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Welcome to issue 157 of the Parish Newsletter.

This issue has a section dedicated to the Community Governance Review that could lead to the loss of the Parish of Laverstock and Ford. The Parish Council feels that any proposed changes should be fully understood by residents who will have the chance to make their views known to the Review Committee.

Pages 9 to 18 outline why we are still discussing this proposal, the motion calling for this further review, the Parish Council rebuttal of points in the motion, letters from residents with their views of the proposal and what happens next.

We are lucky to have open countryside where we can take leisurely walks and appreciate the nature of our area. Pages 23 & 24 give details of one of the trails which have been created in the parish. More trails can be found on the parish website by clicking in the 'Trails' picture.

On page 36 is a letter from St Andrew's School regarding the mini-marathon. The school has made plans to help avoid the traffic problems of some earlier years. As the letter states, "The event is a huge success for all of the children who take part (nearly 1,500) and is very much part of the Salisbury Schools' calendar. "The parish is proud of having the open downland which allows this type of valued event to take place.

Late news. As we were about to go to print, Persimmon's planning application to build housing on the land designated for community use (a doctor's surgery or similar) was unequivocally REJECTED by all of the Wiltshire Councillors at the recent Planning Committee meeting. There was an excellent turn out from our Old Sarum parishioners, one who spoke passionately for the right to a community facility at the local centre. Together with the short speeches from Penny Joyce and the Parish Chairman this resident support was pivotal in securing the outcome our parishioners required.

Cover picture — Cockey Down Laverstock from Cow Lane

Editor

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View from the Chair

By **David Burton**, Chair of the Parish Council



Chris Lubbe had many of us in tears as he re-told the heart rending tale of how, at age 8, he found himself on a bus in Apartheid South Africa trying to save his mother's life as she slipped into a diabetic coma. Eventually the bus driver took a risk and got his mother onto a White's Only park bench then had to drive on with the rest of his passengers. As help was sought by a kind passer-by, Chris was left tending his mother. Two policeman turned up and threw her off the bench then walked away. This was the moment that Chris decided he needed to help change things in his community for the better.

So what has this got to do with our Parish?

Well firstly Chris was telling this story to the children of Greentrees Primary School at the grand opening of their new Forest school in our Parish. *(See page 28 Ed)*. "This is the finest school I have ever been to" Chris announced at the start of his speech.

Secondly the main theme of his story was about self-reliance, and rural self-reliance at that. Chris' family were from the same rural area that had melded Nelson Mandela into the man he became. "Black people were not allowed books so I found old books in the local dump and started a library system for our friends and neighbours." Chris went on to be Nelson Mandela's trusted bodyguard and to learn from the great man that everyone needs to be treated the same – including the Spice Girls.

Finally, his story reminded me of why we need to treasure and nurture our community spirit, the unique identity of our Parish that makes it a good place to live in. Those who seek to undermine or denigrate this spirit need to reflect on what they do. Is the route to a better, more cohesive life for all, one in which our community has new governance forced upon them from on high by casting us as tax dodgers who provide nothing of value in the way of community services? – I think not.

If you care for our Parish identity, and the retention of the local decision making by our Parish Council, that has given rise to a unique and growing portfolio of community services, please take a few minutes to read the next pages of the newsletter and attend the meeting or complete the survey mentioned on page 12. We will NEVER make visitors to our community feel somehow beholden to us when they have a free fun day at the Community Farm, play in our play parks, enjoy time spent in our community buildings or just simply sit on our inspirational benches on our formal green spaces and country parks.

Report on Parish Council Meetings

This report covers the meetings held on 15 February 2016 at the Old Sarum Community Centre and on 21 March at the River Bourne Community Farm.

At the February meeting the Council were optimistically looking forward to taking ownership of the large area of Open Space at Old Sarum known as the Archaeology Open Space. It is called this because there are sensitive archaeological remains under parts and it was considered unsuitable for house building. Unfortunately the transfer has not taken place and Wiltshire Council are now investigating enforcement action against Persimmon Homes Ltd, which might result in a court action against them. The same applies to the ex-MOD open space next to the football stadium, which should by now have a large play area for the children of the new estate. Persimmon Homes have a poor record for the timely provision of community facilities.

The planning application for the new Country Park that is linked to the new Barratts development at Riverdown Park is progressing well and minor amendments to the design were discussed and supported at both meetings. Future meetings with the developer will concentrate on the delivery of the Park.

Discussions with the developers of Longhedge have not progressed so well. There are now concerns about the quantity of spoil that will arise from the development and on subsequent delays to the provision of public open space. A possible repeat of the delays at both Riverdown Park and Old Sarum is envisaged.

The issue of an extremely dirty bus shelter on the Portway at Old Sarum was raised following complaints by a Wiltshire Council bus inspector. Wiltshire Council eventually admitted that the shelter belongs to them and it is therefore their responsibility. But they also said they will not clean the shelter due to budgetary constraints. The parish Council have now decided to take on this task but first have to get permission from Wiltshire Council.

At the March meeting the Council agreed to support an attempt to reduce speeding traffic on the Portway at Old Sarum by extending the 40mph limit to the east. Due to a lack of funds at Wiltshire Council such changes have to be partly funded by towns and parishes, and the Council agreed to do this with up to £1000 of funding. Continued.....

A lack of funds for the maintenance of Rights of Way by Wiltshire Council has also held up the construction of a new boardwalk style footpath alongside Milford Mill Road. The Council has again stepped in to accept responsibility for the maintenance of this important improvement for the community.

It was reported at the March meeting that £2,400 of the Council's budget for grants and donations in the year 2015/16 remains unspent. These funds will be rolled over to the next financial year and councillors decided to try and simplify the application process.

A Council response to the Public Transport Strategy Consultation was discussed. This consultation seeks to make savings on subsidised bus services with a range of cost-saving measures. The Council objected to all of them and emphasised that our expanding community requires more, not less, sustainable transport solutions.

Parish Clerk

Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 23rd May River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock 7pm
(This is also our Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 20th June Old Sarum Community Centre 7:30pm

Residents are welcome to attend

For the latest news see our website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Helpers required



Due to ill health we are very short of helpers to maintain St Andrew's Churchyard. You would be allocated an area of grass to mow during the growing season taking about 2 hrs. every 3-4 weeks using equipment provided. Please contact Godfrey King if you would like to help 01722 349824 or 07974 809708.

Mobile reporting - download our My Wiltshire app

To make life even easier, we have an app so you can report things like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting on the go using your smartphone. The MyWiltshire app is available to download at both the App Store (for iPhones and iPads) and from Google Play™ (for Android phones) or from Windows store (for windows phones). You can attach information such as photos or videos and pin-point the location of your report using the mapping soft-ware on your phone. See <https://pages.wiltshire.gov.uk/report.htm>

Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in, and adjacent to, the Parish since January 2016. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. **Bold** print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

15/12582/FUL New sports hall and changing rooms. St Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Laverstock. *SUPPORT.* **Approved.**

16/00059/TPO Work to 4 TPO Lime trees, Darnaway, Laverstock Park. **Approved.**

16/00283/TPO Crown lift 3 Horse Chestnuts & 3 Beech. Land opposite 20 Norton Drive, Ford. *SUPPORT subject to conditions.* **Refused.**

16/00558/VAR Variation of condition 4 of 15/03556/FUL to alter landscape. Premier Inn, Bishopdown. *SUPPORT.* **Approved.**

16/00602/FUL Convert garage to accommodation and extension over garage. 8 Chestnut Close, Laverstock. *NO COMMENT.* **Approved.**

16/00983/FUL Remove garage and erect 2-storey side extension. 6 Silverwood Drive, Laverstock. *NO COMMENT.* **Approved.**

16/01171/FUL Single storey extension & alterations. New hotel reception. Premier Inn, Bishopdown. *NO COMMENT.* **Approved.**

16/01747/TPO Fell T1 Horse Chestnut, 12 Norton Drive, Ford. *NO COMMENT.* **Approved.**

NEW APPLICATIONS

16/02069/FUL Construction of Pilates Studio on site of squash court, Green Lane, Old Sarum.

16/02108/FUL Proposed shopfront glazing, entrance/exit etc, Co-operative Food Store, Old Sarum. *SUPPORT.*

16/02110/ADV 1 No: externally illuminated Totem sign. Co-operative Food Store, Old Sarum. *SUPPORT subject to Conditions.*

16/02111/ADV 3 illuminated fascia signs, projecting signs, window graphics etc, Co-operative Food Store, Old Sarum. *SUPPORT subject to Conditions.*

16/02207/VAR Variation of Condition 3 of 15/06949/FUL re: creation of café. River Bourne Community Farm, Laverstock. *SUPPORT.*

16/02432/DP3 Proposed temporary single mobile classroom. Old Sarum Primary School.

16/02630/FUL Remove conservatory & build sunroom, 38 Riverbourne Rd, Mil-ford.

16/03083/TPO Two oak trees (T3) cut back branches to boundary, 57 Holmes Rd, Riverdown Park.

Why are we still talking about a Community Governance Review? Here's the timeline.

Wiltshire Council (WC) said back in 2014 "We are undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) at the request of a number of parish and town councils. This is essentially a review of parish boundaries".

At the Salisbury City Council meeting on 21 July 2014, the City Councillors voted by 11 votes to 7 to take over the whole of the Parish of Laverstock & Ford, including Hampton Park and Old Sarum. Laverstock & Ford Parish Council asked that the part of the Hampton Park estate which is currently warded to the city be returned to them.

Laverstock & Ford created an on-line survey in September 2014, advertised in the Parish Newsletter asking residents to vote on Laverstock & Ford communities to remain independent of Salisbury or that the whole parish be absorbed by Salisbury. 1,008 homes responded (around 42% turnout) with 1,001 (99.3%) voting to stay as separate to Salisbury with only 7 voting to be absorbed by the City.

Wiltshire Council set up a Community Governance Review Working Group to take evidence and recommend where boundary changes should be made. They decided that they would only consider Salisbury taking over Hampton Park or Laverstock taking the Bishopdown part of the estate currently in the City.

The whole process dragged on, running vastly over time, resulting in the Working Group presenting their recommendations to the whole of Wiltshire Council at the full council meeting at Trowbridge on 24th November 2015. The Working Group decided that the area of Bishopdown Farm currently in the Salisbury City Parish, should be transferred to Laverstock & Ford, and recommended this course of action to the councillors present.

In the meantime, before a vote was taken, two Salisbury Wiltshire Councillors put forward a motion seeking that "That Council instruct the Working Group to investigate and consult on the merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish; and bring the matter back to Full Council for a decision at the earliest opportunity." (See full motion overleaf).

This motion was carried by a small majority (47 votes to 38). This meant that the recommendations of the Working Group had been overturned, and the Group would now have to consider if the whole of our parish should be subsumed into Salisbury City Parish.

This brings the saga to the present day. The next steps are for the Working Group to inform residents of the Group's activities and of public meetings in Laverstock & Ford and Salisbury in May 2016 where residents of both parishes will be able to make their views known. *Editor.*

Motion 27 - Inclusion of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury Parish

Here is the detail of the motion as moved by Mary Douglas and Richard Clewer - two incumbent Wiltshire Councillors, representing Salisbury City St Pauls and St Francis ward respectively - which is the reason why the Community Governance Review had been extended and why there is the need once again to make clear why Laverstock and Ford (L&F) Parish should stay as an independent parish. The details of the motion are below and the views of the L&F Parish Council are stated on the opposite page.

‘Many of us in Salisbury have been waiting a long time for the opportunity to include Laverstock in the Salisbury City Council boundaries and are very concerned that this has not been included as one of the options for consideration in this review.

There are good reasons to include Laverstock within the Salisbury City Council boundaries. Laverstock is very much part of the city: the river constitutes less of a gap than between the city centre and Harnham which is part of Salisbury Parish; and 3 of Salisbury’s 6 secondary schools are located in Laverstock.

Currently, the residents of Laverstock enjoy all the services provided by Salisbury City Council yet do not pay for them. In effect, Laverstock residents are subsidised by all the other Salisbury residents. This is clearly not fair.

Genuine concern that much treasured village identity of Laverstock would be threatened by joining SCC can be allayed by looking to Stratford-sub-Castle on the other side of the city, which is part of SCC and yet maintains a strong village identity through community magazines, local events etc.

To omit this option from the Review would be to perpetuate a democratic anomaly and miss a key opportunity to put right a historic wrong.

There is no longer a viable distinction between the two parishes and future development in both will only compound this. In the interests of creating viable communities it is time that the Parishes merge.’

This motion was carried by the small majority already referred to in a previous article. Therefore, Wiltshire Council instructed their Working Group to:

‘investigate and consult on the merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish: and bring the matter back to Full Council for a decision at the earliest opportunity.’

So read on.....

Considering each of the significant points from the motion in turn;

‘very concerned that this has not been included as one of the options for consideration in this review’

This statement is incorrect as the Working Group consultation in 2015 did include consideration of the Salisbury City Council’s wish to incorporate Laverstock and Ford (L&F) Parish within Salisbury City but was rejected by them. There have been no significant changes since then, however, regardless of this we are now forced to ‘go round the buoy’ again.

‘Laverstock is very much part of the city; and 3 of Salisbury’s 6 secondary schools are located in Laverstock.’

The L&F Parish is set in a pleasant and rural area with many of its own open spaces and is not part of a city. The schools, as well as Salisbury City, serve many villages to the east of Salisbury, including Laverstock and Ford. Therefore, they cannot be considered as Salisbury City Schools. They are very much part of the L&F communities and regular meetings take place between the Parish Council and schools on community matters with cups awarded by the Parish Council annually to students.

‘Residents of Laverstock enjoy all the services provided by Salisbury City Council yet do not pay for them (they) are subsidised by all the other Salisbury residents. This is clearly not fair.’

Businesses would be the first to recognise that it is visitors to the city who sustain it and not the size of the local population. All who use the Guildhall and Crematorium pay to use them. Parking is expensive and paid for by those visitors that use it and is not a subsidised provision. Significantly, these points are applicable to visitors from other parts of Wiltshire, the rest of the country and indeed from abroad; therefore, why single out this particular parish? Perhaps in reality visitors can be considered as subsidising the City of Salisbury.

‘Genuine concern that much treasured village identity of Laverstock would be threatened by joining SCC.....’

The L&F communities have a historic background with the origins of Laverstock going back to the Neolithic period with very active pottery kilns in medieval times. Bringing the story up to date, they now have their own Community Farm and will soon have their own Country Park. The Parish Council was formed under the Local Government Act in 1894. The Parish is run in a very efficient manner with only one-part time clerk. L&F Parish Council is non-political and run solely for the benefit of its residents. A merged City Parish would mean that the number of Parish Councilors representing the current residents would fall to 4 out of the total of 27 for the merged Parish.

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Views of the L&F Parish Council continued....

To omit this option from the Review would be to perpetuate a democratic anomaly and miss a key opportunity to put right a historic wrong. ‘

It is not clear why living in a efficiently run parish with a Parish Council which is non-political and run solely for the benefit of its residents can be a democratic anomaly and an historic wrong. Perhaps the anomaly is what is not said ; a realignment of boundaries to merge the two Parishes would mean a financial gain to the City of some £300,000 due to L&F residents paying an inflated council tax for the pleasure of sitting within a changed Salisbury City boundary.

‘There is no longer a viable distinction between the two parishes ‘

The rural aspects of L&F and its distinctive facilities ensure that it is not appropriate to merge the Parish with a city. These features, combined with the ability of its Council to run it efficiently, ensure that L&F Parish is a viable independent parish.

RC & VB

What to do now.....

If you wish to stay independent of Salisbury City, make your views known to Wiltshire Council Boundary Review Committee by attending either or both of the Open Meetings below:

Monday 9th May at the City Hall, Salisbury at 6pm

Wednesday 18th May at Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock, at 6pm.

Parish residents will also get a letter from Wiltshire Council, outlining the review and containing a survey form and pre-paid return envelope. It is important that you complete and return the survey or complete the survey on-line using the link shown in the letter.

Your parish is under threat.

Dear Laverstock and Ford Parish Councillors ,

As a parish resident I am concerned at the lack of information from the Wiltshire Community Governance Review (CGR) under which the county council is considering a review of some parish boundaries, including this parish.



There have been information updates in each parish newsletter and on the village website about this issue since at least early 2014, thank you for those. There is some detail available through the Wiltshire council website, but no news since the county council met on 24 November last year.

I recently attended the parish council to ask for an update and was informed that WC will be holding an open meeting in our parish on this issue in April (now delayed until May 2016). I have discussed my concerns briefly with Cllr McLennan, he informs me that the working party will need to compile their recommendations and put them to a decision by full council. That is now unlikely to be before July 2016, due to the essential public meeting process.

In the UK we are all entitled to 'effective and convenient' local government and it is right for local residents to be included in the review being conducted. We need to understand what is being considered and the potential consequences. Key areas for the review are community spirit and cohesion, localism and our view of where we live, i.e. reflecting our neighbourhood – how can we best express our views on these? This is a complex issue, with legal requirements and government guidance but the views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance. Account should also be taken of expressed choices – we have already voted on the grounds of finance – perhaps we could consider these other areas more visibly?

Please will you ask the WC CGR working group to share the date of the open meeting in May and to describe their rationale for proposing an alteration to the local council to which we belong. I feel that the current process does not appear to include local opinion in a suitably democratic and timely manner and public consultation is at risk of being accelerated or too late.

In summary residents wish to be included in the debate rather than be told an outcome. In this locality the great majority have already expressed a wish to remain in the Laverstock and Ford parish council area.

Yours sincerely Susan Wight Laverstock resident

David Burton Chair: Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

Dear Mr Burton

Motion No 27 – Inclusion of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury Parish.

I write to raise my concerns about the above motion raised by Cllrs Douglas and Clewer, Wiltshire Council November 2015.

“Many of us in Salisbury have been waiting a long time for the opportunity to include Laverstock in the Salisbury City Council boundaries and are very concerned that this has not been included as one of the options for consideration in this Review”.

I feel obliged to ask;

Who are the ‘many of us in Salisbury’ that are referred to in this motion?

They are surely not the 1003 resident households that voted against this proposal in Spring 2015. This was a ballot, commissioned by your Parish Council, based on one vote per household which produced 1010 responses with only 7 voting in a way that would suit Wiltshire Council and the Salisbury City Council.

I call upon Cllrs Douglas and Clewer to provide evidence to support their claim.

How many is ‘many’? Who are they? How have their opinions been sought?

I remain unconvinced, my concerns remain the same as when I wrote to your office initially.

My concerns can be summarised thus:

- Loss of local democracy and community involvement especially relating to the Laverstock and Ford Country Park

- Loss of community communication through the Parish Newsletter

- Loss of local advertising for local sole traders through the Parish Newsletter resulting in a loss of income for many local families.

- Rise in parish precept within the council tax; up by a minimum of £80 per household and greater for many.

- Loss of R2/S106 planning gains from parish to city council.

- Threat to the Community Farm management autonomy and future funding.

- Loss of community influence through the parish council on such developments such as the development of Sarum Airfield. All residents currently receive notice of all planning applications within the parish through the Newsletter.

- Loss of community influence through the parish council to protect currently held and future green space.

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The redrawing of the parish boundary within the city would benefit both Salisbury City and Wiltshire councils but not the residents of the Laverstock and Ford Parish.

Residents in Salisbury have already suffered as the consequence of becoming a county wide unitary council; this is most evident at the moment just looking at the state of our highways and the continuous cutting of community services most especially the youth service.

The move to unitary management came about partly through the inaction of Salisbury District Council. Both members and management failed to believe that this could happen and took a passive position relying too heavily on the other Wiltshire district councils for their alternative proposal. **This is precisely the reason why we must act to ward off yet another 'take over' at county level.**

Please could you ensure that my concerns are raised with all the current parish councillors and presented to the residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish.

Wiltshire council carries the slogan 'Where everybody matters'. Let us make sure that that really is the case.

Put bluntly it is this.

The views of the 'many of us' as claimed by Cllrs Clewer and Douglas against the views of 1003 households as stated in last Spring's parish council's commissioned ballot of resident households in Laverstock and Ford Parish.

We must ensure that our voices are heard.

Sincerely , *Lesley Waller Hampton Park.*

Dear Parish Clerk,

I've been following the progress of the proposed boundary review in your newsletter and was pleased to see that there was an article by a Salisbury City Councillor in the latest issue. I was hoping that such an article would explain the benefits of the proposed take-over, unfortunately, it didn't.

Cllr Froude may correctly state that a Community Governance Review should not be about the precept but surely this is the 'elephant in the room'? Can the expected increase in Salisbury City's income of around £300,000 per year (for services which L&F currently charge around £30,000 per year) be realistically ignored as one reason for the proposed take-over? I doubt that L&F parish will have £270,000 of more services heaped upon it.

Stephen Williamson. Laverstock.

Judge us on our performance

Over the past seven years since completing the Parish Plan the Parish Council has dedicated itself to delivering what residents told us they thought was most important to them. We committed to deliver improvements for the residents of our Parish Communities.

Consultation with our five communities and schools identified the Key Issues which you wanted us to deliver on.

Parish Plan Key Issues: (1) LOCAL TRANSPORT, (2) LOCAL FACILITIES, (3) KEEPING THE CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITIES, (4) PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, (5) TRAFFIC CONTROL, (6) FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, (7) SCHOOLS, (8) COMMUNITY SAFETY, (9) SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

We made these key Issues the focus for all our community support within the Parish. When it came to taking on new projects and agreeing priorities, it was and still is, the Key Issues which govern and direct our efforts.

The Performance Log contains a range of issues highlighting aspects of work supported in some shape or form by the Parish Council:

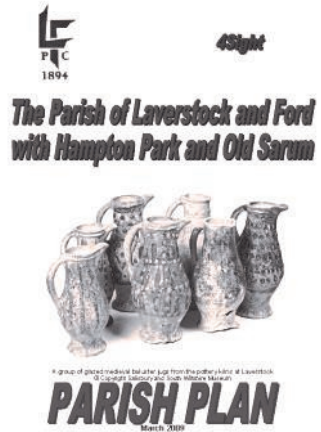
Newsletter, Country Park, Youth Club Old Sarum, Parish Website, Community Farm, Parish Trails, Gardening Club, Children's Play Areas, Old Sarum Community Centre, Footpaths and Cycle Lanes, Laverstock Village Hall, and much more.

Your Parish Councillors are all resident in one of the five communities in the Parish. No expenses are claimed for the work undertaken and unlike Salisbury City Council and Wiltshire Council, party politics has no influence over decision making.

The Performance Log is a 'Work in Progress'. If you would like to examine more of the entries please take a look on the Parish Website.

www.laverstock-ford.co.uk/performance.html

The completed Parish Plan, which still drives us today, is available to read on the Parish Website. DH.



Here are three extracts from our Performance Log:

ASSET for the Parish	Serving BENEFITS to the Parish	SUPPORT from the Parish Council
Maintenance Register Meets Parish Plan Key Issues: 2, 4,8, 9.	The Maintenance register presently being developed enables the Parish Council to plan ahead funding for the extensive list of assets held/ owned (asset register) by the Parish. Scheduling inspections and maintenance in this manner benefits the Parish by controlling spending.	The Maintenance Register and forecasting data- log is an internal control system designed for the Parish Council. It will enable the PC to contain spending on maintenance with-in its Precept allocation.
Housing priority for residents of the Parish Meets Parish Plan Key Issues: 2, 9	Parish Residents actively seeking to find low cost housing are assisted. New developments at Duck Lane (Pilgrims way), Old Sarum, Hampton Park Extension (Riverdown) and Longhedge all granted priority for our residents with proven housing need.	Setting up and Advertising the process bringing it to attention of residents. Our own residents' pressure won priority at Duck Lane. The PC ensured everyone knew and monitored the initial allocations to ensure fair play. The PC supports the WC Housing Needs Survey and ensures everyone is aware of its importance. This shaped the housing at Longhedge, to create more opportunities for our own residents.
Schools Liaison Committee Meets Parish Plan Key Issues: 7, 9, 8, 5	The Schools Liaison Committee is the forum at which Parish Council representatives meet with representatives from the Laverstock schools to discuss mutual concerns affecting the community in Laverstock. It works as an interface between Schools and Community to ensure greater harmony.	Initiated following findings in the Parish Plan and now involves all the schools in Laverstock. Attended by Parish Councillors. The parish annually awards 3 cups for the pupils of three schools who have made a significant contributions to the Environment The bus shelter on The Green has a display cabinet to show pupils artwork.

What makes our parish a great place to live – or visit?



We are not inside the city. We are close to the city. No one should underestimate why anyone chooses to live near and not in an urban centre. A rural or semi rural life-style is very precious to those who choose it. I had an urban upbringing, my wife a country girl. My first words about Laverstock were, "Best of both worlds, farm and downland, open space, village life with street lights!" We did not know much about the parish

council until years later. It never occurred to us that we paid so little, local council tax (rates) for so much. In 25 years, our annual parish tax has risen from £7 at Band D to just £12.88! (Only 25 of 253 Wiltshire Parishes charge less and they are tiny and we are 15th largest!)

Since we all contributed (including 1100 school pupils at the secondary schools) to our Parish Plan, our parish council has been working to do as we asked. 1. Protect and acquire our remaining green space. 2. Protect our community halls. 3. Ensure our Parish Newsletter informs us and is free to every household, six times annually.

Our parish will soon be rich in public open space – more space than Salisbury! Eventually, I hope that we will be able to access public land from top to bottom of our parish, ensuring our rural heritage thrives. Hundreds of acres, linking all our communities, continually influenced by us and to the national Green Flag standard –Wiltshire's first!

We now have a community hall at Laverstock, Hampton Park and Old Sarum all managed by local volunteers and serving local groups.

The Parish Newsletter, delivered by volunteers, is a great read about our various communities, people and happenings and how our Community Farm in Laverstock absorbs volunteers from all over our parish and surrounding area, to develop the farm and look after the multitude of animals from chickens to Highland cows. The farm might become the estate management for the whole parish rural land holding, thus presenting many more volunteer opportunities for us all to contribute, enjoy, aspire and be-long.

A great way of life we must preserve in perpetuity.

*Ian McLennan WC Councillor for Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum.
Passionate about our whole parish.*

BISHOPDOWN FARM NEWS

The unseasonably early signs of Spring were checked by a succession of frosts. Although the colder weather did not stop the Skylarks singing, it probably did stop the Blackbird which built its nest and laid an egg too early to stand a chance! Spring is once again bursting through with daffodils seemingly every-where and garden birds singing through the night to guard their territories. Storm Katie blew through at Easter taking some of the early buds and catkins, not to mention the odd garden fence; with any luck by the time you read this summer should be establishing itself.

ASDA: With the new Aldi progressing rapidly many residents have been asking what happened to ASDA building off the Hampton Park roundabout? The delay has been because of detailed discussions about the S106 agreements (which are developer contributions to mitigate the impact of their development). Naturally the developer's solicitors take a very close interest in the wording. The WC Case Officer believes the end may be in sight and planning permission may well be issued not long after you read this.

HP Trail & 'Country Park': Following useful discussion about the country park plans between the City Council and L&FPC (the park covers areas in both parishes) several changes were agreed. The most important of these was that the first stretch of the HP Trail from Pearce Way was to be included as an 'accessible path'. Assuming that this is approved by WC (they own the land) it should mean that we will be able to walk safely along this route year round. As this goes to press, the determination of the formal planning application for the country park was awaiting the amended plans which WC will re-consult on. The opportunity was taken in February to plant some native saplings (Rowan, Cherry, Ash and Hazel) along the first, rather bare, part of the Trail. The soil is very poor so we can only hope that some will survive to maturity.

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Pearce Way: The new Give Way at the end of Pearce Way has had the desired effect of controlling the traffic that had been in a dangerous free for all. Speeding on Pearce Way remains a common complaint with no easy solution. WC High-ways has now made a site visit and formally agreed with the various safety issues that have been raised about Pearce Way; unsurprisingly we are told that there is some disagreement between the developers and their contractors over who is responsible for putting them all right!

Clean for the Queen: Although the PC chose not to participate in the national 'Clean for the Queen', the event was well supported by WC and numerous groups. Our efforts were based around the One Stop shop at Bishopdown Farm as they seem to have some customers who do not care about littering. A similar successful event was based on the One Stop at Bishopdown.



Police Matters: The Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group is currently concentrating on anti-social behaviour. You can keep up-to-date at Police Community Messaging (www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/community-messaging).

If you are interested in helping locally with the HP Trail, litter picking etc. then please email bishopdownfarm@gmail.com or let the Parish Clerk know.
Colin Froude.



Your guide to Organising a Street Party

To celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday!



Communities all over the country will be holding street parties on Sunday 12 June for The Queen's 90th birthday.

Are you planning to hold a street party?

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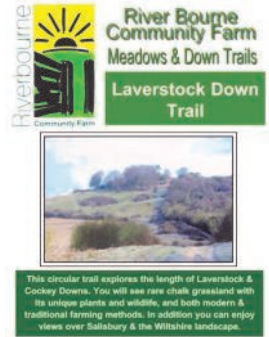
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The Laverstock Down Trail

Leaflets for this trail are available at the River Bourne Community Farm Shop and the Duck Inn, Duck Lane, Laverstock, or you can download one from the Community Farm Website www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk (click on Trails).



May and June are the best months for wild flowers on this Trail, which takes in Cockey Down as well as Laverstock Down. Several types of orchid can be found, including green-winged, fragrant and pyramid. The green-winged orchids flower in mid-



May and are found in the grass below the pine trees at the top of Cockey Down. They can be pink, purple or even white; while the green-wings refer to the hood of the flower, which is veined with green, but this is not very obvious. Fragrant orchids flower in June – they are pink with long spikes hanging down from the flowers. The fragrance is not strong even when bending down to sniff, but perhaps it is just that my sense of smell is not too good. Pyramid orchids are the last to flower, and are dark pink and pyramid shaped.

Green-winged orchid There are two south facing banks, grazed by rabbits and full of wild flowers, and searching for the flowers is a great excuse for taking the steep slope very slowly. The first is the climb up from Point 3 on the Trail Map and the second is near Point 6. In May both banks are colourful with blue chalk milkwort and two yellow vetches, horseshoe and kidney.



Cowslip

Cowslips flower in May – there are some on the grassy edges of the Community Farm arable field on Laverstock Down, and they also grow along the bottom of Cockey Down. Also among the early flowers is salad burnet, with unusual looking tiny purple flowers growing in a round head. You would need to gather an awful lot of burnet leaves to get a worthwhile salad Yellow hay rattle has been planted in the grassy areas of the Community Farm arable field. This plant is semi-parasitic on grasses and thus encourages the less vigorous wild flowers to come through.

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The Laverstock Down Trail continued.....

Another parasitic plant is broomrape, and this too can be found at the bottom of Cockey Down. It has a light brown spike of flowers and no green pigment at all. For a more comprehensive list of wildflowers go to the Community Farm web-site, click on 'trails' then 'wildlife' and go to Trail 2.

Listen out for skylarks singing - it is hard to spot them in the mass of sky above, as they go so high. Among the summer migrants you may see whitethroats singing their scratchy song from the top of a bush, while swallows swoop over the downs, feeding on insects. Yellowhammers and linnets can be seen, but not in flocks as in the winter, as they will be breeding. The mewing call of the buzzard is often heard as it climbs the thermals to a great height. The kestrel is the only hawk that will hover over one spot as it searches for prey using its excellent eyesight.



Skylark

Butterflies feed on nectar, and their caterpillars on grasses and plants. Common blue butterflies are frequent - if you see one that looks particularly vivid, it is probably an Adonis Blue. Small Heath butterflies are pale orange and brown, with a black wing spot. Also in orange and brown are the Large and Small Skippers which are more moth-like in shape. Of the larger butterflies, the most distinctive are the black and white Marbled Whites (chalk downland specialists).



Marbled White

If you venture up on the downs at dusk or after dark in June, you might find the little light of a glow-worm. These are the flightless females trying to attract a flying male. A lot of wildlife is nocturnal and you may hear warning sounds – the bark of the roe deer, or a rabbit thumping the ground. Bats can be seen flitting about and feeding on insects.



Glow-worm

I hope you get a chance to walk the downs in May and June and enjoy all the wildlife.

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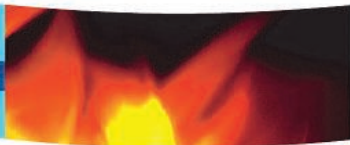
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News from Old Sarum Beaver Group



This term, Old Sarum Beaver Group has been busily 'beavering' away, working towards achieving their Community Impact Badge. The Beavers have taken part in a 'Walk Around' of Old Sarum, which saw them having to locate local landmarks, with the help of their new Leader Kimi Stokes, temporary Leader Jane Waspe and Young Leader Ellie Brenchley.

The Beavers were also fortunate enough to have support from PCSO Matt Smith, who provided some road safety training for the Group, including the good old Green Cross Code. The weather was very accommodating on that evening and the children were delighted to be out and about exploring their local surroundings. It has been great to welcome Kimi to the Group over the last half term, and we are still recruiting another leader to support Kimi moving forward.

Old Sarum Beavers Scouts are also now ready to take on more Beavers to join in this active and thriving section. We have an exciting programme of activities planned for the summer term with a mini camp at Amesbury in July. Come and join in on Monday evenings at Old Sarum Community Centre from 6pm to 7pm for fun and Adventure. Look forward to seeing you there! For more details about the Groups, including details of becoming a leader or volunteering to support the group, just email jane.waspe@btinternet.com.





Opening Ceremony at Greentrees School Field Site

Greentrees Primary was delighted to have Chris Lubbe as our guest speaker to launch the opening of the fantastic new Junior Site. Chris gave an inspirational talk to all the children and kept the children completely engaged through an hour long talk about his life dealing with oppression in South Africa. Chris was also Nelson Mandela's bodyguard for eight years and described to the children why he was such an inspirational man.

Chris then went on to talk to all the Junior classes throughout the day. The children were thoroughly enthralled through all the sessions. The children asked Chris really insightful questions and were a real credit to the school.

The school welcomed guests from all the stakeholders involved in the building project. There were representatives from Wiltshire County Council, Bal-four Beatty, David Wilson Homes, Ridge, Futurform, Office Gold and the Parish Council. Also present were local head teachers, governors and PTA representatives. Also many of our parents were able to attend. Mrs Bennett, the previous Head teacher, was also able to attend, which was very special. I am glad we now have such a big hall to accommodate all the children, currently 356, and over a hundred adults.



The building itself is a fantastic resource, with excellent IT facilities, a library and group rooms, along with a fantastic Sports pitch. We are really looking forward to developing the grounds as the work is completed on turfing and seeding the outdoor areas.

Ray Picton Headteacher

Your copy of the Parish Newsletter is delivered by one of our 60 volunteers. Parish Chairman David Burton has been to talk with one of our oldest deliverers, Gordon Hosking

DB “Gordon, when did you start volunteering to distribute the Parish Newsletter”

GH “It would be when Mr Hartley was the Parish Clerk. About 15 or 16 years ago now. I used to collect all the bundles and distribute them as well as doing the door to door deliveries around here. But 11 years ago I had a hernia and had to give up the bundles. My wife Phyll, helped me carry the newsletters around for my door to door deliveries while I recovered.”

DB “How have you found volunteering over the years?”

GH “Well there have been no difficulties to speak of. Very few people have been against having the newsletter delivered. One lady could be a bit severe at times. I have no trouble with dogs as we have kept dogs ourselves. We used to have Staffordshire Bull Terriers when they were an uncommon breed. Most people who volunteer to deliver the newsletter find it rewarding. John Beeson has done it for a quite a few years too, as has Barbara Coombes.

My only disappointment with delivering the newsletter these days is that I don't see so many people about. When I started delivering I would enjoy seeing people at their doors and passing the time of day. Nowadays people tend to keep themselves to themselves.”

DB “How else has the village changed over the years?”

GH “We have lived here for 60 years. We started keeping dogs when we moved here because I promised my son he could have a dog if he agreed to move house. He is 67 now!”

“During this time we have seen many changes. The biggest was when the senior schools were established in the village. Prior to this there were three working farms including a dairy farm where the schools are now. Another farmer wanted to sell some fields for houses by the river and the authorities kept turning him down. His cows kept escaping and turning up at the schools until the authorities had a change of heart and let him sell the fields for new houses.”

With thanks to Gordon (aged 96) and his wife Phyll for agreeing to give this inspiring interview.

Laverstock Ladies Open Group Meetings

Mon 9th May 2016 'My Life as a Tiller Girl' Jenny Berwyn-Jones Village Hall 7.45pm Mon

13th June 2016. Treasure Hunt Time and meeting place to be notified

OLD SARUM UPDATE

The Grand Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and over 200 people took part. All 60 eggs were claimed and many grandparents and family friends took part.



The floor of the Community Centre is currently being taken up, levelled and re-laid to meet the completion date for the warranties. Luckily the Easter holidays allowed us to get the work done. It is amazing that we have completed our first full year of being opening AND we are solvent as well! In the summer holidays we are hoping to paint the centre halls after the first year's wear and tear. We need to remind users constantly not to put things on the walls! We provide cords across the hall to allow balloons and similar to be hung down instead. The Management group is looking for a Treasurer at present, and if you know of an interested person, please let the office know on..... oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com Thinking about it we also need a maintenance committee member as well, and another member of the committee so.....

By the time you read this we will know if we have been successful in stopping Persimmon from building flats in the 'doctor's surgery' area of our community. This will be one of the issues raised at the **Open Residents Meeting on Thursday 12th May 7.30 at the Community Centre.** Issues about the Open space, lack of play facilities, rubbish, parking, the shops and our relationship with Longhedge will also be on the agenda for sure!! All residents are welcome to come.



22 adults and children took part in 'Clean Up for the Queen' and we cleared two of the open spaces on the estate. **Now it's time for a PARTY!!**





THE QUEEN'S
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CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION BBQ and Community Activities

are being planned for Sunday 12th June,

to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. A small committee will be planning the event and bouncy castles, community games and crafts such as 'crown making' will be on offer. BBQ available at a cost or bring your own food and drinks..... as well as picnic chairs and tables. We would appreciate your offer of help and maybe you can come up with ideas to make the lunch and afternoon fun filled. More details in the community newsletter. *Penny Joyce*

Old Sarum residents and drivers along the Portway will have seen the new Avonbourne Care Centre, one of The Orders of St John Care Trust's latest developments.

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Laverstock and Ford Country Park

The Parish Council had a meeting with the Developers of our new Riverdown Park residential area to discuss options and the expected time-line for the delivery of Laverstock and Ford Country Park. The delivery phase is dependent on the Developers securing Planning Permission for the new Country Park design following excess spoil being generated by the development.

It looks like the Application will be determined either in May or June. If planning permission is granted then then landscaping of spoil can take place over the summer months and all of the Park's infrastructure put in place by January 2017.

One expected find are Bronze Age settlements in the areas our landscape architect had designed natural play features that resembled prehistoric earthworks.

We are now liaising with the Developer's consultants and the statutory archaeological authorities so that the play features designs are modified to help interpret the archaeology buried beneath the Country Park. DB



Chalk spoil on the Country Park

Old Sarum Airfield and Conservation Area

The Parish council has not been provided with the opportunity to meet with Barton Willmore, the planning consultants for the proposed development on the airfield, since late November 2015. At that meeting, which was facilitated by John Glen MP, a further date was pencilled for January of this year for Barton Willmore to consult with both John Glen and the Parish Council on a number of aspects. However, this meeting was put back first to the end of February then again to mid-March. Regrettably, this latter meeting has also been postponed and at the time of going to press no new date has been offered. The Parish Council, however, understands that there has been recent communication between Barton Willmore and WC in an attempt to progress the planning application. Any update to this information can be found on the Parish Council website.

A further item of interest within the Airfield Conservation area is the future of one of the original airfield buildings from 1918. A planning application (16/02069/FUL) has been submitted to knock down the squash court building and replace it with a new-build Pilates Studio with a modern facade. The Parish Council will be considering its response to the application at its April meeting. The target date for decision set by WC is 5 May; details of the application can be found on the WC Planning Website.

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Longhedge Update

Phase 3 of the works to create a new traffic island for the site access, were due to commence on 11 April and are due to be completed by 13 May 2016. Traffic will be sent around the completed section of the roundabout whilst works are under-taken to construct the remaining part. Traffic signals will also be required during this phase to enable traffic to pass through the works on a single lane.

These works follow an outline planning application approved by Wiltshire Council in March 2014 and a reserved matters application approved in January 2016, which included detailed proposals for a new roundabout access to the A345.

Further information is available by calling our Freephone information line 0800 298 7040 or visiting www.lindenhomes.co.uk/community/longhedge.



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News from Laverstock Gardening Club



The club has made an excellent start to a very busy year, our membership now stands at 55 and our meetings are always well attended. On the 5th of May we are visiting Bowood House and Gardens by coach and hoping for good weather then on the 23rd we are looking forward to a visit from June and John Coley to give us a talk on "Heavenly Hostas".

June will be a very busy month starting with a visit to an allotment on the 8th and a special tour of the Hillier Gardens on the 15th, finally our speaker on the 27th will be Dina Lindon-Critchley with advice on "Creating a Border". Visitors are always welcome.. *Mary Reardon Chairman*

LAVERSTOCK EVENING W.I.

Programme for 2016/2017

Meetings are at 7:45pm at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall.



Date	Subject
May 16	Topical Issues
June 20	Summer Show and Birthday Party
July 18	"Gardens of World War I" Christine Stones
August 15	"Studio Theatre – Amateur Dramatics" Sally Marshall
September 19	"The Musical World of Cameron Mackintosh" Lynda Warren
October 17	Harvest Supper
November 21	"Looking forward to Christmas" Cooking demonstration by Stephanie Honeychurch
December 19	Christmas Party
2017	
January 16	"Seated one day at the organ" Dr Francis Burroughes
February 20	"I've nothing to wear – but, oh, yes you have!" Liz Prest
March 20	Annual Meeting

Letter from St Andrew's School Laverstock

Regarding the Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon

Dear Residents,

As one of the members of the Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon committee who organise the event each year on the Laverstock campus, I have been asked to let you know that this year's event will take place on:

Saturday 21st May 9.00am – 12.00pm

We are aware that in the past there has been an issue with inconsiderate parking by members of the public during the morning. As in previous years, we are planning to put in place various procedures that will help relieve some of the problems caused to you.

Parents of children attending the event have been asked to park at the Laverstock Club, where the field and car park are being opened up for the morning to allow ample parking away from the main road. We have also been offered limited parking facilities at Enovation (Murphy's) and the secondary schools. We are very grateful to the local schools and businesses for their continued support with this.

We have also ordered some cones to put along Church Road on the morning of the races. Unfortunately, as the Police can no longer supply these to us, we have not been able to obtain as many as we would like, but we will endeavour to cone as far as possible along Church Road.

The event is a huge success for all of the children who take part (nearly 1,500) and is very much part of the Salisbury Schools' calendar. It is a shame that because of a few irresponsible parents, the event has received such a 'bad press' from the village in the past. I hope these measures will ensure that the residents of the village are not inconvenienced in any way during the morning.

If you wish to discuss any issue regarding the above please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Karen Walker

Headteacher, St Andrew's Primary School



Mobile Library Dates

Bishopdown, Busy Bees Nursery 09:55 to 10:40

Ford, Green Lane 10:55 to 11:20



This mobile library round will take place on the following dates.

Tues 03 May, 2016 Tues 31 May, 2016 Tues 28 June, 2016

Tues 26 July, 2016 Tues 23 August, 2016 Tues 20 September, 2016

Old Sarum, Pheasant Drive 10:00 to 10:45

This mobile library round will take place on the following dates.

Wed 04 May, 2016 Wed 01 June, 2016 Wed 29 June, 2016

Wed 27 July, 2016 Wed 24 August, 2016 Wed 21 September, 2016

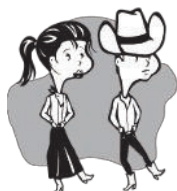
VACANCY

The Parish Environment Group is looking for a volunteer to Chair our meetings.

We meet a few times through the year to plan and run activities which raise the profile of the natural environment of the Parish. Recent activities include guided walks, litter picking events and work parties to plant trees and help keep wildlife habitats in trim.



Please Contact Sue Wight 01722 503145 if you are interested in Chairing our meetings.



River Bourne Community Farm

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Wiltshire Citizens Advice clears up pension jargon baffling consumers

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The local charity, which delivers face to face Pension Wise appointments in Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath says people would find it easier to understand their pensions if the industry used simple, standard language to describe their products.

Some people are also unclear about terms which appear to be more straightforward, putting them at risk of missing out on the best pension options for them. For example; staff have reported cases where consumers wrongly believed that their ‘selected retirement date’ was set in stone as the date they could access their pension, when in fact they could have accessed their savings ahead of this date.

To help people get to grips with their pension, Pension Wise guiders have identified the pensions jargon which people find most perplexing and have explained them in simple terms. Recent research from national Citizens Advice shows more than a quarter of people with defined contribution pensions feel that they don’t understand their pension plan, while fewer than one in five feel very confident.

Albert Ball, Pension Wise Project Manager said: “Pension decisions can be hard enough without having to translate tricky wording. Many people coming to visit us are mystified by the jargon being used and our staff are here to help clear up the confusing language. Having a better understanding of what the terms mean puts consumers on a better path to choosing a retirement option which suits them.”

To book a free face to face or telephone Pension Wise appointment, if you are over 50, call 0300 330 1001 or visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk. You can also book an appointment for a later date by visiting your local Citizens Advice office at Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road Salisbury SP1 3NR .

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Church services in our parish

In both churches in this parish you will find a warm welcome and a ministry that seeks to equip you in your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Both churches offer a welcome to young and old and an approach to worship that values the best of the traditional and the innovations of the new. What you'll find in our churches is a ministry that is rooted in God's word and openness to God's Holy Spirit as we seek to serve Him, and you, here. We'd love to see you at any of our services. We'd love to talk to you about ways in which we can help you with faith and belonging, baptisms, weddings and, when the sad occasion demands, funerals. We are here for you and you are welcome!

It will be important for you to note our pattern of services as you consider visiting us. April will be the final month of the old pattern of services in our parish. There is no evening service.

However, from **May 1st** there will be a **change** to what we offer. These changes are presented in the table below, cut out and keep the table for reference.



Week	Church	Time	Service
Week 1	St Andrew's	9 am 10.30 am	Breakfast@9 Holy Communion
	St Mark's	9 am 10 am 6 pm	Together@Ten Holy Communion Together@Ten Monthly Church Prayer Meeting
Week 2	St Andrew's	9 am 10.30 am	Breakfast@9 Holy Communion
	St Mark's	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Week 3	St Andrew's	9 am 10.30 am	Breakfast@9 Holy Communion
	St Mark's	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Week 4	St Andrew's	9 am 10.30 am	Breakfast@9 Holy Communion
	St Mark's	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Week 5	St Andrew's	9 am 10.30 am	Breakfast@9 Holy Communion
	St Mark's	10.30 am	Holy Communion

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LOCAL CHURCHES INFORMATION

Several churches are listed as the civil boundary overlaps the church boundaries

Salisbury St. Mark's & Laverstock St. Andrew's

SUNDAYS

1st Sunday

St Andrew's 9 am Breakfast@9; 10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mark's 9 am Together@Ten Holy Communion;

10.00 Together@Ten; 6 pm Prayer Meeting

2nd Sunday

St Andrew's 9 am Breakfast@9; 10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mark's 10.30 am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday

St Andrew's 9 am Breakfast@9; 10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mark's 10.30 am Morning Worship

4th Sunday

St Andrew's 9 am Breakfast@9; 10.30 am Holy Communion

S Mark's 10.30 am Holy Communion

5th Sunday

St Andrew's 9 am Breakfast@9; 10.30 am Holy Communion

S Mark's 10.30 am Holy Communion

WEEKDAYS – Mondays Morning Prayer at the Barrington Centre; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Morning Prayer at St Mark's; Wednesdays Holy Communion at St Andrew's.

CONTACT DETAILS – Vicar Rev Jim Findlay. Office 01722 340368 / stmarkssalisbury@gmail.com; Website www.stmarksandstandrews.org.uk

St. Michael and All Angels, Winterbourne Earls :

Sunday service at 11.00am Team Service (5th Sunday in month),

Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am

Team Vicar: Rev. Peter Ostli-East (01980 611350) ostlieast@gmail.com

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

Associate Priest Revd. Penny Joyce (07808 181885) email: pennyoldsarum@gmail.com

Rev Wendy Pugh (part-time) (01722 501443) Churchwarden: Mrs Becky Baker (01980 611343)

Website: www.stmichaelswebsite.org.uk

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Fr Keith Robinson (01722 504807) frkeithssm@yahoo.co.uk

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Salisbury United Reformed Church welcomes you. Ministers Revs. Ana & Tod Gobledale (tel. 01722 330980) : Rev. Tom Grant (tel. 01722 411379) Services at Fisherton Street, Sundays 10.30am.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Old Sarum Sunday 10am worship Wednesday 7:30pm Youth Club

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PARISH D i a r y D a t e s for events in May/June 2016

May

Sun 1st Cream Tea Sunday at River Bourne Community Farm 3-5pm

Wed 4th Laverstock Evergreen Club 2.30pm Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

Mon 9th Laverstock Ladies Open Group 7.45pm Laverstock Village Hall

Thu 12th Salisbury Area Board City Hall 6.30 for 7pm

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

Wed 17th Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, St Andrew's Church, 2.15pm

Wed 18th Laverstock Evergreen Club Coffee Morning All welcome 10am LVH

Mon 23rd Laverstock Gardening Club "Heavenly Hostas" LVH 7.30pm

Mon 23rd Parish Council Meeting River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock 7pm

Thu 26th Southern Wiltshire Area Board Trafalgar School, Downton 7pm start

Sun 29th Live @ The Farm Music Event River Bourne Community Farm 3-10pm

June

Wed 1st Laverstock Evergreen Club No meeting at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

Sun 5th Open Farm Sunday River Bourne Community Farm 10am—4pm

Wed 8th Salisbury Medical Practice Open Day Fisherton House 10-1pm

Mon 13th Laverstock Ladies Open Group Treasure Hunt TBA

Wed 15th Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, St Andrew's Church, 2.15pm

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

Mon 20th Parish Council Meeting Old Sarum Community Centre 7.30pm

Mon 27th Laverstock Gardening Club "Creating a border" 7.30pm at LVH

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