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View from the Chair

It was a real privilege to attend the D Day commemoration event held at Old Sarum Airfield last month. Old Sarum was where many of the RAF personnel involved in the landings gathered to prepare their vehicles prior to the landing, and also the home of the Air Observation Post Squadrons who played an often unsung, but vital part in the Battle for Normandy.

I am part of a family of history lovers and we recently spent a day at the National Archives looking at documents from the Parish's History. Tim Cornish has written in detail about the documents from Old Sarum's history and its role as an assembly centre so I would encourage you to read the full story on the BDAC website and elsewhere.

What struck me were some of the human details of life as the men prepared to go into the battle of their lives. The NAAFI provided 31,500 gallons of tea. The commander observed that although many troops had taken pets with them on invasion practices alternative homes had to be found for them before D Day. Snippets like this give you an insight into the scale of the operation and reminds us that those involved as well as being heroes were ordinary people, much like those who gathered 80 years later to remember their service.

Some of the other documents we looked at explored our agricultural heritage. From the drafts for the Ordnance Survey maps showing fields where there are now houses to the return by Mr Davis of Bishopdown Farm showing that in 1941 he had 8 Acres of wheat mixed with Corn, names and places spoke through the past.

Our challenge as a community, is to celebrate and protect this heritage while meeting the needs of new generations trying to find homes for their families.

This month it looks likely I will be travelling to Trowbridge to argue the case against the building of 50 houses on the last agricultural field in Laverstock, cutting us off from the landscape that reminds us of this heritage and adds beauty to our lives. We will also fight the plans to build houses that would destroy the historic setting of Old Sarum Airfield. At the end of another war, Prime Minister Lloyd George promised Homes for Heroes, and we can't protect without also building or else we neglect the needs of younger generations. This is why the local and neighbourhood plan processes are so important. They are our opportunity to balance these issues as a community and prevent our parish landscape being marred by speculative developers.



Parish Council Meetings

Monday 15 July, 7 pm
at the River Bourne Community Farm

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Report from the Parish Council

Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/meetings/full_council?more=upcoming

Bishopdown Farm The replacement goals at Saunders Ave MUGA are due to be fitted mid July. At time of going to press, we are awaiting date confirmation from the suppliers. We will need to arrange removal of the existing goals first. We will obviously try and keep this as close together as possible, but it's different contractors removing the old ones, so we will have to accommodate their separate works schedules. We will publicise this, as best we can when the time comes. Cllr Waller has continued to raise concerns about the poor condition of Sanctuary Homes housing. Following a group of teenage girls drinking and smashing glass bottles in several play parks in the area, we have followed this up with the Community Police Team. *See also page 6.*

There was a community litter pick in May, thank you to all who attended.

Laverstock The Schools display board has been vandalised at the Bus Stop despite replacing the perspex and giving it a new coat of varnish last summer. Our thanks to Milford Care Home for hosting PCSO John Taylor in an open talk looking at online security and how to stay safe online.

We are looking to pollard trees at Pilgrims Court to bring them down to 4m in height, as they were planted to close to the building.

Longhedge THE POST OFFICE IS NOW OPEN! The Parish Clerk met with an officer from Wiltshire Council to look at the condition of the Open Spaces and outstanding issues that need to be resolved prior to handover. A report has been submitted. Parish Council officers joined Rebecca Twig from Kingdom of Sticks to weed and re-plant beds at the Greenfingers Community Garden in June - on probably the only really hot day in June! (thank you Nina for the much needed ice-creams).

Report from the Parish Council continued

Old Sarum The Parish Notice Board has been relocated from Sherbourne Drive to the exterior of the Co-Op Shop.

FORD BRIDGE A reminder that the proposed closure has been postponed to 29 July at 8am to 16 August at 5pm. See one.network (online) for diversion routes.

The Parish Council has agreed to replace the wooden bus shelter on the Winterbourne Road near Broken Cross Bridge with a new shelter, subject to contractors availability this will happen in July.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Out & About The Parish Clerk has met with representatives of Salisbury Football Club to discuss plans for the Longhedge Football pitch.

Cllrs Schneider & Barker joined the Community Police team in their Mobile Unit for part of their tour of Longhedge, Old Sarum and Laverstock on June 04, giving local residents a chance to speak to them about areas of concern. In Laverstock, they were joined by Ross Walker, the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.



There was a chance for the local community to meet the Play Park contractors - Wicksteed Liesure at St Andrews School Hall on June 14, and hear about their plans for this exciting new play area and view thier designs and feedback on them. Wicksteed have been designing playground equipment since 1918.

Castle Hill Country Park We are looking for funding to replace the broken artwork on the pillars around the Country Park with the same design in a more durable corten steel. Whilst currently unsightly, the pillars have been made safe and we hope to be able to see a replacement installation in the not too distant future.

Plane Trees around The Green at Bishopdown Farm

The 84 London Planes around the Green were planted at 5 metre spacing, as heavy standards in the 1990's. They were assessed as 10 to 14 metres in height on our last survey, but have the potential to grow to 25 – 30 metres, with a crown spread of over 10 metres.

The planting scheme lacked long-term foresight, in that the spacement is far too close for the species – they should be 15 metres or more apart. If we do nothing, the competition between the tree crowns will result in lateral spread with significant limbs to the front and back of the tree, but nothing to the sides due to competition with its neighbour.

Our consultants presented us with two options –

1. Remove two out of every three trees, to allow the remaining trees to develop normally and reach their full height
2. Pollard all the trees at a uniform height of circa 10metres, and then maintain them on a re-pollarding cycle of anywhere between 5 – 20 years, depending on the rate of regrowth.

The planting of these trees was clearly intended to provide an imposing 'ornamental' feature of this estate, and the Parish Council have therefore taken the decision to manage these trees by pollarding, as an exception to our normal tree policy, in order to prevent future failure from poor form trees.

Our normal tree policy is not to cut back trees, but in this circumstance we have decided that the original plan and proximity planting dictates that these trees are more 'ornamental' than any of our other trees.

The first pollarding is due to take place this autumn. Our contractors have already warned us that the first pollard will look quite drastic, but taking action now will preserve these trees as a long term attractive feature for the area.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

DECISIONS

PL/2024/04524 Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area T1 Fir - Crown lifting & Crown reduction maximum of 3ft T2 Fir - Crown lifting & crown reduction maximum of 1 foot T4 Fir - Crown lifting & crown reduction maximum of 1 foot T3 - Bush - Fell **APPROVED**

PL/2024/03225 Householder planning permission Proposed Single Storey Side Extension and Alterations 6 WHITEBRIDGE ROAD, LAVERSTOCK SP1 1QA **APPROVED**

PL/2024/02095 Householder planning permission. Single storey rear extension. 20 THE STEADINGS, FORD SP4 6BH **APPROVED**

PL/2024/02824 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders T1) Beech - Overall crown reduction by up to 3m from extremities. (T2) Horse chestnut - Overall crown reduction by up to 3m from extremities 9 GREEN LANE, FORD, SALISBURY, SP4 6DE **APPROVED**

PL/2024/02656 4 ST ALBANS CLOSE, BISHOPDOWN, SALISBURY, SP1 3FN G1 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders - 4 x Field Maple - reduce overhanging the gardens by up to 1.5m at suitable growth points, selective reduction of the longer limbs over the green behind. T1 Laurel - Reduction of the overhang to match trimmed area **APPROVED**

PL/2024/00416 Removal of Conditions. Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3 and 12 and removal of conditions 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 on PL/2021/11645. The Old Chalk Pit, Gypsy Lane, Petersfinger SP5 3PA **APPROVED**

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

PL/2024/00315 Consent to display an advertisement. Proposed panel sign and fret cut lettering. Unit 7, Castlegate Business Park, Old Sarum, SP4 6QX **APPROVED**

PL/2021/09567 relating to landscape, layout, appearance and scale LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2024/05014 Proposed single storey extension and alterations 10 RIVERSIDE CLOSE, LAVERSTOCK, SP1 1QW **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/04658 Installation of a polycarbonate canopy supported on aluminium truss framework with timber clad inserts and planters. ST EDMUNDS GIRLS SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, LAVERSTOCK, SP1 1RD

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS continued

PL/2024/04634 Proposed replacement side extension and internal alterations. 17 POTTERS WAY, LAVERSTOCK SP1 1PY **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/04349 Hip to gable and rear dormer extension to provide bedroom and ensuite in existing loft. 25 GREENWOOD AVENUE, LAVERSTOCK, SP1 1PD **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/04631 Sycamore tree - crown raise to 5.5m over highway CRANBROOK, LAVERSTOCK PARK, LAVERSTOCK, SALISBURY, SP1 1QJ **OBJECT**

PL/2024/01413 Land West of Westside Close. Variation of condition 6 on PL/2021/09567 to allow for phased delivery of construction for the site. Land West of Westside Close, Old Sarum, SP4 6BX **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

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

PL/2023/07368 Outline application with all matters reserved. Provision of approximately 15.03ha of residential land accommodating approximately 315 residential dwellings. Provision for mixture of employment, commercial/leisure, and aviation uses on 3.51ha of land. OLD SARUM FLYING CLUB, OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, SP4 6D **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

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

PL/2023/04526 Development of 46 dwellings (Reserved Matters application pursuant of Outline Application) LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX. original **OBJECT WITH REASONS CONDITIONS still stands**

2022/04875 Proposed commercial development, SALISBURY RETAIL PARK, LONDON ROAD Salisbury SP1 3YX **SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

2021/04084 Residential development of 53 new dwellings on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F) alongside with the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the OLD SARUM LOCAL CENTRE (Area G) to provide 7 affordable apartments. OLD SARUM. **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11598/OUT Erection of up to 135 dwellings, the laying out of a car park with up-to 50 spaces, access from Church Road. (Outline application relating to access) CHURCH ROAD, LAVERSTOCK **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11145/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the subdivision of the residential plot and the erection of up 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). Land SE Of BOURNE HOUSE, FORD LANE, FORD, SP4 6DJ **OBJECT to revised application**





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July 09: Flying the Bristol Brigand and More by Sgt Plt Vic Campden MBE

Vic was born in Jan 1926 and moved to N Wales in 1931. Having joined the Air Training Corps in 1942, he passed aircrew selection in 1943 but his entry was delayed. He was called up as a National Serviceman in 1946 and completed basic flying training in Rhodesia (Tiger Moth and Harvard). After gaining his wings, Vic completed advanced training on the Mosquito at RAF Driffield. Having been selected for Brigands he completed tours in Iraq and Aden. His final tour was in the UK on Ansons and Proctors as a staff pilot at the Air Signallers' School at RAF Swanton Morley being demobbed in 1952.

Members of the public who are not Members of BDAC can sign up to the lectures and any BDAC newsletters here:
<http://www.boscombedownaviationcollection.co.uk>

LAVERSTOCK & FORD HISTORY GROUP

**Invites you to the meeting on 25 July 2024
at 7pm in the Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church:**

**MARY and KATE HARDY at the Teacher Training
College, The King's House, Salisbury.**

**JENNY HEAD and ANNE JOHNS will be talking about the
austere and rigorous years spent by the sisters of Thomas
Hardy at Salisbury Diocesan Training College, looking at
the different personalities of the sisters at a time when
women were often treated unfairly and with injustice.**

Drop-in fee £2.00; Annual Membership £10.00
<https://laverstocklocalhistorygroup.wordpress.com>

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

Peter Jewell, curator of trees at Hillier's Gardens, gave our April talk. He explained the history of the Gardens and went on to describe some of the important plants grown there. Sir Harold Hillier moved into Jermyn's House in 1953 and set about creating what we have now. The Millenium Border replaced a dark, damp area about 10 years ago with a mixed and dynamic planting. Hilliers has 600 champion trees (special in some way) whilst Kew has 200. Sir Harold wished to grow acid-loving plants and the rhododendron and azalea area is on Bagshot Sand. In a eulogy it was said of Sir Harold and Hillier's: If you seek his memorial, look around you.

A regular favourite, Ray Broughton explained how to build a successful pond, whether for wildlife or just a small feature. The importance of drainage: don't put it in the wettest place or at the bottom of a slope. Preparation is all. Ensure the base is level, covered with sand and suitably lined. A soakaway is essential in case of overflows and a filter will keep the water moving and clear. Various materials are available for the surround including sections which clip together. He suggested various plants for different areas in and around the pond. Canadian pondweed has become a pest in the wild and he suggested the related Chinese pondweed instead.

Our talk in July is by Lucy Thorpe, head gardener at Horatio's Garden. In August we have our Summer Show at the Village Hall and September is our AGM.

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary

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WILTSHIRE POLICE NEWS

From July 5th, after the general election, the Police And Crime Commissioner will be asking you for your thoughts on where you think Wiltshire Police should be focussing their resources to make Wiltshire and Swindon safer and those priorities will be highlighted in the Police and Crime Plan.

You can also sign up to community messaging to receive a direct email about the consultation and to get up to date news from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team by going to www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Before the role of PCC was established in 2012 there was a disconnect between the communities and police accountability

the focus now turns to ensuring that those lesser heard voices are consulted in the development of the Police and Crime Plan which acts as a blueprint for the strategic policing and crime priorities. The responsibilities of the P&CC spread the entirety of the criminal justice system, including policing, victim support, early intervention and offender rehabilitation, and the Police and crime commissioner wants to hear more from rural communities, business owners and retailers about the impact of crime on them – and what they need to feel safe and supported by Wiltshire Police and partners.

Tremendous work has been done since Wiltshire Police was placed into the Engage status or 'special measures'. Particularly, to improve the police's response and performance, and especially so since Chief Constable Catherine Roper started in post just over a year ago. Philip Wilkinson, the P&CC states that "Whilst I am proud of the improvements that have been achieved in that time, the Force is still not where I or the Chief Constable would like it to be, and we will not be satisfied until Wiltshire Police is considered an outstanding police force"

We welcome complaints as an opportunity to provide learning and feedback to the force where improvements can be made. It should be noted that the complaints legislation provides that a complainant must be directly or adversely affected by the issue being raised. You can access the complaints process in the following ways:

online (at this link: [Make a complaint about the police | Wiltshire Police](#))

by email to Complaints@wiltshire.police.uk, or in writing to our HQ address (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, SN10 2DN



Castle Hill Country Park Volunteer Opportunities



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Castle Hill Country Park Users Group

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For more details





A huge thank you to all the team and volunteers at Boscombe Down Aviation Collection for working with us towards Operation Ham and Jam, a three phase event to commemorate D-Day 80, and honour the role played by RAF Old Sarum in Operation Overlord.

So much work culminated in seeing the brief return of three WW2 Austers to base, with a fly past on June 04. Our thanks to the MOD for facilitating this and to pilots Martin Baldock: Auster 5 NJ633 (G-AKXP) - Stripes (ex 659 AOP Squadron), Mike Laundry: Auster 1 LB352 (G-AHCR) - ex 654 AOP Squadron and Tim Taylor: Auster 5 TW519 (G-ANHX) ex 661 AOP Squadron and later Aircraft & Armament Experimental Establishment at RAF Boscombe Down.

This was followed by the launch of the D-Day Trail and exhibition at BDAC and a series of talks and demos including pack-a-parachute with the Royal Air Force Survival Equipment - squipper Association, and local finds from Wessex Archaeology plus the chance to experience Virtual reality and dive a WW2 Plane wreck). Tim Cornish has researched and collated a wealth of fascinating facts and information on activity at RAF Old Sarum in relation to D-Day, you can view it by visiting the Collection (do talk to the volunteers they always have the inside track!). Some of Tims research is shared on our website www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

On June 06 the whole community came together to remember RAF Old Sarum and the surrounding villages' input into D-Day & Operation Overlord, and the sacrifice of those who transited through the aerodrome onwards to Western Europe.



The service was officiated by celebrant David Linaker and Rev'd Suzie Allen the priest for Old Sarum led prayers for peace. Participating were members of B Squadron, The Royal Wessex Yeomanry (who have been based at Old Sarum since 1982), Gold Company Wiltshire Army Cadet Force who put on a fantastic march & drill display, with music and Last Post provided by Amesbury Town Band, conducted by Julian Knight. Cllr Barker read General Eisenhower's Address to the Troops and a WW2 Jeep was on display, owned by local resident Steve Phillimore, that gave the important reminder of the 21,000+ vehicle movements through RAF Old Sarum for waterproofing. A poignant event, one that will live in the memory of those attending, as is the stories of those based at this great RAF station.

Photos by Spencer Mulholland Photography.





The Air Observation Post 1944: D-Day, Normandy and the Big One

By Peter Hope



Background

Before the establishment of the modern Army Air Corps, airborne observation of artillery fire was the responsibility of the Air Observation Post (AOP) squadrons. These were RAF units commanded by Royal Artillery majors and were established to fly 12 Auster light aircraft, flown by Royal Artillery captains, who also directed the fire of the guns. The aircraft were supplied and maintained by the RAF. Most of the squadrons were formed at Old Sarum during the war and from there went on to serve in North Africa, Italy, North West Europe, India and Burma. Of these operations the most important was the North West Europe campaign starting with D-Day, 80 years ago

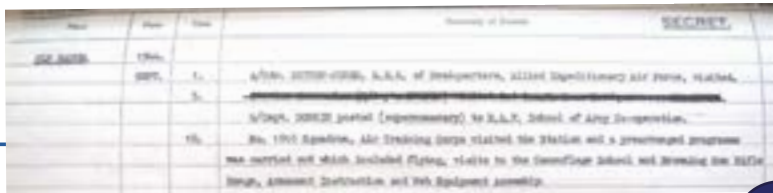
Planning

Such was the success of the Air Observation Post (AOP) during exercises in Britain, the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy that the planners for the invasion of Normandy put a high priority on airborne observation of artillery. The first idea was to launch the Auster aircraft from an aircraft carrier and this was practiced using HMS Argus and HMS Ravager and the 16-inch guns of HMS Rodney. This worked well as the wind over the deck and the speed of the ship meant that landings were almost vertical. However, in the end no aircraft carriers were allocated to the fleet off Normandy.

The next idea was to land a recce party on D-Day, find a suitable Air Landing Ground (ALG) and fly the aircraft over 60 miles of sea to the selected field. 652 Squadron had the honour of being the lead squadron. Three possible ALGs were selected from vertical photographs of the area around Sword Beach

Deployment

Captains Ian Neilson and Alan Keen with four drivers, signalers and RAF technicians together with one three tonner with fuel and spares and a motor cycle were embarked on a Landing Craft (Tank) on 4th June 1944. One RAF technician was LAC David Woodrow, who will be 100 years old on 21st May this year. They set off during the evening of the 5th and they landed on Sword beach at 4 pm on 6th June. Ian Neilson then set off on his motor bike to see the proposed ALGs. The first two were no good but the third at Plumetot was satisfactory being largely clear of obstructions and shielded by the Perier Ridge from enemy observation. A message was sent back to HQRA 3 (BR) Division, under whose command they operated and the squadron in England was alerted. D plus one was spent clearing the ALG and by the end of the day it was fully useable.





Operations

At 8.15 in the morning of D plus 2 the first 5 Auster Mk IVs safely arrived having set off from Selsey. They were escorted by a Supermarine Walrus of the Fleet Air Arm to provide navigation and to discourage the fleet from firing at them. That afternoon Ian Neilson made the first sortie, having alerted the local light anti-aircraft regiment (commanded by Lt Col Charles Bazely DSO, formerly CO of 651 Squadron, the first squadron to engage the enemy during operations in North Africa). Flying continued both engaging targets and providing photographic coverage. The AOP build up continued with 662 Squadron arriving on 8th, 659 on 13th, 658 on 18th and 653 on 27th June. 660 and 661 Squadrons arrived early in July, making a total of seven squadrons, one per corps and one at Army level to support the AGRAs, a total of 84 aircraft. They were later joined by three Canadian squadrons and 657 Squadron transferred from Italy. They arrived in Holland early in 1945.

The Big One

On 17th July Major Andrew Lyell, CO 658 Squadron took off at 4.00pm to look at the village of St Martin because it was obvious that a counter attack could be launched from there down to the open country to the west in the neighbourhood of the road that runs from St Martin to Esquay. Visibility was poor and there was no sign of the enemy. Things were different in nearby Maltot, just behind the front line, which was heavily defended by anti-aircraft guns. Then clouds of dust appeared near St Martin and the bushes he had seen earlier seem to have moved. He reported this to HQRA 12 Corps who allocated him 4 rounds gunfire from the artillery of 12th, 30th and 2nd Canadian Corps, some five, or six hundred guns of field, medium and heavy artillery. This is probably the largest concentration of artillery ever controlled by one man. The whole of St Martin and the woods nearby disappeared in an enormous cloud of smoke and dust. He then moved the concentration 400 yards to the West and ordered a repeat. It was subsequently estimated that some 40 tanks were there.



Results

How effective was the AOP? Sir Max Hastings in his fine book "Overlord" and other modern historians of the campaign say little about the AOP but the commander of the German 10th SS Panzer Division in his Lessons from the Normandy Front said "The greatest nuisance of all are the slow flying artillery spotters which work with utter calmness over our positions, just out of reach, and direct artillery fire on our forward positions". The Air OP continued to provide close support, counter battery fire as well as photographic coverage and liaison flying for the rest of the campaign and the remainder of the war, during which 67 Gunner pilots were killed and 128 were decorated.

Sources:

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Operations by the Photograph Reconnaissance Units

To find out more about activity at old Sarum Airfield visit the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection and speak to one of their volunteers, to uncover a wealth of information of the history of aviation and insights into activity around the airfield in the first and second world wars

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PANTRY OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAYS: 8.30 pm - 9 pm

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SILVER SALISBURY



Hello, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nina and I work for Silver Salisbury. We're a small, registered charity based in South Wiltshire. We aim to reduce loneliness and isolation by supporting older people to be active in their local community.

We have 5 volunteer founding trustees who all live locally. Our Chair, Irene Kohler is Salisbury's Older People's Champion. We promote local groups and activities where older people will get a warm welcome in Salisbury, Amesbury, Downton, Durrington, Wilton, Laverstock, Old Sarum, Longhedge and the surrounding areas. Research shows that overcoming isolation improves health and wellbeing, enhancing older people's quality of life, leaving older people feeling better and reducing the demand for health and social care services.

My role within the organisation is to engage with the communities of Laverstock, Old Sarum and Longhedge to identify people and encourage them to try out some of the events and activities that Silver Salisbury hold and to introduce them to other activities and interests they might enjoy.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me by email nina.silversalisbury@outlook.com or 07596483499



LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

In the water meadows of the River Bourne can be found a young sapling – *Prunus Padus*. This has been given by Laverstock WI to commemorate the long and loyal service to the country of the late Queen Elizabeth II, who was of course also a WI member. The Bird Cherry will grow into a beautiful tree which will provide shade for all and has early white blossom followed by berries much loved by birds.

At our April meeting we heard about an amazing parade which takes place in London on New Years Day. It moves from Hyde Park to Buckingham Palace via Parliament Square, Horse Guards Parade and the Mall. At least twenty different countries are represented by marching bands, Pearly Kings and Queens, and teams of dancers, entertainers and horses. Flags on sixteen foot long poles are waved aloft by the riders and huge crowds line the streets to cheer them on.

In May we voted for our WI Resolution to call on the government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists to ensure that everyone, wherever they live, has access to NHS dental care. Although the government has pledged to increase training there appears to be a lack of financial support to back this up.

As well as our Coffee and Lunch Clubs we have begun a monthly Craft Club and also we have a brand new Laverstock WI logo which will soon be seen on our publicity.

We welcome newcomers and if you would like to know more about your local Women's Institute branch, please contact Louise Hall by email – laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk. Or by telephone on 01722326549



NEW SARUM WI

Our April meeting saw our Annual Meeting, during which both the current president and committee were re-elected. We reflected on what had been a successful and interesting year for all, during which we have welcomed 13 new members. This was followed by an informal discussion on colour and styling for members (following up on the March topic of colour analysis).

In May our speaker was Simon Dickenson the husband of one of our members. He works for Microsoft and spoke about staying safe online. He explained how to avoid being scammed online on computers, smart phones and even on landlines. He showed us how easy it is to be fooled by apparently innocent approaches. A very interesting and informative talk. This was followed by a brief presentation by Rachel Salter of Cancer Support Salisbury, our nominated charity this year, to explain how our fundraising would make a difference. On this note, our first fundraising event, a plant and produce sale was held one sunny afternoon at a members house and nearly £100 was raised. An excellent start!

Recent group outings include that of some of our members to Salisbury College where they enjoyed various beauty treatments (including facials and pedicures), coffee meet ups at both the Spitfire cafe on Castle Street and the lovely 'Yard' in Dews Rd. a carvery lunch at Quodos, and a trip to the Fashion Museum in Blandford. The Striders group had a delightful walk around Breamore enjoying the spring sunshine and bluebells.

Coming up, there is a planned visit to London by rail, taking in the historic sites of Greenwich and other nearby places of interest. The eagerly awaited croquet lesson at Hampworth Golf Club had to be postponed due to the adverse weather. It will be rearranged for a future date. We hope to shortly create a new sub group 'tennis in the park', in which the game will undoubtedly be at a much slower pace than that you would see on the television! Our Munch Bunch group are visiting Grillado for lunch in May, planning another meal at the Wessex Restaurant in Salisbury College in June, and our social group is planning a day at the Salisbury Races in July.

At our regular monthly meeting in June our speaker will be Trudy Gillham from In-Excess Garden Centre and the subject is "Plants for a Changing Climate".

If you would like to find out more about this diverse, friendly and sociable group please either phone Sue on 07931 582357, email at newsarumwi@gmail.com, find us on www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI, or just turn up at the Old Sarum Community Centre, the first Wednesday of the month.

WHAT'S IN A NAME 4.

LORD STREET is named after Flight Lieutenant David Lord who was the only transport pilot awarded the Victoria Cross in the Second World War.

David Lord was born in Cork, Ireland on 18th October 1913. He was the son of a warrant officer in the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Lord went to the University of Wales and a seminary in Spain but in 1936 he moved to London and enlisted in the Royal Air Force. He applied for pilot training and became a sergeant pilot in April 1939.



Lord served the early years of the war in India with 31 Squadron flying DC-2 and DC-3 transport aircraft. He flew supply missions in Burma and was commissioned in 1942. In 1943 he was awarded a DFC and promoted to Flight Lieutenant. By 1944 he had joined 271 Squadron based at RAF Down Ampney in Gloucestershire and participated in D-Day by dropping men of the 3rd Parachute Brigade, Lord's DC3 was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Normandy and returned to RAF Down Ampney with no flaps.

Lord took part in Operation Market Garden, the plan to secure bridges across the Rhine. On 19th September 1944 he was flying resupply missions in support of the 1st Airborne Division dropping supplies by parachute. During the drop his aircraft was hit twice leaving one engine and a wing on fire. With the drop incomplete Lord returned to drop the remaining supplies. He then ordered his crew to abandon the aircraft but the damaged wing collapsed and the aircraft crashed in flames killing Lord and six crew members.

The navigator was the sole survivor of the crash. He was captured and made a prisoner of war. Only on his release in 1945 was the story of David Lord told and this led to the award of a posthumous Victoria Cross.

Memorials to David Lord exist in the field near Arnhem where he crashed and at RAF Down Ampney. He is also commemorated in a stained-glass window in All Saints church. He is buried at Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery.

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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Ladies group continues successfully and in May we all enjoyed an interesting and lively talk given by Amanda Butler about David Shepherd the Artist and founder of the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. Amanda told us about David Shepherd's early life as an artist when he was interested in painting steam locomotives and aircraft. When he later established himself as an artist he was asked to paint the Queen Mother. Trips to Kenya and the African Bush started his interest in conservation and he became a world-known campaigner forming the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. David died in 2017, and the Foundation is now run by his daughters and grandchildren, and millions of pounds have been raised for the Foundation which operates all over the world.

In June we have a social evening when members can take part in games and quizzes in the hall and a Treasure Hunt around the village. In July, John Abbott will talk about the High Street in Salisbury. Ladies Group does not have a meeting in August and so in September, Tony Wetherington will tell us about the Life of a Security Guard.

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

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People particularly at risk from hot weather include those that are:•
aged 75+ / living alone / working outdoors/ pregnant

Measures that you can take to reduce the threat from hot weather include:

- Limit time in the sun and protect your skin
- Limit physical activity
- Drink plenty
- Indoors, create air flow and keep curtains closed
- Reduce electrical use
- Monitor, and support, your vulnerable neighbours

In addition to the threat from heat itself, there are associated risks. The heat will encourage people, particularly youngsters, to engage in wild swimming. This can be dangerous as unregulated sites may have hidden dangers such as strong currents and hidden obstructions, and there is no life guard on duty.

There were 4 times as many wildfires in 2022 as in 2021 as a result of dry vegetation combined with increased outdoor human activity. Care is needed to ensure that your activities do not result in a fire.

You can find more advice for staying safe here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

So, enjoy the sunshine, but please stay safe.

The Laverstock and Ford Parish Community Emergency Volunteers have recently formed as a group to assist the community in becoming more resilient. We are looking for more volunteers to join the group; if you are interested please contact:

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I moved into my house in 1999 believing that I already had cavity wall insulation, but I researched this and after discussing this with my family I decided to make further enquiries. I learnt that the insulation building regulations were upgraded during the 1990s but not in time for the building of my property.

The Great British Insulation Scheme is a government scheme to help people insulate their homes, make them more energy efficient and save money on their energy bills. The scheme runs until March 2026.

The cost of this may be covered in full through the scheme, or you may be offered the insulation for a contribution, depending on the measure and any property issues. In my case the work was free as my council tax band is band D. Above this there is a charge.

A surveyor visited my home to inspect, he made a sample drill, checked my radiators and ventilations, and told me that I qualified. They could insulate my walls and upgrade the ventilation in my kitchen, all free of charge. Incidentally, my daughter who lives in Bedford also applied and there the contractor's installed thermostats to her radiators, insulated her loft along with her walls, again free of charge.

Installation was quite noisy but only took a couple of hours. The difference is noticeable. My house faces southeast and does not attract sunlight through the windows resulting in it feeling cold. I have been able to lower my heating temperature and my house now retains more heat and feels more homely.

Cavity wall insulation fills the air space between the interior and exterior walls of a property to help reduce the amount of energy passing through the wall. It regulates the temperature in a property. The contractors use the ThermaBead system which is a grey bonded-bead system that is pressure blown into the cavity by an injection gun. The entire process took a few months from the time I received that knock on the door; so, you if you want to go ahead yourselves you have about the right time to apply before the chilly weather arrives in the autumn.

If you are a tenant, speak to your landlord before you apply. You will need their permission before any insulation can be installed but the scheme still covers your interests.

Follow this link for more information and to apply:

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by Cllr Lesley Waller

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Rev. Neil Robinson
 SMS number 07717 055219
 email deafpriest@icloud.com

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Westside Close, Old Sarum Salisbury SP4 6BX

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Parish Administrator: 01722 503123 Email: saintmartins.salisbury@gmail.com
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**Community facebook groups and pages:** search for

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

VENUES AROUND THE PARISH**Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Casual Hire Available.**

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contact Ruth Harris mobile **07870 648 841** email ruthjharris61@gmail.com

Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre Casual Hire Available

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Nina Cope: phone **01722 335349** email oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Bookings: email oslcommunitycentre.co.uk

The Pavilion, Hampton Park Casual Hire Available

The Pavilion is located on Ash Crescent at Hampton Park. It offers excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport, as well as a meeting place for various groups and organisations or for parties/special occasions.

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

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

contact Graham Horner Visits Manager **07785 261978**

The Ray MacEnhill Stadium Meeting Rooms

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

Domestic Abuse Support

Male and Female: 9am - 5pm weekdays

Splitz Support Service 01225 775276

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

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

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

In an emergency always dial 999



Mothers Union

It's time for our annual Garden Party in St Andrew's churchyard! We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who wants to join us – it's open to everyone of all ages. The date: Thursday 8th August. The time: 2.30pm onwards. No entrance fee – Raffle, books & plants, refreshments provided.

Donations invited for our Holiday Project if you are able to support us – this is the project which enables families on low incomes to have a holiday in our caravan at Rockley Park. Perhaps you would like to make a booking for next year?

If this newsletter is delivered before 11th July, then please remember that we have a speaker that afternoon - Suzanne Waters - who is very involved in Mothers Union in this area and can give us a lot of up-to-date information about what's happening, where our money goes etc

And then further ahead, on 12th September, Rev Barry Blackford will be telling us about his most recent trip to Sudan.

If you would like to know more please contact Pip Carter 07854827233 or Joan Prior 07833781075.

u3a JOIN US!

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

We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers. These meetings are held at St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am.

We also offer a vast variety of Interest Groups led by members with knowledge, experience or simply an interest in the subject, generally meeting in their own homes.

July 17th

Aug 21

Sept 18th

Roger Hirons – The Plant Doctor – Growing to Eat

Joanna Dewfall – The History and Practice of Mosaics

Roger Browne – The History of Modern Jazz

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 24 July 2024

7.00 pm

at the Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

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