathedral to listen to one of the guides talk to us about the life and work of Elias of Dereham. He is thought to possibly be the architect/project manager of the Cathedral. He was also steward to the Bishop of Salisbury.

At the time of writing the History & Culture Group group is looking forward to a behind the scenes visit to Salisbury's Odeon cinema, previously the House of John Halle, and a visit to an exhibition in Winchester called 'Shoes: Inside Out'.

Our dining-out group has two very different eating experiences booked in the diary. One at the Rifleman's in the Close and one at the Wessex Restaurant at Salisbury College, having already sampled the delights of a lunch at 'The Pickled Frog' in Salisbury.

Coffee mornings are a continuing regular event as are our Craft and Chat meetings. We meet at a member's once a month and enjoy chatting, drinking tea and eating cake. Oh yes, there is also some crafting in there somewhere!

Our February meeting was fashion related, namely "A wardrobe full of clothes but nothing to wear". A guide to putting outfits together and other clothing advice. At our March meeting we will hear from a local pharmacist who will enlighten us about her work. Her talk is entitled "There's far more to your local pharmacy than meets the eye".

If you would like to find out more about this diverse, friendly and sociable group please 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



WHAT'S IN A NAME

RHODES MOORHOUSE WAY is named after 2nd Lieutenant William Rhodes-Moorhouse VC of the Royal Flying Corps.

He was born in Yorkshire on 26 September 1887. His mother, Mary Ann Rhodes, was a very wealthy woman of Māori descent from New Zealand. He attended Harrow School and then led a very active early life racing cars and motorcycles before gaining a pilot's certificate in 1909. He married in 1912 and purchased Parnham House near Beaminster, Dorset as a family home.

At the outbreak of the First World War Rhodes-Moorhouse enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps and in March 1915 he was posted to No 2 Squadron at Merville flying B.E.2.s. On 26 April, at the start of the second battle of Ypres, William Rhodes-Moorhouse was ordered to bomb an important railway junction at Courtrai (Kortrijk) in Belgium.

Flying low over the town his aircraft was hit many times by small arms fire and he was mortally wounded. He dropped his bombs and flew 30 miles back to Merville. He was hit several times again and had to be lifted out of his aircraft on landing. He died at the casualty clearing station and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

His body was returned to Dorset and he was buried in the grounds of Parnham House. Twenty-five years later his son, Flight Lieutenant William Rhodes-Moorhouse DFC was killed over Kent in the Battle of Britain and was laid to rest alongside his father.



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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Since the last Newsletter, Christmas and the New Year celebrations have come and gone, and we are now looking forward to Spring.

At our January meeting Nick Baker Chairman of the Parish Council, came to give a talk called 'How to try to make change happen.'

It was a varied and interesting talk and covered many subjects. One thing he talked about was a film he had recently seen called 'One Life' which was the story of Nicholas Winton a British humanitarian who helped save hundreds of Central European children from the Nazis at the start of World War II. He did this by bringing them to Britain. He had helped to make change happen in this case. Nick also said that a few years ago he noticed that many of the road signs in Laverstock were in a state of disrepair. He felt he wanted to try to improve the signs. He managed to get funding and was able to enlist the services of someone who could repaint and repair the signs and now most of the signs in the village are much better. Which meant Nick had made change happen for all the village. He also spoke about other subjects including his involvement with local politics and the possible future developments in the village. We all enjoyed Nick's talk.

Our meeting in February will be Alan Jones with 'Tales of a Roving Reporter' and in March, Dawn Lawrence from the Born Free Foundation is talking about endangered species.

We always welcome new members. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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SALISBURY SCHOOLS MINI MARATHON

A head's up that this year's event will be held at the Laverstock schools' campus on:

Saturday 18th May 2024

9.00am – 12.00pm

This is a popular event in the Salisbury school calendar with around 1,500 local children and parents participating each year.

In previous years there have been issues with parking causing difficulties for local residents and traffic build-up, to avoid as much inconvenience for residents as possible:-

There will be cones outside the schools on Church Road on the morning of the race, to prevent parking on the main road and help keep the traffic moving.

Parents of children attending the event will be asked to park at the Laverstock Club, where the field and car park are being opened up for the morning, or at the secondary school sites. If your child wants to get involved they can ask their school for further information.

SAVE THE DATE

**LAVERSTOCK & FORD
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**Monday May 20th
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The Laverstock & Ford Village Hall is a wonderful community resource, with regular weekday groups, (currently 17). In 2023, I received between 60 and 70 enquiries for private hire events for weekends, resulting in 52 actual private events. Apart from our Cleaner, Naomi, everyone on the Management Committee is a volunteer and gives their time, energy and commitment freely to keep the Laverstock & Ford Village Hall running for the Community.

12 JANUARY 2024

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HALL MANAGER

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9.13AM EMAIL BOOKING FORM TO A HALL HIRE ENQUIRY FOR FEBRUARY, FOR A TODDLER BIRTHDAY PARTY

3.30PM ANOTHER ENQUIRY FOR A CHILD'S BIRTHDAY DISCO IN OCTOBER

6.30PM CHECK EVERYTHING IN THE HALL HAS BEEN LEFT READY FOR THE NEXT GROUP IN - SCOUTS AT 7.30PM

6.50PM EMAIL THE WAKE HIRER AND COPY TREASURER IN TO CONFIRM ALL LEFT IN A GOOD STATE SO THEY GET THEIR DEPOSIT BACK, MINUS ELECTRICITY USED

7.30PM PHONE ENQUIRY FROM AN ART TEACHER CONSIDERING STARTING A REGULAR ART GROUP ON A MONDAY MORNING AT THE HALL

10PM EMAIL PARISH COUNCIL WITH AN UPDATE ABOUT THE NEW DEFIBRILLATOR WHICH WILL BE FITTED TO AN EXTERNAL WALL OF THE HALL THIS MONTH

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WELCOMES EVERYBODY

Mothering Sunday 10th March - 10.30am Service with communion and flowers.

Holy Week Good Friday 2pm 'An hour at the Cross with reflections'

Breakfast@9 Special with Easter Egg hunt.

Easter Sunday 10.30am

Every week SUNDAY SERVICES:

Breakfast@9 includes bacon roll, a hot drink and an activity

Communion@1030 a traditional service followed by tea and coffee

Communi-Tea – Welcomes all ages from the community to St Andrew's Church 2-4pm Tuesday afternoons during school time.

Come and enjoy a cup of tea with a biscuit.

Wednesday@930 - A midweek communion service at St Andrew's Church.

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**Community facebook groups and pages:** search for

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

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www.hamptonparkpavilion.org mobile **07483 894519**

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

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The Ray MacEnhill Stadium Meeting Rooms

email info@salisburyfc.co.uk or call **01722 776655**.

Domestic Abuse Support

Male and Female: 9am - 5pm weekdays

Splitz Support Service 01225 775276

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

Male specifically: 10am - 4pm Weekdays - Mankind 01823 334244

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

In an emergency always dial 999



JOIN US!

Sarum u3a, is an organisation which welcomes people no longer in full time employment to join together to learn, laugh and live!

We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers. These meetings are held at 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.

March 20th Seaside Piers with Paul Tracy

April 17th Heart of Oak: the C18th Naval timber crisis
and the New Forest with Dr Gale Pettifer

May 16th Exhibition of Groups' Work over the Year



Mothers Union

As I write this we have just held our AGM, celebrating the last year and looking forward with hope to the year ahead. It is good to be reminded that we are part of a worldwide movement, with 4 million members active in 84 countries. Together we work

towards a future free of violence, poverty, and injustice. Prayer is at the heart of all we do.

During the last year we have raised £508 for a range of MU projects, both overseas and in this country – particularly the Salisbury refuge.

Our meeting this month, on 14th, falls during the church's season of Lent; we will be meeting earlier than usual, at 1.00pm, for a soup lunch and a talk about Mothers in Shakespeare. And we would like to extend a particular welcome to our April meeting, on 11th, when we will be hearing about how Salisbury Pantry operates.

Please contact Pip Carter 07854 827233 or Joan Prior 07833 781075 if you want more info.

WILTSHIRE POLICE in collaboration with its partners, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Wiltshire Bobby Van, Alzheimer's Support, and Carer Support Wiltshire have launched Dementia Safeguarding Wristbands - available to anyone who has dementia. They are a smart piece of technology designed to help find people living with dementia quicker if they go missing.

The wristbands, contain a micro-chip that carers or family members load with key information about the wearer, including their name, age, and town or village they are from as well as next of kin details like their name and phone number. The bands can be scanned by a smart phone and the information on the chip will then be displayed on that phone. You don't need an app to scan the band. If the wearer is found by a member of the public and appears lost or vulnerable, that member of the public can scan the band and contact the noted next of kin. The wristbands do not contain a GPS tracker, nor an alarm and are not a replacement for calling 999.



Salisbury Football Club Dates for the Diary

First Team Home Fixtures at the Ray Mac Stadium Old Sarum

March

Saturday 9th v Chesham United K/O 15.00

Saturday 16th v Merthyr Town K/O 15.00

April

Monday 1st v Basingstoke Town K/O 15.00

Saturday 13th v Harrow Borough K/O 15.00

Saturday 27th v Hanwell Town K/O 15.00

Fixtures are subject to change.

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





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