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## Welcome to issue 150 of the Parish Newsletter.



Issue 150 marks 25 years of the parish newsletter. Unfortunately, none of the earlier copies seem to have survived but that first issue would probably had a print run of around 1,000. In 1990 there was no Hampton Park, Pilgrim's Way, nor the huge development at Old Sarum. The current print run of 3,200 (and increasing

with each issue as new houses are occupied) shows how the parish has grown over these 25 years. With around 300+ houses yet to be completed at Riverdown Park and around 625 planned for Longehedge, the parish has taken more than it's fair share of housing provision in the South Wiltshire area.

A rough estimate of the total newsletters produced shows that well over a quarter of a million copies have been hand-delivered by our volunteers, without whom of course there would be no newsletter. It's not clear if any of our current volunteers were involved in the first deliveries, but if you were, that's real community service.

Thanks are also due to the contributors who unfailingly submit reports on their area of the parish and to those who submit interesting articles on varying subjects. Other than printing costs, the newsletter is a true community undertaking, produced by residents for residents.

*Front Cover :*

*Ikarus C42 microlight aircraft  
at Old Sarum Airfield*

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## **View from the Chair**

By **Chris Burnell**, Chair of the Parish Council

It is with great sadness that I report that Virginia McLennan died on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Virginia was the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council when I joined the committee and it was obvious the passion she had for the parish. When, due to her illness, she stood down from the Parish Council she still kept in contact letting us know her views but also providing me with advice and support. She will be sorely missed.

I also regret to report that Ron Champion has resigned as Parish Councillor due to health considerations. Ron has been a Councillor for many years and was my predecessor as Chairman from 2009 until December 2013. We will greatly miss his humour, enthusiasm and knowledge of council matters.

The Parish Council as ever are exceedingly busy on a number of fronts. At the last PC meeting we voted to be the nominees for the new Old Sarum Community Centre and now will be working with the Centre's Interim Management Group to be ready for its opening. Our thanks must go to the Group for all their hard work so far.

We continue to work on the plans for the Country Park and work towards being in a position to take responsibility for this although it does rely on being able to agree conditions with Wiltshire Council and resolve the recent earthwork issues. We believe that a developer for Longhedge has emerged and of course we will continue to watch for news regarding the Old Sarum Airfield proposals.

By the time you receive this newsletter we should have received the proposals from the Governance Boundary review and will be seeking your views at this stage. (Late news—see page 18 Ed.)

As ever if you wish to give your views or need the help of the council our contact details can be found at the back of the magazine or on our website, or of course you can always come to our monthly meetings.

Finally just a reminder that any issues such as flooding and ice please don't hesitate to contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 or their website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

**For all the latest Parish news, visit our website [www.laverstock-ford.co.uk](http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk)**

## **NEXT Parish Council Meetings**

**Monday March 16th at Greentrees Primary School 7pm**

**Monday April 20th at River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock 7pm**

**Residents are welcome to attend.**

# Report on Parish Council Meetings

This report covers the two meetings held on 15 December 2014 at the Community Farm in Laverstock and on 19 January 2015 in the Old Sarum Community Room. It was good to see several members of the public at these meetings, which is a reflection of the many important projects that are in progress.

Old Sarum occupied a large part of both meetings. The new Community Centre is well on the way to completion with a target opening date of 13 April. The Parish Council has voted to take ownership of the Centre and lease it to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Council also voted a grant of £2500 to this CIO. The Council was pleased to have a report from Cllr Byers that he has succeeded in securing £5000 of funding from the Area Board for a new Youth Club that will use the new Centre.

Some progress is also being made on new Play Areas and recreation facilities on the Country Park and on the MOD Open Space next to the Community Centre. The Council was hoping to start work on this new Play Area quite soon, under a licence from Persimmon Homes but the latest news is that Persimmon have declined this request. If residents feel strongly about this decision a letter to Persimmon would not go amiss.

Old Sarum Airfield has also taken up a lot of time. The owners appear to be moving towards a planning application for over 400 new homes on the airfield but the Parish Council is opposing this unwanted development. There are many arguments against the proposals, most of which are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council to address and enforce.

Progress with the new Country Park at Hampton Park is very slow. The vast amount of spoil that has been moved onto the site by the developer is causing concern and legal matters regarding finance have yet to be resolved. A new Planning Application is likely.

In December the Council approved its budget and precept requirement for 2015-2016. They voted for a 3.42% increase in the precept, partly to compensate for the reduction in central government grant and but also to cope with all of the extra responsibilities that are being loaded onto the Parish. The increase takes the Band D charge up to £12.88 per year, an increase of 43p.

The January meeting commenced with a one-minute silence in honour of Virginia McLennan who passed away on 29 December 2014. Virginia was a long serving and loyal Parish Councillor and Vice-chair of the Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7pm on 16 February at the River Bourne Community Farm. All residents are very welcome to attend and make a contribution at the start of the meeting.

*Parish Clerk*

# Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in, and adjacent to, the Parish since December 2014. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

## DECISIONS

14/10335/FUL Single storey side extension, 3 St Johns Close, Milford **Approved**

14/10370/FUL Single storey porch & 2-storey extn. 36 Napier Crescent, Laverstock **Approved**

14/10559/TPO Fell T1 Beech, T2 Acacia & T3 Beech. Partridge Way, Old Sarum **Approved**

14/10697/FUL Replacement roof & raise walls on rear elevation. 19 Greenwood Ave, Laverstock. **Approved**

14/10716/FUL Demolish conservatory & extn. Erect new single storey extension. 112 Greenwood Ave., Laverstock **Approved**

14/10957/FUL 2-storey side extension inc demolish garage. 73 Church Road, Laverstock. **Approved**

14/11263/FUL 2-storey side extension. 2 Green Lane, Old Sarum. **Approved**

14/11376/FUL 2-storey side extn & garage conversion. 3 Riverside Close, Laverstock. **Approved**

## NEW APPLICATIONS

14/10395/VAR Vary condition 5 of S/2011/1557. Tree planting around car park. Church, West Side Close, Old Sarum. *OBJECT*

14/11411/FUL Erect stable with 3 stalls. Land off Green Lane, Ford. *NO COMMENT.*

14/11461/FUL New vehicle egress to Petersfinger Road. Tesco Stores Ltd. *OBJECT.*

14/11888/WCM Change of use B1 to waste transfer station. Boswells, Ford *NO COMMENT.*

14/12175/FUL 65 bed hotel & drive thru restaurant. Land between A36 & Petersfinger Road.

15/00334/FUL Single storey rear extension, 28 The Oakbournes, Bishopdown.

15/00371/FUL Rear conservatory, 27 Melvin Close, Laverstock

## Obituary

Virginia McLennan

Died 29 December 2014 in Salisbury Hospice

The Parish Newsletter sadly records the death of Virginia McLennan, our former Vice Chairman, who had stepped down from the Parish Council in the summer of 2013, owing to ill health. Virginia served on the Parish Council for 12 years, many as Vice Chairman. She embraced the whole parish and knew every community.

A champion of people issues, especially where our communities were not getting the justice they deserved. Old Sarum School delay and catchment area for all Old Sarum residents saw her represent the Parish Council in differences with Wiltshire Council policy and work with the residents on the school and new community centre needs.

The overload of housing allocations in the parish got her temperature rising. However, she worked with a small Parish Council team to look over plans of first Duck Lane and later Old Sarum, to get the best for those developments. Sadly, she will not see the new community centre open at Old Sarum but played a full part in ensuring that the Community Room in Partridge Way got off the ground. Alongside her other voluntary duties, she kept us up to date with WC recycling initiatives, planning and liaising with the schools.



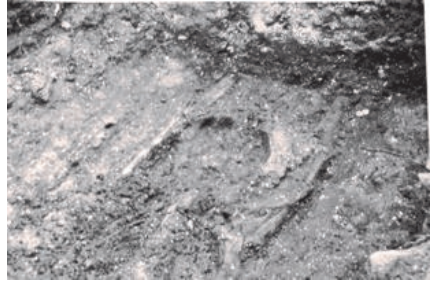
Virginia made many friends on the Parish Council and enjoyed the social gathering, in Laverstock & Ford Sports Club, after Parish Council meetings. She was the organiser of the Parish Council Christmas meal and helped with the Burns Night too. This brought together past and present members and partners for a most enjoyable evening.

Virginia had a final message when she retired from the Parish Council and we share her passion with you again:

*"I never understood how important the Parish Council is to us all, until I attended a meeting and then joined. It has given me many new experiences and I know I have been able to join with my colleagues and make a difference to all our communities. If anyone reading this has the commitment and desire to help the PC in any way - just do it - you won't regret it."*

## How old is Laverstock?

Some will remember the archaeological work in the old churchyard of St Andrew's in 2008/9. The work was carried out by Alex Langlands, who many will have seen in 'Victorian Farm', 'Edwardian Farm', and other TV series. Tantalisingly, it was at the very end of the dig that a skeleton was found, *below the level of the medieval church*. The skeleton was complete except for the skull. Moreover, stains in the floor of the excavation pit indicated the presence of at least one other burial. Were the burials associated with an earlier church, of stone or wood, or are they older even than the first Christian presence in the village?



We first hear of a church in Laverstock in 1225 when Bishop Richard Poore appropriated the income of the church to help fund choral music in the cathedral. (In return one of the Vicars Choral served as curate of Laverstock parish.) In his *Churches in the Landscape* Richard Morris says that very few medieval parish churches were founded after 1150, and there may well have been a surge in church building 1075-1125, much of this being the rebuilding of wooden churches in stone. So perhaps there was a stone church in Laverstock by about 1100.

Can we get any further back? Morris goes on to discuss the rise of a significant land-owning class by the tenth century, and the way many among this group began to follow the example of the king in building churches. Now a charter of AD 949 records the grant of one hide of land at 'Winterburnan' (Winterbourne) to the king's gold- and silver-smith, a man named Ælfsige. The boundary landmarks cited in the charter fit the Laverstock landscape. So perhaps this Ælfsige built a wooden church about AD 950. (It must be stressed that this is conjecture, perhaps plausible, but certainly not proven.)

The medieval church was seriously damaged in a fire in 1410. It was repaired, and thereafter lasted until the 1850s, when it was declared 'very damp and ruinous', and beyond repair. It was pulled down in 1857, and the present church was consecrated in 1858.

To get back to the skeleton, Alex is willing to give some further time to the search for the early history of Laverstock. His proposal is for a few days of concentrated work by two or three professional archaeologists, and for the radio-carbon dating of the skeleton (s). Afterwards the village would be invited to a conducted tour of the site. The cost of the project would be about £3,000, which is not a small sum, though not, surely, beyond our reach. If you would like to help, please contact Bryan Evans on 01722 320129 (or [b.evans555@btinternet.com](mailto:b.evans555@btinternet.com)) and let us know how much you can pledge. We would need to have funding in place by the early summer, for the dig to begin in August.

*Bryan Evans*

## OLD SARUM UPDATE

Who's doing what at Old Sarum? Old Sarum has its own **Residents Association** which was started in May 2012. Its current committee are John Wilkinson, Trish Thomas, Kim Hibberd, Gerry Hayden, Julie/Ronnie Hutchison, Simon Byers, Karen Kelly, and Penny Joyce. Mark Ansonia and Paul Tunncliffe also attend as Parish councillors. We are always looking for new members!

**STOP PRESS Residents of Old Sarum are invited to.....**

**An Open Residents Meeting on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm @ the school**

- Find out about how the new **Community Centre** is progressing
- Look at plans for two new **Play areas**, and have your say
- Hear about the new **Youth Club** starting in the Community Centre
- Get an update on the **Local Centre (the shops)** due to start building in the Spring.
- Meet your **Old Sarum Parish Councillors** and find out what we/they are doing on your behalf.
- Give your opinions and air your views as residents! Contact us on [contact@osres.org](mailto:contact@osres.org)



**A new Youth Group will start on Thursdays just as soon as the new Community Centre opens, watch out for more news.**

## **OUR 'ANNUAL' GRAND EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Starts at the school at 2pm**



Follow clues around the estate and end up later enjoying crafts, and tea provided by the PTA. Cost £2 and all children get a big Easter Egg to take home! Everyone welcome!

*Penny Joyce*

## WHAT REGULAR ACTIVITIES ARE THERE AT OLD SARUM?

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mondays    | Monday Monkeys @ Community Rooms 9.30am<br>Café @Community Rooms upstairs 10.30 am<br>AFF representative visits 1 <sup>st</sup> in the month.<br>Beavers and Cubs @ the school 6pm |
| Tuesdays   | Puppy Classes @ Community Rooms<br>Martial Arts @ the school                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesdays | Drop in with Health Visitors @ Community Rooms 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 1.30 : Zumba @the school 7pm Puppy classes @ Community Rooms                                    |
| Thursdays  | Children's book group (monthly) Com Rooms 6pm                                                                                                                                      |
| Fridays    | Friday Fun @ Community Rooms: Ladies that Lunch (monthly) Com Rooms; Martial Arts @ the school                                                                                     |
| Weekends   | Messy Church (monthly) Hot chocolate and Cookies (monthly) @ the school.                                                                                                           |

Follow Old Sarum on-line at <http://oldsarumcr.org>

### Report from Courtney Pickering—UK Youth Parliament

This month I have been preparing for this years UK Youth Parliament's national Young Peoples elections. The Candidates standing for my catchment are Kirsty Gerdes-Hansen, Suzie Cetintas, Rebecca Richards, Freya Pigott and Tom Stachiewicz.

The elections are from the 9th February to 15th February. To view their manifestos and to watch a short clip on some of their thoughts visit [sparksite.co.uk](http://sparksite.co.uk)

Whilst in the process of completing the assemblies with the candidates I am also in the set up group of the Old Sarum Youth Group. We successfully got the funding we needed from the Area Board and are now in the process of getting it up and running!

The UKYP have also been taking part in the national day of action regarding Living Wage as we feel minimum wage should be increased so everyone can live comfortably without needing additional money from other groups.

If you have any questions regarding UKYP or just in general, email me on [mypcourtney@outlook.com](mailto:mypcourtney@outlook.com)

# BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA)

## NEWS

This Parish Newsletter is scheduled for delivery a day or two before our AGM. So if we get it out in time you are welcome to join us at 7.30 pm in Greentrees School on 27<sup>th</sup> February. This will probably be our last AGM as the 'BFRA' – see below. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Ron Seaman for auditing our accounts for a number of years, and to his wife Jan for delivering the Parish Newsletter in conjunction with the BFRA.

**Green Lane:** Although only part of Green Lane is within the nominal area of the BFRA we do keep an eye on the whole length from St Clements Way to Ford. We have had a long running safety campaign where the developers are driving across Green Lane. Indeed, it was the BFRA that first pointed out the very real danger to pedestrians and cyclists which was instrumental in forcing a stop work until safety had been improved by having proper gates and a banksman (traffic marshall) on duty. However, the BFRA and residents were aware that the crossing was being used without a banksman – something WC refuted when we complained. Further observation over the Christmas/New year break confirmed that the crossing is being used during holidays and weekends without any banksman. Fortunately, the majority of drivers are now well aware and do take care; however there remains a risk to children, cyclists and dogs.

Apart from it's importance as a cycle/foot route, Green Lane is also a protected bat corridor with Tree Preservation Orders. In mid-January, a new resident on the eastern side of the Lane put up a satellite dish in their garden. Not surprisingly they must have found the signal was very poor because the trees were in the way – their solution was to cut down the 'offending' trees on Green Lane!! The BFRA spotted this vandalism just a couple of days after it must have been done and informed the WC Tree Warden. The Warden also took a dim view and would like to prosecute but needs witnesses who saw this illegal act. This shows how important it is to let people know that the whole of Green Lane is protected and that the Riverdown Park site sits on the edge of the River Avon SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest (the River Bourne forms part of this SSSI).

**Pearce Way:** In the last Parish Newsletter we warned residents to take care on Pearce Way, and especially the Hartley Way junction, due to the effect of wintery conditions combined with the 'improvements' made when the speed limit was reduced to 30 mph. Little did we expect that we would also have to contend with more chalk slurry being spread along the road by the developers. The BFRA have been active in trying to get both WC and Barrett homes to take notice and make some improvements. Residents have raised their concerns about just how slippery it has been. We have provided advice on who to complain to on the basis that the more people complain the more likely it is that we will get some proper improvements rather than just lip service. In the longer term we continue to push WC to correct the numerous issues with the state of Pearce Way, such as the field of kale where we used to have a grassy roadside verge!

**HP Trail:** The defensive bund, put up by the developers to protect residents with houses against the HP Trail from chalk slurry, appears to have held with the recent wet weather. Although given the timing of this publication we might have been overtaken by events if we get exceptional rain! Unfortunately the first part of the Trail from Pearce Way is as slippery as ever although we are endeavouring to improve the surface.

**Parking:** The photograph shows a BT van parked outside the One Stop shop in early January. This was around closing time for Greentrees school. The view from the exit from the shop was completely blocked and any large vehicles (bus/delivery lorries) would also have been blocked. The Police confirmed that a number of offences had been committed



and would have prosecuted if we had asked them to. However, as BT were rightly concerned about what one of their employees had done and wished to take action themselves the matter was left to them. So, if you see something as stupid and dangerous as this please take some photographs and pass them on to our Neighbourhood Policing Team – before someone gets hurt.

**The Way Ahead for the BFRA:** Following our discussions in the last two Parish newsletters on the future of the BFRA, the Committee unanimously resolved to formally raise the issue at the AGM. We have not received any feedback from residents and have discussed the matter with the various bodies that we liaise with. Matthew Barton, the Radian Housing Officer, was fulsome in his praise for our work but agreed that Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm have matured and the time is probably right to wind up our business as a residents' association. However, our constitution requires committee members to remain active until the affairs of the BFRA have been fully and properly wound up. All committee members have indicated that they are happy to do this and to move forward into a less formal group to monitor and look after the local environment (both natural and built). This covers one of our current roles as Trail Wardens for the Hampton Park Trail. We will continue to represent the interests of Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park as members of the Parish Environment Group (ignoring the 'parish' boundary which runs down the middle and is meaningless in the context of the environment). We will still have regular litter picks as there seems to be no end to the thoughtless people dropping litter. We also hope that we can encourage more people to take responsibility for their local environment within this less formal grouping. All this assumes that nothing changes between now and the AGM! We will continue to use the medium of this Newsletter to keep residents on our patch informed.

**BFRA Website:** We will be maintaining the website for a while longer, not least because we have just paid for another year's hosting. You will still be able to communicate with the Committee members at: **[www.thebfra.co.uk](http://www.thebfra.co.uk)**.

*Colin Froud*

## Traffic in Ford—Your Views Sought

Traffic through Ford along the Roman Road has long been a contentious issue, mainly as a result of speeding vehicles.

The Parish Council have discussed this with the Senior Traffic Engineer at Wiltshire Council and some options have been offered. Before any works are pursued, we are seeking the views of villagers. It is intended to hold a public meeting in the coming weeks. However, time is short and as this article is due to be published in the March Parish Magazine, the consultation may or may not have taken place, depending on how quickly a meeting can be organised. The Parish Council is looking at the situation as it is **at present**, and not taking account of the potential developments at Old Sarum Airfield., ASDA and Longhedge, as it will be some time before they come into existence.

The first point about traffic calming measures is that they can be controversial in that while offering advantages they may also bring some disadvantages. For example, any physical feature will be accompanied by lines and signs and is it likely that the street lighting may also need upgrading.

It is appreciated that there has been a number of accidents along Roman Road over the years although luckily none have resulted in significant injuries reported to persons. In addition, the problem runs through the whole village and it is considered to have no specific hot spots. Having said that, the road alongside the Mill is particularly difficult due to its winding, narrow character.



At the Western approach to Ford we have a **gateway** which is a standard layout and could be introduced at the other end of the village to highlight to drivers that they are entering a change in environment. The PC are not convinced that this would be effective, however one option is to

use a material similar to a surface located at Shady Bower in Salisbury. It is a pattern pressed into the surface material so gives a slight vibration when a vehicle drives over it. Another option could be to use cobbles; the engineer would need to further investigate this option, but would need the support of the community.

The nature of Roman Road and the frequent junctions lends itself to speed tables at each of these junctions. This is a treatment whereby the entire junction is raised, providing a feature to physically slow down vehicles but tends to be less noisy and is preferred by buses and emergency services. This treatment could be used on one or all or any number of combinations of the junctions.

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A Further consideration has been highlighted; to enhance the bridge in lower Ford with additional signing and lining. One idea is to introduce a white line at the edge of the carriageway to give the indication that it is narrower than it currently is, another could be to use a different type of surfacing. These will, however, be visually intrusive and again it would need the support of the community.

Your thoughts on any improvements to Roman Road or any other parts of Ford would be welcome; this would enable the Parish Council put options to the Traffic Engineer at Salisbury Transportation Team.

Send your views to:- [ronandsarah@talktalk.net](mailto:ronandsarah@talktalk.net) or [vandc@bussereau.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:vandc@bussereau.fsnet.co.uk)  
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**THE BFRA**

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**AGM**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

at 7:30pm at Greentrees Primary School, Bishopdown Farm

This is your opportunity to be involved in what is happening in your area.  
All residents of Bishopdown Farm are welcome to attend the AGM.

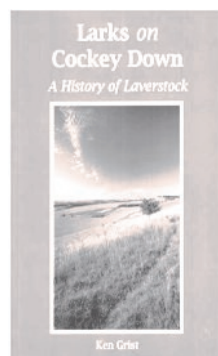
## Obituary—Ken Grist

Local teacher and author, Ken Grist passed away in December at the age of 73.

Ken was born in Laverstock and began his teaching career at St Osmund's straight out of college. He was involved in the set-up of St Joseph's School including the designing the school badge, and taught there from when it opened in 1964 until he took early retirement in 1997.

Ken was widely known for his 80 page book "Larks on Cockey Down: a History of Laverstock", an accessible and interesting short history of the village.

(Sadly, his book is no longer in print but can occasionally be found at on-line booksellers. Ed).



## WILDLIFE – What to look for in March and April

As the days warm up and spring is really on its way, hibernating creatures become active. Hedgehogs and bats feed up after their winter weight loss. Hares (normally more likely to be seen in the early morning or towards dusk) are about during the day, as March is the peak of their mating season. The males follow the females, and if you are lucky, you may see them chasing about in the fields around our parish or even boxing – this is usually the female driving off the male's unwanted advances.



Frogspawn develops and the tadpoles start to grow – their back legs first, then their front legs and finally, they lose their tails. Newts enter their breeding ponds having spent the winter under stones or in holes in the ground. They have an attractive mating ritual, following each other about and waving their tails. Toads also move to their breeding ponds on warm damp nights. These ponds are usually bigger than those supporting frogspawn. At Little Durnford there is a toad patrol every year, helping toads across the road to their breeding lake in the Manor grounds. Slow-worms, which are not snakes but legless lizards, can sometimes be seen basking in the sun.

Our resident garden birds will be nesting, and the busy parents will be feeding their demanding nestlings. The winter migrants will have departed, but before they left, we did see the great flock of lapwings and golden plovers on our parish walk by Old Sarum in January. The summer migrants start arriving before the end of April – lookout for swallows, martins, blackcaps and whitethroats.

Woodland wild flowers bloom before the trees develop their leaves and shade the ground below. Violets and ground ivy come out in purples and blues, and by the end of April these are joined by bluebells. In the hedgerows you can find the delicate yellow of primroses and the shining yellow of celandines. The white of cow parsley and hedge garlic also shows along the hedges. The frothy white flowers of blackthorn bushes come out in March, well before the hawthorn, which usually doesn't flower until May. In the water meadows the showy flowers of marsh marigolds, or kingcups as they are sometimes called, can be seen. Most of the wild flowers on the more exposed downland do not open until May or later.

In the spring sunshine the insects get busy. Bumblebees, honey bees and butterflies visit the flowers to gather nectar. On the wing at this time of year you can see brimstone, small tortoiseshell, orange-tip (only the males have orange), comma (with a white comma shaped mark on the underside of the wing), and at the end of April, speckled wood and the white butterflies. Ladybirds are also about, and the one you are most likely to see is the 7-spot which feeds on aphids. Harlequin ladybirds, which only arrived in the UK fairly recently, are larger and come in a variety of colours and patterns.



This is the last in the series of 'Wildlife - what to look for', having started with May and June 2014. I hope you have enjoyed reading them and had a chance to look for some of the wildlife mentioned.

Do come and join PEG (Parish Environment Group) for a walk to Clarendon Palace looking for wildlife especially wild-flowers on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2pm from the Duck Inn Laverstock.

Penny Theobald Salisbury & District Natural History Society

## **Saving Our Parish – Latest Information**

You will remember that Salisbury City councillors voted narrowly to ask Wiltshire Council (WC) to absorb the whole of our parish into the city. Laverstock & Ford Parish Council countered by suggesting that instead, why not ask the residents of Bishopdown Farm if they want to re-join Laverstock & Ford and complete the Hampton Park/Bishopdown Farm community by that means. 99.3% of our households stated their desire to remain as part of Laverstock & Ford Parish. This was input, by your Parish Council, to the Wiltshire Council panel at the same time as Salisbury put their case for us all going the other way!

We now understand that the WC panel recognises that the contentious area is Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park, including the new Barratts housing at Hampton Park. We are informed that for this area, where it would become 1000 homes in Laverstock & Ford Parish and 300 in Salisbury, it is considered an opportunity to bring the whole development under one parish. This will mean either our 1000 homes being lost to the city or the 300 Bishopdown Farm homes re-joining our parish. Every resident will be consulted by WC and we ask that you make your wishes very clear. This is one consultation which will directly affect your future !

At the request of the residents association, some years ago, the Bishopdown Farm residents already receive our L&F Parish Newsletter and already use the L&F parish based facilities like Greentrees school, Hampton Park Pavilion and sports area and the shop/doctors/vet/dentist etc. It is our Parish Council who has totally revised the Country park plans to ensure we keep our rural identity and to Green flag standard.

We do hope that everyone asks to remain in or join our parish. We understand there will also be a local public meeting, with the preferred venue of the school or pavilion.

Look out for that.

## **LAVERSTOCK BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

**The Parish Council would like to enter Laverstock in the Best Kept Village Competition but we need a volunteer to lead.**

**Key tasks will include: Making application to the CPRE, Supporting the Parish Environment Group (PEG) with a Village Clean Up day. Publicising our entry with posters in the Parish Newsletter, on our Web Site and in the local schools.**

**If you would like to help, you will have the support of the Parish Council, the Parish Clerk, groups like Laverstock Gardening Club and PEG.**

**If you live in the village and would like to join our band of volunteers please contact the Parish Clerk: [Parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk](mailto:Parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk) 01722411847**

# River Bourne Community Farm

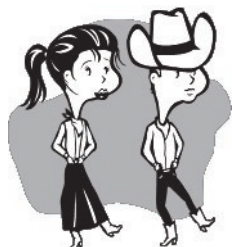
## FARM SHOP

Come and visit the farm shop at River Bourne Community Farm selling a variety of produce including local chutneys, farm fresh eggs, farm pork (subject to availability), flour, jams, biscuits etc. Tea, coffee and light snacks are also available.

At the beginning of March the farm will be welcoming a new flock of young chickens to the farm to increase egg production and try to keep up with demand!

**Farm shop is open Tues – Fri from 9am – 4pm & Sat from 10am – 1pm**

## WIN BARN DANCE TICKETS!



Pick up a raffle ticket every time you spend more than £5 on shop produce during March and April (until Wed 22 April) and be entered into a draw to win a pair of barn dance tickets worth £20. Draw takes place on **Thursday 23 April**.

Barn Dance takes place in the big barn at the farm on Saturday 9th May (ploughman's supper included). See page 24.

## Ben the Bull...

Ben, the very handsome Aberdeen Angus bull calf, was born on the farm in June 2014 and has spent the winter months in the farmyard for socialisation being fussed over by farm volunteers. In the spring Ben will join the rest of the herd in the field and will be the father to next year's calves. As a fully grown adult he will weigh around 800kg (the weight of a small car!).



## Farm Cats

Visitors to the farm may catch a glimpse of our new resident semi-feral cats, George, Charlie and Alfie, who have joined us from the Cats Protection League to help to deal with our little furry friends. They have been to the vets and are neutered, flea and worm treated and free from diseases. They are also microchipped. George is a big black and white boy cat with half a tail, Charlie is a black and white female and Alfie is all white with a black tail and black spot on his face. Cats Protection League think the farm is a perfect place for them to live and we very much hope to see a significant rodent reduction on the farm in the near future!

We do have to feed them as they are apparently better at hunting with a full stomach! Any donations of cat biscuits (any brand - cheap is fine) would be very gratefully received. Please leave outside farm office building in the box provided. Thank you!

# **Wiltshire Council has made a commitment to help adults across Wiltshire get confident with the basics of computers and the web.**

It doesn't matter whether that's a laptop, desktop, tablet or smart phone - we want to make sure that everyone who wants to take that step into the digital age can access the support they need to do so - for FREE.

## **The benefits**

Being online isn't a luxury - it's a necessity. If you're offline, you're missing out on a wealth of benefits. Shopping online can save you up to £560 per year, whilst around 92% of all job vacancies require applicants to have at least basic IT skills.



There are also benefits associated with health and well-being: email, Skype and Facebook are not only fantastic communication tools; they also play a vital role in reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation. In short, having access to the internet is empowering, liberating and seriously good fun.

## **What we offer**

Wiltshire Council has a large team of volunteers called digital champions, who provide free, basic computer support to people in their local community. Our volunteers can help you learn all of the basics, including:

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- Getting the latest news, sport and weather forecasts, or catching up on your favourite TV or radio programmes
- Accessing government services, such as taxing your car, renewing your library books, checking your rubbish collection days and paying your Council Tax. *Cont....*

## One to one support

Most of our digital champions provide support on a one-to-one basis, which means you can learn all the basics at your own pace. We're also very flexible about how this support is delivered, with many of our volunteers offering home visits, supporting you in your own home with your own equipment.



If you have a laptop or tablet, you also have the option of receiving support in any [Wi-Fi](#) enabled venue, whether that's your local library, a nearby pub or cafe. Even having no equipment is not a barrier to learning: you can receive help from us in any library in Wiltshire, where there are computers you can use free of charge.

If you would like to receive free, basic computer support, or you're interested in volunteering in your local community, please email [digitalinclusion@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:digitalinclusion@wiltshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01225 793349. You can also visit their website [www.wiltshireonline.org](http://www.wiltshireonline.org) here you'll find links to some easy, step by step guides.



**Salisbury Medical Practice would like to take this opportunity to keep the parish residents informed about your local Bishopdown Surgery.**

**No smoking day - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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## CREAM TEA SUNDAYS AT THE FARM

**Sunday 3rd May 3–5pm Free Entry & Free Parking**

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**River Bourne Community Farm Cow Lane Laverstock SP1 2SR**



# Laverstock Gardening Club

Our New Year Party on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> was very well attended and much enjoyed by our members. We are looking forward to a very busy & exciting 2015/16 including a coach trip to the Wisley Flower Festival in September.

Open Gardens on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July is always a well-attended event, bringing visitors from far & Wide as well as locals. Our charity for this year is The Wiltshire Air Ambulance, so fingers crossed for good weather.

Seven varied talks, our AGM, a garden visit and our popular Summer Show help make up our programme. We have over 70 members and welcome visitors and more new members at any of our meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 7:30pm in Laverstock Village Hall.

I hope to see some new faces.

*M Reardon (Chair).*

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| <b>Monday 23rd March</b><br>SPEAKER Charlotte Fyffe<br>KEEPING HENS IN THE GARDEN<br><br>Competition - Photo of Chicken / Hen                | <b>Sunday 12th July</b><br><br>OPEN GARDENS                                                                                  | <b>Monday 26th October</b><br>SPEAKER Nick Gilbert<br>GILBERTS NURSERY<br>DAHLIAS<br>Camp - Ode to October max 10 lines                                |
| Monday 27th April<br>SPEAKER Roger Butler<br>PELARGONIUMS<br>ALL THERE IS TO KNOW<br>Competition - 5 Tulips                                  | <b>Monday 27th July</b><br>SPEAKER Wolfgang Bopp<br>THE SIR HAROLD HILLIER<br>GARDENS<br>Competition -10 stems of sweet peas | Monday 23rd November<br>SPEAKER Ann Sevier<br>"AN EVENING WITH"!<br>Competition - Homemade Christmas<br>Gingerbread Man                                |
| <b>Monday 25th May</b><br>SPEAKER Mary Reardon<br>SHOW TALK<br>HINTS AND TIPS<br>Competition - 3 iris                                        | <b>Saturday 22nd August</b><br><b>ANNUAL SHOW</b><br><br>Monday 24th August<br>NO MEETING                                    | <b>Monday 28th December</b><br>No meeting<br><b>Monday 25th January</b><br><br>NEW YEAR PARTY                                                          |
| <b>Monday 22nd June</b><br>SPEAKER Roger H Irons<br>UNUSUAL PLANTS FOR CHALKY<br>CONDITIONS LINKED TO ECOLOGY<br>Competition - Specimen Rose | <b>Monday 28th September</b><br><br>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING<br>Cheese and Wine evening<br>Competition - Plug plant            | <b>Monday 22nd February</b><br>SPEAKER Dawn Collins<br>AUSTEN'S ARCADIA- GEORGIAN<br>GARDENS OF JANE AUSTEN<br>Competition-Small vase of Springflowers |

Evening visit to Hardy's Nursery - Thursday 23rd April 2015 Wisley Flower Festival - Wednesday 9th September 2015



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**[www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk](http://www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk)**

Each of the three secondary schools in the parish has a Parish Council Community Trophy which the schools present each year to the student who has made the best contribution to the community.

In 2014 the winners were, for Wyvern - Max Eagle, for St Joseph's - Daisy Vanderputt, and for St Edmund's - Mia Banks.

Mia has written the following:

*It was a real surprise to have been awarded the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Cup for Contribution to the Community. At first I didn't know why I had received the award, but I know now that it was for the things I have done to raise awareness of deafness.*

*As I am deaf myself I know how important it is for people to be deaf aware. It was quite surprising to see how unaware the public was so I thought of ways that I could help. I started by accompanying my hearing impaired teacher to a primary school to make them more aware of what it was like to not be able to hear as well. They were so intrigued at such a young age and I knew I could do more. So with my knowledge of Sign language, which I learnt for my Duke of Edinburgh's award, I taught a class of students sign language for a term. I then, with the help of a YouTube clip, taught them a Christmas song purely in sign language with no aids which they performed to the public at the end of term. It has been a pleasure to teach and spread awareness in this area as Salisbury isn't as aware as other places of deafness, how it affects everyday things, how to overcome these problems and how people can help any deaf people they may encounter in the future. Thank you for your kind award.*



Mia

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### **Laverstock Evergreen Club**

Charity Number 1027430

### **Evergreen Lunch**

**On Saturday 14th March in  
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**Soup & a Roll, Apple Crumble &  
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**Cake Stall, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac,  
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### **Easter Bingo**

**at St Andrew's School  
on Friday 20th March**

**Doors open at 6.30 pm**

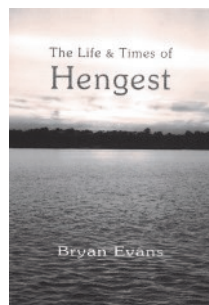
**Eyes down at 7.00pm**

**Adult and children games - £2.50 a  
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**Loads of great prizes as usual!**

In aid of the Friends of St Andrew's

Local writer, Bryan Evans, has just had his second book published (after 'Plain English' in 2012). 'The life and times of Hengest' is concerned with the traditional founder of the first Anglo-Saxon kingdom, in Kent. Is Hengest part of history, or simply legend? Bryan Evans argues that although it cannot be proved that Hengest lived and fought in the fifth century, a good case can be made out for his historical existence. In examining the reliability of one of our earliest sources, the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, the Saxon cemeteries at Winterbourne Gunner, Petersfinger, Harnham and Charlton are discussed. In the last part of the book an attempt has been made to reconstruct the Anglo-Saxon poetry in which Hengest figures.



The book (published at £14.95) can be ordered through Sarum College Bookshop in the Close, or from Amazon online.

## Hampton Park New Year's Day Wheelbarrow Race

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Harvey Warren Trust staged the second New Year's Day Wheelbarrow Race. The weather was significantly more clement in comparison to last year's deluge and though there was still a persistent drizzle, some hardy teams took to the roads of Bishopdown Farm and raced their wheelbarrows around Hampton Park Green to claim the trophies for Fastest team, Best fancy dressed wheelbarrow team and Most sponsorship raised.



We were delighted to see some splendid costumes including a very festive family wheelbarrow pushed by 'Father Christmas' whose little Santa's were rather competitive and were consistently heard to cry 'Come on Daddy they're passing us '!

There were a team in Monks habits which half way around looked as if they wished they had stayed in the monastery but came over the line smiling. A ghoulish father and son sped their way around the green and shared the best dressed prize with the Christmas crew.

A curious combination of a ghost and we believe Luigi from the Mario Cartoon/ games were a great team. They ran well together but possibly there was some dubious navigation as some report seeing a ghostly apparition flitting across the centre of the green. They still managed to take last place and secure the best photograph of all.

The winners of the race though were a very determined father and son team who if this would ever to become an Olympic event will be our No. 1 team !

We at Harvey Warren Trust were delighted to see more teams out this year and thank you to all those who took part and came to spectate. We hope that next year we will see more people taking part in a community event and having fun.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 , our beautiful baby Harvey went to sleep, happy and peaceful but never woke again. He will forever be happy and peaceful. We can never bring little Harvey back but in his memory we hope to help prevent tragedies like this happening to others and help babies, children and families everywhere.

'Harvey Warren Trust' was set up with this objective and aims to raise funds in Harvey's name for charities associated with babies, children and SIDS.

Last year we were able to give £1000 to The Stars Appeal, Caring for Kids, £1000 to The Lullaby Trust and £1000 To Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Thank you for all your help.

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## LAVERSTOCK & FORD HISTORY GROUP

### Laverstock in two World Wars

At our meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January the speaker, local man, scout leader and enthusiastic genealogist Dave Waspe presented some of his work on the fallen of two world wars.

**Second Lt. Douglas Gilbert Hayward Aldworth** served in the 3rd Royal Berkshire Regiment and travelled to Ireland to join his regiment. On 10th October 1918 the regiment sailed from Kingstown for Holyhead on the R.M.S Leinster. One hour into the journey the Leinster was attacked by U Boat UB-123 and sank with the loss of 501 lives. Douglas is remembered on the Laverstock War Memorial.

The processional cross used in St Andrews Church Laverstock was purchased by the Rev Aldworth on 10th April 1919 and is inscribed to the memory of second Lt Aldworth. More recently Aldworth Drive on the Bishopdown Estate had been named in his memory.

**Sergeant Stanley Glover** served with sixth battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Before signing up he worked for the South Western Railway. He was initially a private in the RAMC. He left the army in 1913 and became a postman. He married local lass in St Andrew's Church and rejoined the army in 1915. His home address at the time was '2 Laverstock'. Stanley was killed on the second day of the battle of the Somme.

**PO Steward Reginald G. H. Osborne** joined the Royal Navy in 1921. At the start of the second world war he moved his family from Portsmouth to Greenwood Avenue Laverstock. Reginald was serving on HMS Hood a battle cruiser. On the 19th May 1941 the Hood sailed with the new battleship HMS Prince of Wales to intercept the German Battleship Bismarck. On the 24th May HMS Hood engaged the Bismarck which was attempting to break out into the North Atlantic, in the Denmark Strait. The battle started at 06.00hours and the Bismarck's 5th salvo hit HMS Hood causing a catastrophic explosion tearing the ship in half. Only 3 out of a crew of 1418 survived.



Dave focussed on the lives of six servicemen during his talk, all of whom had connections with the Parish. The stories were all so different. Dave's histories behind the names on the war memorial in St Andrew's Church brought them alive for us. They came from different walks of life, but they all had one thing in common; they serve and died for their country.

Look out for new road names around the Parish with the inscription *"In memory of a soldier of this parish who gave his life in the First World War."*

Derek Hayes

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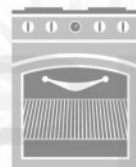
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# Jason Turner

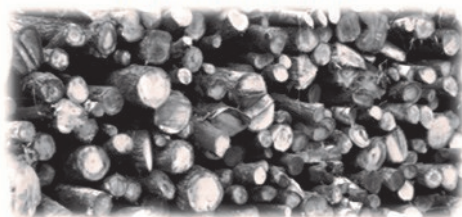
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4pm on first Sunday of the month is the 'St Andrews 2' (family) service in St Andrew's School hall (A time of worship, with food, singing, craft, Bible stories and prayer).

9.30 am Wednesday, Holy Communion for both churches (St Andrew's and St Mark's) Churchwardens: Mrs Sue Gallagher (01722 332619), Bryan Evans (01722 320129)

## **St Mark's, London Road:**

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1<sup>st</sup> Together @ 10 (9am HC followed by informal family service)

2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion : 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship : 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

Various groups for children and youth spanning crèche to teenagers on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in term time

6.00 pm Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> No evening service : 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening Worship : 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion

4<sup>th</sup> Evening Worship : 5<sup>th</sup> No evening service

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Associate Priest Rev David Coates (01722 325944) Bourne Valley Team

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### **Andrew Prince**

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| Laverstock Art Club            | <b>John Gustard</b>                                                                | 326237       |
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| Laverstock Beaver Scouts       | <b>Jane Waspe</b>                                                                  | 421287       |
| Laverstock Scouts              | <b>Alistair Riggs</b>                                                              | 07561 441116 |
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| Mother's Union Evening Group   | <b>Jenny King</b>                                                                  | 349824       |
| Mothers' Union Afternoon Group | <b>Heather Ludlow</b>                                                              |              |
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# **PARISH D i a r y D a t e s** for events in Mar/Apr 2015

## **MARCH**

Tues 3rd Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm

Wed 4th Laverstock Evergreen Club at 2.30pm in Laverstock Village Hall

Mon 9th Laverstock Ladies Open Group AGM and social evening with quiz. 7.45pm at Laverstock Village Hall

Thu 12th Salisbury Area Board South Wilts Grammar School 6:30pm for 7pm start

Mon 16th Laverstock & District Evening W.I. Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm

Mon 16th Parish Council Meeting Greentrees School 7pm

Mon 23rd Laverstock Gardening Club Laverstock Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed 25th Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 2.15pm

Thu 26th Southern Wiltshire Area Board Whiteparish Memorial Centre 6:30pm for 7pm start

## **APRIL**

Wed 1st Laverstock Evergreen Club at 2.30pm in Laverstock Village Hall

Tues 7th Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm

Mon 13th Laverstock Ladies Open Group – Maureen Rose Royal Dressmaker 7.45pm at Laverstock Village Hall

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Laverstock Village Hall AGM at 7:15pm in the village hall. All welcome.

Sat 18th PEG (Parish Environment Group) for a walk to Clarendon Palace looking for wildlife especially wild-flowers Starts at 2pm from the Duck Inn Laverstock.

Mon 20th Laverstock & District Evening W.I. Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm

Mon 20th Parish Council Meeting River Bourne Community Farm 7pm

Mon 27th Laverstock Gardening Club Laverstock Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed 27th Mothers' Union Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 2.15pm

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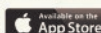
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