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View from the Chair



By the time you read this I'm sure that New Year parties will be a distant memory, but *new years* are very much in my thoughts. In January we held two Parish Council meetings, one formally setting our budget (and our small portion of your council tax) for the next local government year- which starts in April, and one meeting where we looked forward to our priorities for the coming year.

In Bishopdown Farm, we continue to take over responsibility for assets which Wiltshire Council can no longer afford to maintain. You will see the programme of investment in play areas continuing and we are taking over responsibility for the Hampton Park trail and the Green. Over the year we will be involved in working with the existing committee and other bodies to secure the future of the pavilion when the current lease expires in 2023.

In Ford, we are working with Wiltshire Council to look at options to improve cycle routes and to address issues of litter, fly tipping and dog mess on Green Lane.

In Laverstock, we will be continuing to lead the fight against the opportunistic and inappropriate application to build 135 houses under Cocky Down. We are continuing to work with others on improving the traffic situation in Church Road (*please take part in the consultation, see page 17*) and will continue to support the work of the community farm and other local groups.

In Longhedge we look forward to seeing the Country Park, community growing spaces and larger play areas take shape this year. We will continue to work with the developer and Wiltshire Council to ensure that the plans for the football pitch and changing rooms provide the facilities the community need.

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In Old Sarum, we will continue to campaign for more facilities in the community and to encourage Persimmon to do more with the retail and community units around the Co-op than just dream of turning them into flats. There are further opportunities to explore the provision of more youth and outdoor exercise facilities to compliment the skatepark and we know there are concerns in the community around litter and fly tipping and will look for opportunities to address these.

This time last year I wrote at length about the financial challenges of the increased responsibilities we are being asked to take on raises. I won't keep on banging the same drum, but I hope that this summary gives an idea of where the portion of your council tax marked "parish council" goes. As councillors we are all very conscious of the rising cost of living all of us face and we have gone through the budget line by line to minimise costs. This year's increase of £10.50 per year for a typical house will still leave us the cheapest council of our type in Wiltshire and we hope you will agree, good value for money.

Cllr Nick Baker

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Full contact details for all the staff team are on Page 4. overleaf and opportunities to join the staff team are listed on:

www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

20mph Speed Limit in Old Sarum

The Parish Council voted to support the Traffic Regulation Order to implement a 20mph speed limit on all roads in Old Sarum with the condition of requesting a highways engineer investigate waiting restrictions on Sherbourne Drive.

Longhedge Community Growing Space

Contractors have been appointed to provide raised beds and associated works at Longhedge for the new Community Growing Space. Councillors also approved funds to run residents' workshops to learn more about growing produce and supporting pollinators.

Queens Jubilee Beacons

No suitable sites were identified in the Parish where a beacon could be lit.

Laverstock & Ford Draft Communities Plan

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on the proposed Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which has been formally submitted by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and the PC urge residents to submit their comments before April 11th.

Please see page 9. for links to the Wiltshire Council communications portal to register your comments

Nature Discovery Area, Laverstock Water Meadows

This is managed by the Scouts and part-funded by the Parish Council and is due to be officially opened in March, possibly on the 26th when the Beavers are planning a day of hedge-planting along the full length of the public area of the Nature Discovery Area.

Old Sarum Community Pantry

Will be officially launching in March.

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of parish council sub-groups, can be found on our
website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk**

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MEETING AGENDA



Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter

Copy deadline is Fri 01 Apr for next issue 193 May/June 2022

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

If you are a member of a local club or organisation, or have an unusual hobby which you think would interest your fellow residents, why not write a short article about it? You can include pictures which support the article.

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

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

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

Back issues can be found here:

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Report from the Parish Council

This report covers all Parish Council meetings held in December 2021 and January 2022. Minutes of all Committee meetings can be found on our website

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

Transfer of land from Wiltshire Council

The Clerk presented details of the land to be transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council from Wiltshire Council. The land includes seven parcels including one falling within Salisbury City Council's boundary. The Clerk was concerned about the condition of the play areas which will need refurbishing.

2022/23 Budget & Precept

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council in January, Councillors approved the Budget and Precept for the forthcoming year. This will result in a Band D precept rate of tax of £69.15. The Finance Officer reported that there are 17 similar sized councils in Wiltshire and their average Band D is £174.13. Laverstock and Ford is currently the lowest in this category.

For more information about what the Parish Council is doing for the community, funded by the Precept, please read *View from the Chair* on page 2.



Your general waste collection day is

changing

Please note: this only affects your general waste, your recycling collection dates won't change!

Wiltshire Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 21 March at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 25 April at Old Sarum Community Centre

at 7 pm

www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

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Details of all our meetings are available on our website at www.laverstock-ford.co.uk or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

We hope you can join us at a meeting soon

Goodbye to Rose

In February we said goodbye to Rose Whitfield, our first *Communications and Community Engagement Officer*. During her time in post, which began in 2019 during 'lockdown', Rose made contact with groups and people running projects supported and funded by the Parish Council and laid the ground work for the newly established *Communication and Community Engagement Committee*. Having formerly worked for Dorset Council the move to a more 'grassroots' level of local governance was an interesting prospect for Rose who brought a sense of consistency to communications and PC social media within the growing Parish and it's diverse community. As Editor, I extend personal thanks to Rose who provided a calming influence to the stresses of deadlines and the problems of cramming a lot of interesting news into a relatively small space. I'll miss your proofing skills and your refreshing sense of humour.

JLB (Ed.)

Laverstock & Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan (2021 - 2036)



REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Begins: 21st February 2022 Ends: 11th April 2022

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on the proposed Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which has been formally submitted by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent examiner who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be put to a community referendum.

The consultation starts on Monday 21st February 2022 and **responses must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 11th April 2022.**

Please be aware that all representations will be publicly available and may also appear on the Wiltshire Council website.

Further information including the submitted draft neighbourhood plan and how to comment can be found online via <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations>

Where possible, please provide any comments using the Consultation Portal. Alternatively, an editable representation form can be downloaded from the Supporting Files section on the consultation portal, and completed forms can either be emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or sent by post to:

Spatial Planning Team
Economic Development and Planning
Wiltshire Council
County Hall, Bythesea Road
Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

If you have no access to the internet and you wish to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, a copy can be sent to you on request by calling neighbourhood planning on 01225 713598 or 713986.

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent examiner, to be appointed by the council, who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be put to a community referendum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Spatial Planning on Tel: 01225 713598 or by email to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Castle Hill Country Park

Update - March 2022

Some of you may have noticed that there has been a surge of tree planting happening! A wonderful combination of orchard trees near Fiander Lane are now in place, and on the slopes up to the ridge some native saplings of Hawthorn, Dogwood, Wild Cherry, Silver Birch, Rowan and Hazel are now settling in.

Spring also brings the start of bird nesting season which runs officially from 1st March until 31st July but in reality may start before this and extend beyond it. This is particularly exciting this year for the park, as we now know that we have a good number of Skylarks from a survey conducted last year by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Skylarks are a Red listed species which means they are of highest conservation priority. The surveys will continue over the next 5 years so we can build up some data, and make sure we are doing what we can to help them. One of the suggestions from the survey is that while they are found across the park, the ridge is the preferred spot. As they are ground nesters, we will be asking people to avoid the central path across the ridge during nesting season, and keep to the ones around the edge. This will help reduce disturbance and give them the best chance for a productive nesting season.

Other red list species were seen during the surveys, and these included Starling, Linnet and House Sparrow. From the Amber list (the next highest priority) were Bullfinch, Dunnock, Stock Dove and Kestrel. The presence of Kestrels and other predators is an encouraging sign that there is a good ecosystem underpinning it. We will continue to do our best to improve the park for both people and wildlife to enjoy.

If you enjoy spending time in the park and are a dab hand with a camera, you might like to know that the Land Trust will soon be launching its annual Photography competition! Anyone can enter, you don't need to be a professional photographer but the images must be taken from one of the Land Trust's sites. (Castle Hill being your closest!) It will run throughout the year, and there will be monthly winners announced who will receive a £15 voucher prize. At the end of the year an overall winner will be chosen by public vote and they will win a £100 voucher! Please take a look at our website for more information. www.thelandtrust.org.uk

Hannah Boscence

For more information on Skylarks, see page 17 Issue 186
<https://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk/newsletter.html>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in the Parish since 1st December 2021. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

PL/2021/09447 Replacement of existing 1metre boundary fence by 2 metre close boarded wooden fence. 18 The Steadings, Ford *NO COMMENT* **APPROVED**

PL/2021/09691 Conversion and extension of the existing compost toilet block, to provide two bedroom residential farm workers accommodation. River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Laverstock SP1 2SR. *SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS* **WITHDRAWN**

PL/2021/09883 Two storey rear extension. 4 St Matthews Close Bish-opdown Salisbury SP1 3FJ *NO COMMENT* **APPROVED**

PL/2021/10763 First floor extension above existing garage and new single storey rear extension. 111 Church Road, Laverstock SP1 1RB **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

20/06435/FUL Change of use to Sui Generis, with addition of lighting, security cameras, replacement signage and repair work. Distloc House, Old Sarum Airfield *SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS*

20/07037/LBC Additions of lighting and security cameras, replacement signage and repairs to facilitate proposed change of use. Distloc House, Old Sarum Airfield. *SUPPORT*

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

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

20/11598/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to 135 dwellings and 50 space car park Church Road, Laverstock *OBJECT WITH REASONS*

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*

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Outstanding and New Planning Applications continued

PL/2021/09292 Erection of 14 dwellings. Yard and Buildings to the rear of Neal Close and Gibbs Close, Hampton Park, Salisbury *OBJECT WITH REASONS*

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

PL/2021/09660 Reserved matters approval for erection of 10 bungalows. Land north of Hilltop Way, Salisbury SP1 3QX *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/09907 Provision of security fencing. Land adj to St Josephs Catholic School, Church Road, Salisbury SP1 1QY *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/09962 Retrospective permission for removal of 1m brick wall to front of bungalow and replacement with 1.5m fence and gravel boards. 20 Green Lane, Ford SP4 6DE *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/10275 Construction of an additional industrial unit. Unit 6 Hurricane Close, Old Sarum SP4 6LG *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/11644 Two storey rear extension. 22 Potters Way, Laverstock SP1 1PY *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/11645 Change of use to 1 no. Gypsy pitch including 2 no. touring caravans, 1 no. dayroom, 1 no. barn, and associated works. The Old Chalk Pit, Gypsy Lane, Petersfinger SP5 3DA *OBJECT WITH REASONS*

PL/2022/00054 PL/2022/00189 Rear extension and internal alterations and listed building consent at Mulberry Barn, Wolferstan Drive, Bishopdown SP1 3XZ

PL/2022/00560 Single storey front extension. 27 The Oakbournes, Bishopdown SP1 3FZ



Do you feel passionate about Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park? If so, this seat awaits you



Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council has two seats vacant for Bishopdown Farm ward which we would like to fill. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community. We are a dynamic team with a new team of staff and a new committee structure.

The Communication and Community Engagement Committee is reviewing our website, newsletter, and community needs. The Operations Committee is looking at ways to provide services that meet your needs and those of your neighbours. These include land management, play parks and our exciting new Skate Park in Old Sarum.

Many of our councillors are new and younger than those of us, like me who have been on the PC for a number of years, bringing with them endless energy and new ideas.

Bishopdown Farm Ward is under-represented; are you the person we need to step forward to join us?

It is a very satisfying role; if you would like to chat this over, then please contact me, or our Chair Nick Baker (see page 5).

Cllr Lesley Waller



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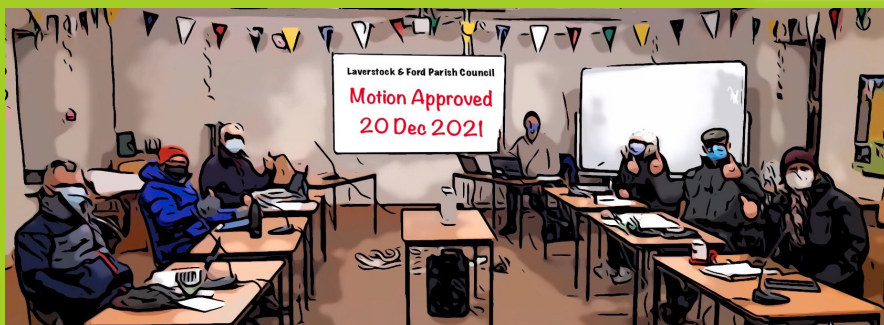
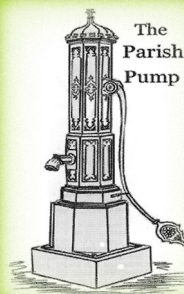
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PARISH PUMP

The Parish Pump was the one place in the community where residents could gather to collect water and listen to gossip. The Parish Pump was the parish newsletter of its time. Parish Pump never speaks on behalf of Councillors or Officers. Comments made in this column are entirely the observations, sometimes whimsical, sometimes cutting reflections of the Parish Pump, which after all, is still the life-blood of the community.



A Warm Welcome

Parish Pump was present, along with other well wrapped councillors at this Parish Council (PC) meeting on the 20th of December. It was a very cold evening, made worse by the need for all the windows and doors to be kept open. The order for the evening was, a Lateral Flow Test, facemasks, and too much fresh air. Beneath every bundle of warm clothing in the picture there is a real live Councillor.

Currently the government does not permit parish councillors to meet virtually to conduct the business of the Parish. They must be present, all together, in the same room.

In April 2021, the High Court ruled that from May 2021, after the lockdown, the special dispensation to meet and conduct all council business virtually, was rescinded. As the law now stands the PC can meet and discuss virtually, but cannot vote on any matter.

It is difficult enough, even in normal times recruiting residents, all busy people themselves, to give their time and energy to become local councillors.

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The Local Government Association (LGA) is at present making urgent representation to government to amend their ruling.

Our Parish Council needs the emergency legislation to be re-instated so that the Council can continue making democratic decisions even during times of emergency.

Our picture shows that your local Parish Councillors, in the most testing of times, regularly go the extra mile to ensure the business of the parish continues; whilst central government struggles to keep up. PP.

Church Road Traffic Restrictions We Want to Hear From You!



Since that day many years ago when a local planner said, “I know! Wouldn’t it be a good idea to build three secondary schools next to each other right by the primary school in Laverstock?”, local residents have been dealing with the problems that the arrival and departure of 2,000 students through a small village causes. Anti-social parking, congestion, pollution and dangerous driving are the top of the list of complaints which local councillors receive. Many examples of all of these were raised at the public meeting the Parish Council organised on Zoom last year.

Unfortunately, if there was a single ‘golden bullet’ solution which would solve all of the problems it would have been found many years ago. However, for the last year a group involving senior leaders from the schools, the parish council, Wiltshire Council and local residents have been meeting to try and address some of the issues.

Much of our work has been focusing on long term solutions aiming to encourage active modes of travel other than the car, promoting the *Home Run app* and trying to make improvements to crossing places. In addition we have been looking at the parking regulations along Church Road and neighbouring streets. *cont. over*

Church Road Traffic Restrictions continued

At the public meeting there was considerable support for increased restrictions to try and prevent some of the worst parking, although there was also concern about the possibility of too many restrictions and lines on the road making our village feel too suburban and shifting the problems to other parts of the village.

After the public meeting our local Wiltshire Highways Engineer has drawn up detailed plans for how restrictions could be used to try and reduce some of the problems immediately around the schools in the afternoons and we would like your feedback.

The proposal would introduce a **controlled zone** along Church Road from just before the start of Bishops Mead up to but not including The Green.

The key changes would be:

- Along the whole zone there would be a *no waiting* and *no loading* restriction from 2-4pm which would mean that cars would not be able to wait or stop in the area in the afternoon, these have been identified as the main cause of poor traffic flow, pollution and dangerous driving.
- In areas of road where there are not existing markings there would be a *single yellow line* and *kerb blips* in primrose yellow, to indicate the restriction, which is designed to be less visually intrusive. There would also be *signs* at the start and end of the zone explaining the timings of the restriction, there would not need to be small plaques on street lights or pillars.
- There would be new *double yellow lines* to protect the entrances to Elm Close, the Bishopdown Path and Bishop's Mead which will protect parking either on Church Road or just into these roads at any time.

The best way to let us know your thoughts is to fill in the online survey, just type bit.ly/church-rd into your Web browser.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to send me an email at nickbaker@laverstock-ford.co.uk or write to the Parish Council care of the clerk (see page 5).

Cllr. Nick Baker



Church News

Church on the Green is a new venture for the Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park communities. We meet once a month at the Pavilion on a Sunday afternoon, and offer a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can think about some big subjects with a light touch.

We're a very friendly and supportive bunch who love meeting together to share engaging stories from the Bible, sing lively action songs mixed with traditional hymns, and getting our heads (and fingers!) around a simple craft activity while we chat and reflect on the theme for the day. We end with a shared meal together which gives us even more chance to get to know each other better. Church definitely, but maybe not quite as you know it!



In 2022 we are thinking about the Power of Jesus, and we are really looking forward to our Easter Sunday event on 17th April with an Easter Egg Hunt – at 4pm as usual.

Church on the Green was born from a partnership between the Cafe on the Green (a community cafe which runs at the Pavilion on Thursdays) and Flipside Youth Club (which used to meet there on a Friday night before the pandemic). You might also have seen us running the games and the refreshments at last summer's Picnic on the Green, which brought together around two hundred people from the community alongside other local groups such as Salisbury Community Circus and Hampton Park Vets.

At *Church on the Green* you'll always get a warm welcome. We believe that Jesus is good news for everyone and we look forward to welcoming you at 4pm in the Pavilion on the 3rd Sunday of each month!

Andy & the team

EASTER ON THE GREEN

17 APRIL 4PM - AT THE PAVILION - WITH EGG HUNT





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WHERE LEARNING IS FUN

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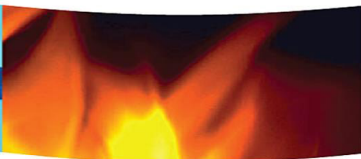
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Down on The Farm

Looking Forward to Summer on the Farm!

Now that Spring has arrived and the farm is coming back to life after the winter, we are *all-systems-GO!* planning events and tidying up the farm.

It has been lovely to see all our visitors come back to see all the animals since

last years closures. We've had new arrivals of piglets during the winter which were very popular and by time you read this we will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of baby pygmy goats (keep everything crossed for us!).

You can keep up to date with all news on the farm via our Facebook page:
@riverbournecommunityfarm,
or Twitter: @SalisburyFarm



We will be running our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** over the easter holidays, search around the farmyard for pictures of easter eggs hidden amongst the animals and win a goody bag.

We also have a new **Farm Trail** installed in and around the farmyard – pick up a leaflet and look around for the 9 information boards dotted around. Each board has lots of

information about farming and contains the answer to a question on the leaflet. There are no prizes, but they are very informative, and it should be fun. No cost for this, but donations are always welcomed!





After a two-year break, we are delighted to be able to host **Live@ TheFarm** again. We usually hold it in the end of May bank holiday weekend, but with the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations happening, and the government moving the bank holidays, we've decided to hold it on **Thursday 2nd June**. It feels odd to hold it on a Thursday

but that is a bank holiday and so is the next day so we hope that lots of you will be able to come!

It will be on from **3pm to 10pm** and tickets are available from Seetickets. See our website "Events" page for more info. The earlier you buy your tickets, the cheaper they will be!

At the time of writing, not all of the acts have been confirmed, but I can tell you that we have the top Bob Marley tribute act *The Marley Experience*, and *Hells Bells*, a really great AC/DC tribute, headlining.

This year we are really pleased to have a second stage, **The Salisbury Live stage** – which will have excellent local talent entertaining you whilst we change over on the main stage. So, no more breaks in music! We have already booked all the food concessions and we have an amazing choice of foods for you all this year, catering for all tastes and diets. As this is a fundraiser for the farm, and for the safety of the animals that will be using the field afterwards, we do ask that people do not bring food and drink, particularly glass bottles, to this event. **We look forward to seeing you all there on 2nd June.**

If anyone would like to volunteer to help at Live@TheFarm, please can you email office@riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk. You'll get food and get a "Farmhand" T-shirt to wear to identify you as a volunteer. We can always use help setting up beforehand and clearing up the next day, if anyone is available for that too!

We're also planning other events and activities – we'll keep you posted!

Sara-Jane Hancock,
Education and Marketing Manager

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Old Sarum Alabare Café

During 2021, we saw the delivery of our purpose built kitchen/café that has now been kitted out with all sorts of cooking equipment and tables and chairs. We opened our doors with a few soft launches for the funders and saw our first customers during December 2021. We also had clients aiding in delivering Xmas lunches to other clients the week prior to our Christmas closure period. So far over 20 separate clients have had sessions working in the café, 3 at a time currently which as we progress will hopefully increase to 5 per day.

Working with vulnerable adults during the pandemic has been quite tricky so we decided that initially during the colder months that we would have limited opening in the afternoons between 1pm & 3pm until the weather and general restrictions improves.

As from March 2022 the Café, opening times will change to 10am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

On a daily basis, we have a small client group who support the Tutor (Laura) in the cooking of healthy food to the other clients attending the service all week.

Laura has come from a baking background and has been teaching her client group how to cook delicious cakes to complement our barista coffee machine. Over the next month we will be looking at developing a menu incorporating our home-grown vegetables and fruit, be it homemade soups, deep filled sandwiches, panini's, ploughman's with homemade pickles and chilli jams for sale.

Moving forward we also hope to be open at weekends in the near future and be able to offer special bookings for children's and adults Birthdays, meetings, offer seasonal courses in hanging basket making, Xmas wreaths which will all be accompanied with a delicious lunch as part of the package. We would also like to develop the take away service for those on the go and special breakfast mornings.

Our clients have taken to the Café extremely well and both our clients and staff would like to thank Laverstock & Ford Parish Council for their generous donation of £1,000, which helped to make this project possible.



Laverstock Ladies Open Group

Since the last Newsletter our group enjoyed a Christmas meal at the White Hart Hotel in Salisbury on Monday December 13th. Unfortunately, due to Covid we decided not to go ahead with our January meeting in the Hall. Later in the year we hope to rearrange the visit from our speaker Mike Bacon. Plan B Covid restrictions have now been lifted and we hope to meet in the Hall for our February meeting on Monday 14th. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Tanner who will tell us about her sheep and how she uses their wool for spinning. There will be an opportunity for members to learn basic stick spinning. In March our meeting is on Monday 14th when John Notman will give an illustrated talk on **Springtime around Salisbury**. A very appropriate talk for the start of Spring.

We welcome new members. If you would like to join us at Laverstock Ladies Open Group please connect Carol on 01722 322702 or Moya at moyahill@hotmail.com.



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Laverstock Gardening Club



Nancy Joyce, Jill Kay 'Club Chair', and Jo Drag 'Club Treasurer' dishing up at the New Year party

We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the fourth Monday of most months. In January, 40 members and friends gathered for our *New Year Party*. There was such a buzz about the place as we enjoyed hot food prepared by Jill Kay and helpers, whilst catching up with each other. We had fun with two quizzes prepared by Maureen Smith and Val Fallon, which

kept us busy 'catchphrase' style by using picture clues to find place names, and then by putting names to familiar faces. What a friendly evening we had, with plenty of laughs, in our lovely Laverstock village hall. By the time you read this report, we will have welcomed *Susan Hampton, Garden Designer*, telling us about the Spitfire Garden and some basic principles of garden design.

Have you moved into the area, and are already a keen gardener? Or, have you been dabbling as a novice in your garden during lockdown? We are a very inclusive club and you need not have any experience of gardening to come along. You are welcome to join any of our club nights in the Village Hall for a modest entry fee of £2.50 as a visitor. Alternatively, you may decide to join as a member for £10 per year, in which case the club nights are £1.50. On **Monday 28th March** we welcome *Nick Gilbert* talking about *Dahlias*. Then on **Monday 25th April**, *Gwynne Davies* joins us to talk about the history and development of daffodils.

Do come along.

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



Chris and Carol Curtis getting ready for the raffle

News from the WI



NEW SARUM WI

New Sarum WI started the New Year with a late change to their programme due to the Corona Virus. Instead of the planned *Seated Yoga*, we met on Zoom with a talk on the *History of the Pantomime* by the very talented speaker Pete Allen. who certainly changed any preconceived thoughts!

At our February meeting our speaker was David Allen who introduced us to the *Lady Poisoners of Victorian England* and where we were pleased to invite two members of four other local WI's to join us. In the second part of the February meeting, we discussed and voted on the Resolutions for 2022.

March sees us back in our home at Old Sarum when Mary Jones will introduce her talk on "*Contented Dementia*" – an unfortunate illness that will have already affected many families and may continue to affect many more in the future.

Alongside our walking group and coffee get togethers, a *Pop-Up Nature experience* arose with the opportunity to experience the Murmuration of Starlings on Salisbury plain on a cold but sunny late afternoon, where there was a wonderful sunset to enjoy along with the murmuration. A further nature experience, a *snowdrop walk*, was enjoyed in February.

The creative circle continues to meet each month and the history and culture group's latest meeting will discuss which character members would choose to be from one of their favourite novels.

Finally, we look forward to our April meeting when we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. As the writer of this article and one of the original members, I can only say it has been a joy to be a member of this group. New Sarum WI has gone from strength to strength over these years and hopefully the next 10 years will be just as successful.

If you are interested in joining New Sarum WI, please contact Sue Luther on 07931 582357 for more details.

News from the WI continued

Laverstock District Evening Women's Institute

In January, we were able to meet in the Hall again, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. About twenty six members attended with four guests, including the WI Advisor with a trainee. We heard a thought provoking talk about the valuable work of the Dogs Trust, a charity which cares for and re-homes a large variety of dogs. Our speaker was experienced and enthusiastic having worked with Trust for twenty years, and it was reassuring to know that in whatever state they arrive all the dogs are cared for with love and affection. Some dogs have been abandoned but often a much loved pet can no longer be cared for by it's owner and is sadly brought in for re-homing. Of course, great care is taken by the Trust to match dogs with their new owners for a happy outcome.

In the next six months, we have plans for a talk from a local *maker and repairer of the violin and its family of instruments*, a *Ploughman's Supper and Auction* in a garden, A talk entitled *The Body Through The Porthole*, and a *Historical Journey of Handbags*.

Naturally covid may involve a change to these varied topics and events, just as it saw our much planned Christmas party changed to a 'Zoom' event due to the inceasing rise of the covid variant Omicron, which was disappointing but a sensible decision.

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

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Plans for the Community Growing space at Longhedge are progressing well with construction of the raised beds due to start in early April.

If you haven't seen it already, please take a look at our Facebook page LONGHEDGE GREEN FINGERS or you can email us on longhedgecg@gmail.com. **Some free starter packs with seeds, compost and trays, together with some basic information and instructions are available** so please get in touch if you would like one.

Don't worry if you have never gardened before. Lots of new gardeners have already joined the group and we will be learning together.

Rebecca Twigg of *Salisbury Secret Garden and Salisbury Bee Trail* will be running some free workshops, providing expert advice and helping to develop your gardening knowledge.

The first workshop will be a wildlife value workshop on **Saturday 26th March at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre** - an arty workshop to create some plant labels and wildlife pictures on pebbles. This will be a friendly, drop in, self-guided workshop with some information about wildlife to learn while you get creative - wear clothes that are OK to get painty!

Free tickets for this event must be booked in advance through Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/35sl5xs> using the password 'longhedge'.

Children are very welcome, but please ensure you also book a ticket for any child over 6 years.

At the end of April, Rebecca will be running a second workshop showing you how to plant out your developing seedlings, together with some fruit bushes, herbs and maybe flowers for cutting.

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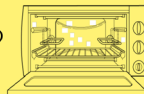
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You do not need to do anything at the moment

To ensure you're informed about your new collection day, you will receive a personalised letter that explains how your collection day will change and what you need to do. You'll also have a hanger label placed on your general household waste bin on your last collection under the old schedule that will give you more information.

Letters will start landing on doormats from 31 January and for the following two weeks, so if you don't get a letter straight away, don't worry. ***Find out more about waste collections:***

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Please do not contact us about the changes – all the information you need will be in your letter, and you do not need to do anything until you receive your letter.



Help Lift Someone Out of Loneliness

Feeling lonely is something that all of us can experience at any point and it can have a huge impact on our wellbeing. It's important to remember that these feelings can pass and that there are lots of ways we can help each other too.

The Lift Someone Out of Loneliness campaign encourages us all to carry out small acts of kindness to help someone who may be feeling lonely, knowing that this is likely to help them feel less lonely too. Fancy a cuppa? Fancy a walk? Sometimes reaching out to each other with as little as three words can make a big difference.

Wiltshire Police News



There was activity on local social media back in January, regarding the behaviour of a group of men in Ford suspected of Hare Coursing. The Home Office has announced new criminal offences and increased sentencing powers for those found guilty of taking part in the illegal activity. Wiltshire's Police Crime Commissioner Mr Wilkinson said,

"These new criminal offences, extra powers to seize dogs and ban ownership alongside increased penalties and sentences can only serve to really help in the fight against the scourge of hare coursers."

Wiltshire Police Rural Crime Team are increasing their patrols and working closely with the farming community and other partners to catch hare coursers. This illegal activity isn't just restricted to the counties it happens in. Organised criminal gangs stream on the dark web with people betting on how many hares are caught or which dogs clock up the most kills and it's impact reaches around the world.

Criminal gangs

A focus on rural crime is a key priority in Wiltshire's next police and crime plan. Many people don't realise, that for the gangs filming hare-coursing huge sums of money can be generated through live-streaming their activities for illegal gambling beyond the UK. This then funds other criminal activity. While some may dismiss the impact of hare coursing and offenders consider it to be their 'leisure activity', they are also carrying out hostile reconnaissance identifying vulnerable sheds, barns, hangars and other storage spaces used to store agricultural machinery and tools.

Wiltshire Police urge the public to report all information where they think there is a link to this type of criminality.

Police and Crime Budget

Wiltshire Police will see further investment in key policing services and more officers on the beat – after unanimous backing for the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget. This support will raise the policing precept in Wiltshire by £10 a year to £241.27 for a Band D household for the next financial year. Total revenue for Wiltshire Police will be nearly £147m and is roughly made up of 50% funding from central Government and 50% from local council tax.

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Ben Maton, who readers will remember from his CD *OrganStops: Classical Favourites in Lockdown*, recorded in Woodford in aid of the Stars Appeal, has been appointed Organist and Director of Music at St Martin's Church, Salisbury, close to his home in Laverstock, and is busy rebuilding the choir after the disruption caused by lockdowns.

'Anyone with a talent for singing would be really welcome here. Music is taken very seriously at St Martin's. There is a strong Anglo-Catholic tradition - in other words, 'High Church': incense, bells and ornate choral music! The church is

renowned for the quality of its organ and its wonderful acoustic, and it's a privilege to play and direct the choir here. A rendition of Toccata and Fugue in D Minor certainly makes the floor shake!'

Ben, 26, who grew up in Laverstock and attended St Andrew's and later Bishop Wordsworth's School, subsequently read Music at Oxford University where he was Organ Scholar at St Peter's College. He is keen to help out young singers who are applying for University Choral Scholarships. 'St Martin's Choir is an ideal opportunity for prospective choral scholars to gain experience. The repertoire is similar to the Cathedral; we sing traditional hymns, choral music and psalms, all chosen to match the liturgical season. The church is always warm and the atmosphere friendly, and coffee is served after the service. St Martin's is the perfect base for my teaching and recording work, but I'd be so pleased to hear from anyone who'd like to join our choir or attend a service'.

Contact Ben via his website, www.benmatonmusic.co.uk if you are interested in auditioning for the choir, learning more about the church, or listening to his recordings. Services are held at 10.30am on Sundays, and there is ample parking outside the church or on Tollgate Road.

Volunteer Befrienders

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking to expand their team of Here to Talk volunteers following a surge in demand from unpaid carers who are experiencing feelings of isolation and need someone to talk to.

Here to Talk volunteers provide regular phone conversations to unpaid carers who feel they would benefit from having someone to chat with.

Anyone who is interested in this flexible volunteering role and can commit to the minimum of half an hour every two weeks is encouraged to get in touch, says Volunteer Recruitment Manager Amanda Rothwell.

“Our telephone befriending service has helped to ease feelings of isolation for hundreds of unpaid carers. It’s been more in demand since the pandemic began, but unpaid carers are often isolated even when there aren’t any restrictions. When you are caring for someone who is ill, or has a condition or disability, it can be difficult to leave the house. If you’re the only person in your friendship group who is a carer, it can feel isolating.”

Those who would like to volunteer and who meet the criteria will be provided by Carer Support Wiltshire with full training on subjects such as listening skills, confidentiality, safeguarding, mental health awareness and communication.

Successful applicants will have a friendly approach with good listening skills, be non-judgemental with respect for different lifestyles and empathetic to the needs and concerns of unpaid carers.

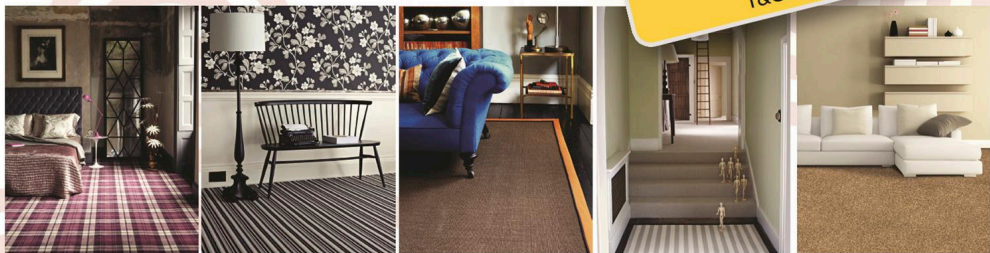
If you are interested in becoming a Here to Talk volunteer and being a friend to a carer who is experiencing feelings of loneliness, you can contact Carer Support Wiltshire at volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or by calling 01380 908158.



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