

Diary Dates for events around the parish in September and October

September 2011

- Sunday 4th Cream Teas and more at Riverbourne Community Farm 3 pm—5pm
Tues 6th Mothers' Union evening group, Curtis Room at 8pm
'Lowland Search and Rescue' talk by Adrian Edwards
Mon 12th Parish Council meets at St. Andrew's school at 7pm
Laverstock Ladies Open Group, Laverstock Village Hall 8pm
Harvest themed Flower demonstration by Janet Newman
Thurs 15th Salisbury Area Board meeting at
Riverbourne Community Farm, 2.30pm — 6.30pm
Downs & Meadow nature trail, Food Festival event
Sat 17th Riverbourne Community Farm, 10 am—3pm
Nature Forage, Food Festival event
FINAL DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS for issue no. 130
Sun 18th BFRA Car Boot Sale on The Green, Bishopdown Farm from 9.30am
Cream Teas and more at Riverbourne Community farm 3 pm—5pm
Mon 19th Women's Institute Harvest Supper, Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm
Sun 25th Mini Tea-Party Laverstock Village Hall in aid of Save the Children 2—5pm
Weds 28th Mothers' Union afternoon group, Curtis Room at 2.15pm
The Schools' Chaplain Rev Jim Findlay

October 2011

- Tues 4th Mothers' Union evening group, Curtis Room at 8pm
'The Exmouth Holiday' talk by Sue Gallagher
Mon 10th Laverstock Ladies Open Group, Laverstock Village Hall at 8pm
AGM and Social Evening
Sat 15th Cancer Research UK, Laverstock Village Hall 7pm
Beetle Drive inc. Raffle and Christmas card sale
Mon 17th Women's Institute, Laverstock Village Hall at 7.45pm
'The Show Goes On' with Avril Owton
Mon 24th Parish Council meeting at St. Andrew's School at 7pm
Weds 26th Mothers' Union afternoon group, Curtis Room at 2.15pm
'Riverbourne Community Farm' talk by Ben Parker
Thurs 27th Women's Institute, Laverstock Village Hall 10.30 am — 12 noon
Apple Pie Morning
Sun 30th St Andrews PCC Service of Rededication St. Andrews Church 3pm
Mon 31st BFRA Halloween Party at The Pavilion Bishopdown Farm 5.30—8pm

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Parish Newsletter



Sept/Oct 2011
Issue 129

Welcome to the

Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter

A bi-monthly Newsletter produced by the Parish Council, *distributed free of charge to over 2,800 households and local businesses*, providing news, information and items of interest for the Parish including Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park, Bishopdown Farm and Old Sarum.

Deadline

for the Nov/Dec 2011
Newsletter (No 130)

will require information/
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to be with the editor by

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The Hospice nurses invite you to the Salisbury Hospice Garden Fete Saturday 3rd September from 12 noon

All the usual stalls – cakes, plants, crafts etc., plus a hog roast, live music, games and a raffle.

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Thursday 27th October

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£1.50 entry fee

Various Stalls and Raffle

Further info: Jill Kay 01722 323407

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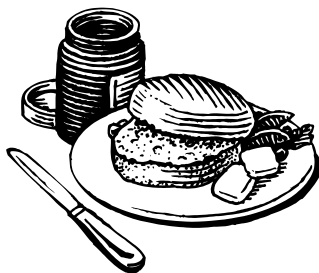
Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

Sunday 25th September

2—5pm

Tea and Home-made cakes

Raffle



Welcome to Edition 129 of our Parish Newsletter.

Summer, such as it was is moving into Autumn. Two early summer parish events suffered from poor weather – the Community Farm Open Day and Laverstock's Gardening Club Open Day; such a pity after so much time and effort is put into their planning and preparation.

This edition contains another obituary for a hard working servant of the community. The last edition contained that for Robin Dinnis our Parish Newsletter distributor and this edition contains an obituary for our long serving Editor and Advertising Manager, Chris Devonald – sad times indeed. They are both much missed here on the Newsletter.

At the time of going to press we are still awaiting the outcome of two very important decisions; the appeal on the 500 homes at Hampton Park sought by Barratt Homes and also of the Core Strategy examination. The Inspector here has to decide on whether to accept Wiltshire Council's suggested locations and numbers for future housing. The PC holds a different view from that of WC who failed to fully consult on their decisions.

We welcome news articles relevant to the Parish from local groups and people but cannot guarantee to publish them, please refer to the guidelines on our website if you wish to submit an article or advertise an event see www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Do you need the services of a specialist? Please consider this publication as your FIRST port of call for all services and trades required.

The Parish Newsletter is published by the Parish Council six times a year for the benefit of the parish residents. However, articles written do not necessarily reflect the views of the Parish Council.

Please send all Parish Newsletter communications to

Juliet Brain lfparishnews@gmail.com

and to Steve Hannath at parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Who currently share responsibility for editing this newsletter

**the front cover features Old Sarum Airfield*

Best Kept Village Competition

Below is the report as received from the CPRE who organise and judge the competition. There are things to learn and improve upon in the future. Thanks to all who worked hard to present our village at its best. Let's not forget that Best Kept Village is for **all year** and not just for the judges on their visit.

District Round – Large Villages – South Wiltshire Second Place - Laverstock

A really interesting and varied community. The judges looked for litter in all the places listed on the application as being a problem and were pleasantly surprised to find none. However, when they visited the Whitebridge play and conservation area, they found much litter and dog fouling behind the play equipment. The judges also commented that this area was difficult to find and that the map was not particularly helpful.

The wild area around the church was a pleasure to visit and the map very informative. The judges were impressed by the exhibition of artwork in the bus shelter, a very innovative idea. This is a village that through its newsletter and various notices informs its community about what is going on but when the judges visited the village hall they wondered what it was used for as there was no information displayed at all.

MRS GOODALL

We are really sad that Mrs Goodall has retired after so many years as Head Teacher at St. Edmunds Girls' School. She is an incredibly caring and helpful person and will be missed by everyone, current pupils and past. Personally, I will miss her wonderful assemblies. They were always well planned and great fun. At Christmas she would always organise a play for the students and these were entertaining and really made us laugh. Although we are sad to see Mrs Goodall leave, we wish her all the best for the future and welcome our new Head Teacher Miss Busby to St Edmunds School.

By Annie Kibblewhite, Yr 8.

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The Duck	Becki & Tim	327678
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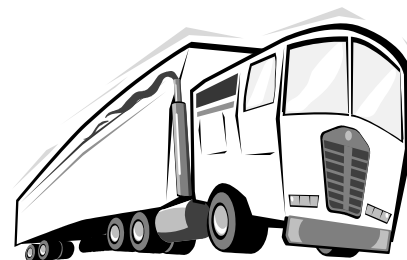
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 Riverbourne Community Farm www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk
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 St. Joseph's Catholic School www.st-josephs-salisbury.wilts.sch.uk
 Wiltshire Police www.wiltshirepolice.uk
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Greentrees Primary - Head	Mrs Jan Bennett	340596
Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	330077
Laverstock History/Archaeology	Bryan Evans	320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Sue Mason	322990
Laverstock Sports Club	Mr Dave Marriott (Sec)	331726
L&F Watermeadows Trust	Naomi King	334337
Laverstock WI	Thelma Green	320179
Line Dancing	Mike Sainsbury	717800
Mother's Union	Jan Seaman	413433
Neighbourhood Watch	Volunteer required	
Old Sarum Flying School		322525
Old Sarum Community Room	Suz Vickery	329693
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Pilates	Sandra Walgrove	412749
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The Lorry Watch Scheme

The Lorry Watch scheme, sponsored by Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards department, was outlined in Issue No 127 of the

Parish Newsletter (pages 21/22). Following a briefing on the scheme by Mr Thomas Hutchinson, the Head of Trading Standards at LFPC's 20 June meeting, Alan Hotchkiss (Chairman of the Local Transport and Traffic Control Task Group (TG1) has taken on the role as Local Co-ordinator for the scheme and, together with four residents of Milford who will act as 'observers', have been registered with Trading Standards.

The purpose of the scheme will be, as described in Issue 127, to report all Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) that use Milford Mill Road in contravention of the signed weight and/or height limits and, by implication, use the route through Laverstock village as a by-pass to Salisbury. Residents who sight HGVs using Manor Farm Road to join Milford Mill Road should report the incident to Alan Hotchkiss

tel. 01722 326027 or email alanhotchkiss@hotmail.com

giving the following details:

vehicle registration (essential), date and time, road location, direction of the vehicle's travel, and details of the vehicle's owner or operator (telephone number or email address).

If possible, a photograph of the incident would also be useful. The matter will then be reported to Wiltshire Council for action.

NB. This information supersedes the detail shown in the Newsletter Issue No 127.



St Andrews Primary School

NATIONAL ROAST DINNER DAY

Wednesday 12th October

St Andrew's Primary School would like to invite the residents of Laverstock to sample our school Roast Dinner on Wednesday 12 October. We are serving Roast Gammon at £2.50 per head. Please ring to book your place by Wednesday 5 October (01722 503590) or e-mail admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk.

St Andrew's needs your help!

If you have any available spare time, starting in September, and you would like to come into school each week for an hour or so to help children with their reading or gardening, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please ring 01722 503590 or e-mail:

admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk

All volunteers will be asked to complete a CRB check.



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Chris Tomes, Headteacher

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The next planned event is on September 15th (see Wildlife and Trails page at www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk). We have a long way to go but this was a promising start to this valuable project.

A final request, if you see something unusual, let us know (photos!); if you have expertise that can help please offer, and if you have time come to future events. Also, please email if you have any questions or require further information.

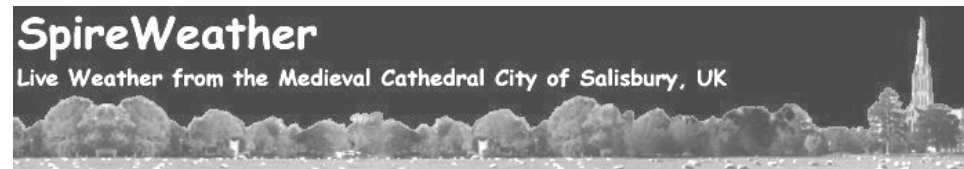
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SpireWeather Review – May-June 2011

At the time of writing the March-April Review we were in the midst of one of the driest and warmest springs on record, and wondering whether the summer of 2011 would follow the pattern of the dry summer of 1976...how wrong we were!

Whilst some areas of eastern England are still officially in drought, many southern and eastern counties had more rain in June alone than in March-May combined, and the unsettled theme looks set to continue into July and August. In Laverstock we recorded 42mm (1.7") rain this spring (March-May) and 54mm (2.1") in June alone.

April's dry theme continued into May, culminating in a Spanish plume on the 6th when May's highest temperature of 27.4°C (81.3°F) sparked off thunderstorms that night. 22mm (0.9") rainfall was recorded on the 6th-7th. There was a widespread ground frost in the early hours of the 4th when May's minimum temperature of 1.4°C (34.5°F) was recorded. The rest of the month was unsettled but with relatively small amounts of rainfall, and an unseasonably deep depression over northern Britain brought some very strong winds on the 23rd.

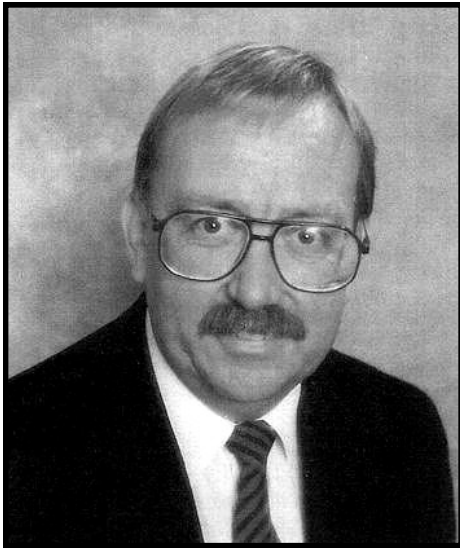
After a brief warm spell in the first four days of the month, June turned out to be decidedly unsettled and wet with a total of 54mm (2.1") rainfall compared with 22mm (0.9") in June 2010. UK-wide it was the coolest June for ten years. Sunday the 12th was particularly cool and wet with a maximum temperature of only 14.5°C (58.1°F) and 19mm (0.7") rainfall – in spite of this over 600 people braved the weather to visit the River Bourne Community Farm Family Fun Day, well down on last year's 5,000+ numbers. A hot spell on the last weekend of the month brought the year's highest temperature of 32.9°C (91.2°F) on 26th – official local figures at Larkhill Met Office that day were 25.7°C (78.3°F). June's coldest temperature of 4.2°C (39.6°F) was recorded in the early hours of the 11th, pretty chilly so close to mid summer's day.

So after a promising start, the summer of 2011 looks set to follow the pattern of recent years with the jet stream meandering further south than normal and bringing unsettled, cool and often wet conditions.

For more local weather information visit spireweather.co.uk but remember to check official sources of weather data where life or property may be at risk.

Simon
SpireWeather

Chris Devonald



It is with heavy hearts that we have to inform you of the death of our good friend and editor of the Parish Newsletter, Chris Devonald.

Chris edited the Newsletter and administered the advertising (which funds the publication) for several years. Chris did all this with enthusiasm and in his own time. Even with his poor health he worked tirelessly to make the world a better place. He was a lovely, gentle man who never issued a single complaint and will be much missed. Thanks Chris.

Chris was born in Swansea, the eldest of three brothers and spent his childhood playing cricket and football and exploring the beautiful beaches of the Gower. He was one of the first students to come through the "Comprehensive School System" and studied Chemistry at University Of Wales in Cardiff.

He started his teaching career in Port Talbot and then moved to Andover where he taught at John Hanson School. He spent another few years teaching in Southampton and eventually moved to Salisbury in 1988 where he was Head of Science at St. Edmund's Girls' School until his early retirement in 1999.

Bio Blitz hits Laverstock!

What you may ask is a bio blitz!? Well here's a snippet from an article written by Paul Howland via Bagram Airbase the full content of which can be found on the parish website

The aim of a Bio Blitz is to put together a record of all the flora and fauna we have in our parish, enabling us to understand the quality of habitat and the resulting bio diversity that exists. On May 29th as part of the Nature of Art in Wessex Day, Laverstock and Ford Downs and Watermeadows Trust held the first of a series of "Bio Blitz" events in the parish.

In the long term this will help to measure the effectiveness of our community farming activities on the water meadows and the chalk downs. Hopefully armed with lots of evidence that Ewen Steele's cattle really are turning Cockey Down into one of the best down's in the County for chalk flowers and butterflies and that Tony Edmund's digger work really is bringing back a thriving population of water voles and dragonflies to the watermeadows we can attract more financial support from grant bodies to make Laverstock an even more wonderful place to live in.

There is also another side to all this. That is to encourage all to get out with nature, provide fun outdoor and educational with a small "e" activities for the kids (and hopefully entertaining with a big "E").

We planned our inaugural bio blitz in conjunction with the Nature of Art in Wessex project and centred activities around the River Bourne Community Farmstead at Cow Lane. Key amongst these were the Sculpture trails through the farm water meadows and Whitebridge Spinney, where we asked families to report back what they spotted, armed with film canisters for the bugs, and identification sheets for wild plants, birds and butterflies.

River dipping proved popular, for the kids, young and adult alike. Getting wet is positively encouraged and muddy is not against the rules! (River dipping is a regular feature of the Farm Cream Tea Sundays.) Those who brought us back samples and specimens were then treated to the amused floundering of those of us who tried to identify them and talk intelligently about them when this failed. Just in case we were really stumped we provided paper, pencils and charcoal and encouraged some of attendees to make us artful drawings and leaf rubbings. A success I think, if the smiles and fun being had by some of the few hundred that attended were anything to go by.



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He continued to be a keen cricket fan following the highs and lows of Glamorgan and would often have several radio stations and television coverage of the same match on at the same time. During his years in Andover he was an able table tennis player and coach, again encouraging young people in a sport he loved. He was passionate about teaching and was so disappointed that his ill health meant that he could no longer work in a job he loved.

Despite having to endure long sessions of dialysis 3 days a week he quickly started to find other things to fill his life. He tutored students for Maths and Science, took on the production of the Church Magazine for Salisbury Baptist church where he was an active member and then also became editor of the Laverstock and Ford Parish Newsletter.

He particularly relished attracting new advertisers and would spend a lot of time adjusting adverts for people. He also worked as a volunteer for the Trussell Trust making many new friends as well as playing such an active part in his community. His many other interests included cooking (his soup for the drop-in lunches at Brown Street Church became a bit of a legend), gardening, computers, stamp collecting and above all his enthusiasm for music especially Motown and the Four Tops. In most houses it is the parents telling their teenage children to turn their music down, in his house it was the other way round!

Over the past 17 years Chris battled with ill health and, even though he spent many weeks and often months at a time in hospital, he was so determined to continue as normal a life as possible with his wife Jackie and his two daughters Emma and Katie of whom he was so proud. His gentle manner, sense of humour, courage and selflessness were an inspiration to all who met him. He died at home on June 25th with his family around him.

NEW BUS TIMES:

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT, FOR A TRAIL PERIOD ONLY THERE WILL BE LATE BUSES RUNNING TO LAVERSTOCK via BISHOPDOWN FARM. Please check with 'Wilts & Dorset' for more details—USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Your black box recycling collections

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Your black box is collected on a fortnightly basis. Please put your box out before 7am on your scheduled collection day.

What to put in your black box

Yes please

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- ✓ drinks cans, food tins, foil, aerosols
- ✓ glass bottles, jars
- ✓ clothes, shoes
- ✓ yellow pages



No thank you

- ✗ plastic
- ✗ cardboard
- ✗ batteries
- ✗ household waste
- ✗ shredded paper

Struggling to fit all your recycling in your black box? All residents can have a second black box for their recycling. You can get one by going online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste or by calling the council on 0300 456 0102.

You can also put extra recycling out in open plastic bags next to your box for collection. Please separate recycling in the bags for ease of collection.

Don't forget you can also opt-in to get a new non-chargeable fortnightly collection of garden waste from Spring 2012. Sign up by 30 September 2011 to get your new green lidded bin by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenbin or complete the form you will receive by post in July.

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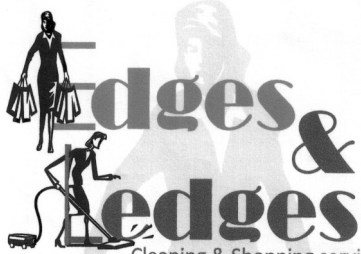


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REPORT BY THE LOCAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TASK GROUP 1 (TG1)

Since the last TG1 report [see *Issue 128*] a number of issues have been progressed, and are summarized as follows.

Milford Mill Road Traffic. A survey of traffic using Milford Mill Road was conducted by teams of Laverstock and Milford residents during the 24-hour period from 0700 on Friday 17 June. The purpose of the survey was to gather data on the volume and types of vehicles using the road, in both Northbound and Southbound directions. The information gained will be used to pursue our case with Wiltshire Council (WC) for introduction of measures to reduce the hazards to residents of the area caused by traffic on this rural road and through Laverstock village.

In order to achieve an accurate comparison the data was gathered in a form consistent with that used by WC in similar surveys in 2005 (ie pre-Petersfinger Park & Ride) and 2010.

In the 24-hour period a **total of 5283 vehicles** passed the survey point, including eight vehicles in the HGV category (ie assessed to be in excess of 7.5 tonnes gross weight). However, for comparative purposes the data was focused on period between 0700 and 1900 on 17 June, during which a total of **4723 vehicles** was recorded, compared to **4068** in the WC survey of **September 2010** – an **increase of 16%**. In discussion with LFPC it was agreed that this increase was attributable to the advent of the Petersfinger Park & Ride station and the signs which encourage drivers to use the 'rat run' as an eastern bypass for the city. This overall increase contradicts WC's view, expressed at the planning stage and more recently, that the Park & Ride facility would have a 'neutral effect' on traffic on the road.

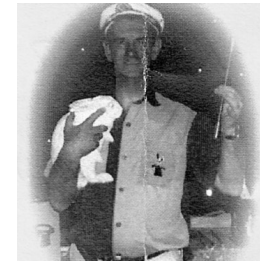
The Lorry Watch Scheme. In addition to the general traffic problem, the continued use of Milford Mill Road by HGVs indicates a failure by WC to place sufficiently clear and correctly positioned warning signs in the Milford and Laverstock area, despite promises made on the subject in February 2011. Following a presentation to LFPC on 20 June by Mr Tom Hutchinson, the WC Trading Standards Officer, TG1 will sponsor membership of the Lorry Watch scheme [see *Issue 127*]. This will focus on the use of Milford Mill Road by HGVs contravening the signed weight limit for the road and Milford Bridge.

Schools' Transport. Development and funding of the project to provide a facility for handling schools' transport, using the London Road Park & Ride terminal area were to be discussed by the South Wilts Community Area Transport Group (CATG) at its 21 June meeting.

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Traffic Calming in Ford. Neil Owen reported that the Speed Watch scheme used in Ford, with equipment shared by a number of communities in the area, had initially been successful, but problems with speeding traffic persisted. He suggested that traffic calming devices, such as raised 'plateaus' similar to those used in Laverstock village and elsewhere, should be installed on Roman Road. The subject was discussed by LFPC on 20 June and it was agreed that an 'issue' would be raised for consideration by the South Wilts CATG.

Cycleway Hazards. Ron Boyes voiced his concerns for road safety and cyclists regarding the dangers presented by sunken drain covers and damaged road surfaces on the cycleways through Laverstock village. Conditions were so bad that cyclists were forced to swerve outside the marked lanes in order to avoid damage and personal injury. This was raised as an 'issue' for LFPC to consider at its 20 June meeting.

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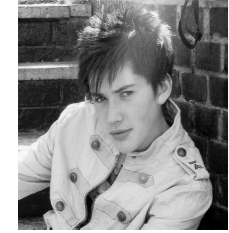
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Friday	Fitness League	2.00 - 3.15 pm
	Brownies (term-time only)	6.00 -7 .30 pm
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Summary Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on June 20th 2011

The full minutes are available on the Parish Website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

During the public session

Mr Tom Hutchinson from Wiltshire Council Trading Standards addressed the meeting to explain the concept of LorryWatch. He indicated that it is a local initiative where the community do the watching and report details of offending vehicles to a co-ordinator, usually the Parish Clerk. This data is then passed to Trading Standards for follow up. The first offence (following checking) is a formal warning but further occurrences could lead to prosecution. The Chairman indicated that there are two areas in the parish where this is a concern – Milford Bridge and Ford. Officer Clissold indicated that he can issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for £30 (non endorsable) but that fines from prosecution can be up to £1000. It was agreed that part of the problem is the current poorly placed or limited signage. The Clerk explained that this is under review and that changes have been agreed but that we are waiting for WC to implement the agreement. Alan Hotchkiss agreed that the provision of advance warning signs to drivers is vital. WC signs indicating that the LorryWatch scheme is in operation are also available. Mr Hutchinson stated that he will add his voice and weight to the early provision of the planned signs. He asked that we get in touch if we wish to proceed with the initiative. Alan Hotchkiss will take the idea to Tasking Group Traffic & Transport (TGT&T) and voiced his positive response to the concept. The Chair thanked Tom Hutchinson for his attendance.

Officer Clissold was welcomed and invited to raise any issues. Alan Hotchkiss thanked Officer Clissold for his speedy response to an HGV incident. Regarding the Mini Marathon, Officer Clissold was very positive and believes that, after several problematic years, there is now an efficient and effective system in place but that it does rely on the parking provided by the Sports Club. Cllr Hayes asked Officer Clissold if there has been an increase in crime since the reduction in staffing following the loss of a Community Police Support Officer (CPSO). His reply was that all crime stats are on the computer and that he was not aware of any 'spikes' etc.



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He reported that there are some new PCSOs coming into the system and that the police management would also pick up any major changes to the crime figures. Cllr Maffey expressed his own congratulations to the police on the way that the Mini Marathon was conducted in terms of traffic management. The Chair thanked Officer Clissold for his attendance who then left for duties at the Solstice activities at Stonehenge.

Alan Hotchkiss then reported on the recently conducted traffic survey at Milford Mill Rd. This is reported elsewhere in the Newsletter. Alan Hotchkiss then indicated that a formal proposal for road changes had been received from Neil Owen, the Chair of SpeedWatch in Ford. It was agreed that this should first be discussed at the next TGT&T meeting to be then brought back to the PC for any follow up. Mr Vic Bussereau expressed his concerns over the speed of traffic in Ford, particularly late at night.

Matters Arising

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way

The Clerk and Chair would be meeting Paul Green from Bloor Homes to inspect the site prior to transfer and to examine the damaged plastic ground protector sheeting and any other issues.

Flooding at end of School Lane This problem continues. Cllr Sainsbury reported later that WC will be working on the drains to take the water from School Lane which currently pours onto Church Rd.

Bishopdown Farm Youth Club

Cllr Flynn later reported that he had attended a useful meeting on the Youth Club and that a further meeting was planned.

War Memorial

The Clerk reported that nearly £600 had been pledged for this initiative as informed by Tony Markham.

Hampton Park2 (HP2)

The Chair reported that, whilst we await the outcome of the Appeal, the Core Strategy issue remains. The Clerk indicated that, whilst the Wiltshire Core Strategy is currently out for consultation, he believes this is for the whole county and that the South Wiltshire Core Strategy has been adopted by WC.

It was not necessary, therefore, to make any formal response to the general consultation but that our case would need to be articulated again at the Core Strategy Inspection to be conducted in August.

Correspondence

01 – Following some discussion it was agreed not to pursue the issue of Queen Elizabeth 2 Fields Challenge

07 – Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to WC regards its inclusion of St Thomas's Farm as a suitable location for Waste Site expansion. 11. – Following emergency tree work by Jason Turner, he identified several other jobs requiring attention for which quotes would be secured.

12. Graham Creasey from WC contacted the Clerk to ask for the PC's view on the proposed new pavilion at Old Sarum. Following discussion it was agreed that:

The PC supports this venture and wants to see it proceed as per the S106 legal agreement but the PC prefers to have two meeting rooms at the expense of changing/shower rooms.

The PC cannot make a decision as to whether it would accept responsibility for the asset until a formal proposal with financial details for future repairs and maintenance is received.

WClr McLennan later informed members that the architect involved indicated that it is possible to forego the showers and have the building as 1 or 2 meeting rooms with dividing doors.

11 Reports

Clr McLennan asked if members were happy for her to continue to ask for the schools' litter issue to remain active with SWAB. This was agreed.

Clr Law reported on the Community Farm Open Day which received 34mm of rain! In order to raise the farm profile and more funds, the next two Cream Tea Sundays would be mini open days with other events, such as tractor rides, taking place. Open Day 1 -5pm. Cream Teas 3-5pm.

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He then reported that the eco composting toilets had been completed, including a turf roof and lighting from solar panels. He informed members that a straw bale classroom is planned, built on similar lines to that featured in Grand Designs. At the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting last week, Cllr Law stated that a keen cyclist had referred to several pupils using pavements instead of the dedicated lane. The Clerk was asked to write to Tom Gardner enquiring whether drain levels and flooding issues of the roadside might why pupils cycled on the pavements.

Cllr Flynn reported on the HP Youth Club meeting which he attended and noted that a second meeting is planned. Discussions led on to the status of the Pavilion and its legal ramifications. He said that life in Hampton Park had been busy with drug use and an assault on a disabled person being unwelcome issues.

Cllr Sainsbury reported on his further communication with Graham Axtell who again promised to try to resolve the problem of blocked drains in School Lane.

Cllr S Champion reported that she had been approached by a Ford resident and informed that the Speed Watch sign attached to a 30mph post is obstructing the view when exiting Merrifield. The Clerk would write to Clarence.

She further reported that she had walked the proposed cycleway with a number of interested persons, including the Rights of Way Officer. Whilst footpath number L&F25 is the better and safer option, there is at the moment no money to implement the scheme. The Environment Agency will be asked to look at the issues surrounding widening and upgrading the path.

Cllr Vincent stated that with a little more help from Tom Bray a further grant of c £8k had been secured for the Old Sarum Community Room (OSCR). Suzanne Vicary, recently appointed and a local resident, is the current co-ordinator and in touch with the organisation GROW. A new secretary with excellent IT skills is soon to be appointed – Cliff O'Sullivan. It is hoped he might be able to set up computer classes for local children demonstrating computers offer more than simply game playing. She stated that entry numbers for the new school are growing and that plans for the new Community Room are looking good. Cllr Vincent thanked WCllr McLennan for his help and support and again expressed the desire to have the facility as more than just a sporting site. She reported that an Old Sarum Armed Forces Day is planned for Saturday and that there will be a summer "do" at the end of July.

Clr Maffey reported that the recently planned Village Hall meeting had been cancelled. He went on to mention that the plants at the end of Whitebridge Road had needed replanting twice within a week – once by himself and once by WClr McLennan.

Clr Houston reported on his own mini survey of traffic on Church Road. Between 3 and 4pm on a Thursday he had counted 507 cars travelling in both directions, and between 3 and 4pm on Friday there were 705 cars.

WClr Moss outlined the plans to move the Youth Council facility from Wilton Road to the Five Rivers Leisure Centre. He stated that there is land near Churchfields or a house opposite the Railway Station parking with one acre of land going down to the river which would be a preferred location and could greatly improve the area following some tlc. Clr Law agreed with this suggestion, but it looks to be a fait accompli. It was pointed out that the Five Rivers Centre is on the location of an old tip and is expensive to develop. WClr McLennan said that the Day Centre planned for Old Sarum will now also be moved to the Five Rivers Centre which seems to be developing into a centralised, catch-all location.

WClr McLennan reported that the planned new pavilion at Old Sarum could be built without the showers, but that the cost of dividing the building into two meeting rooms could be £20k! He had spoken to Richard Hughes at Planning who indicated that a legal change to the S106 is possible. He stated that c £900k is earmarked for the project. He noted that the planning enforcement team is now watching development at Old Sarum carefully to ensure that triggers for S106 funds are noted and funds released. He asked the planners what funds have been handed over thus far and on what they have been spent. He stated that the Bus Passes had not yet been issued, but that a free shuttle bus could collect and deliver residents to the Park & Ride. It was agreed that all these ideas need to be shared with the PC and not presented as a fait accompli. It is currently unclear as to the status etc of the two bike vouchers promised for each resident.

Clr R Champion reported on the schools' liaison traffic meeting which abandoned the original on-campus parking plans due to cost. Dave Bullock of WC suggested that teachers do not have a parking space on site! It was then put that the people who have spare drive space on Church Road allow them to be used for parental drop-off for St Andrew's School parents only.



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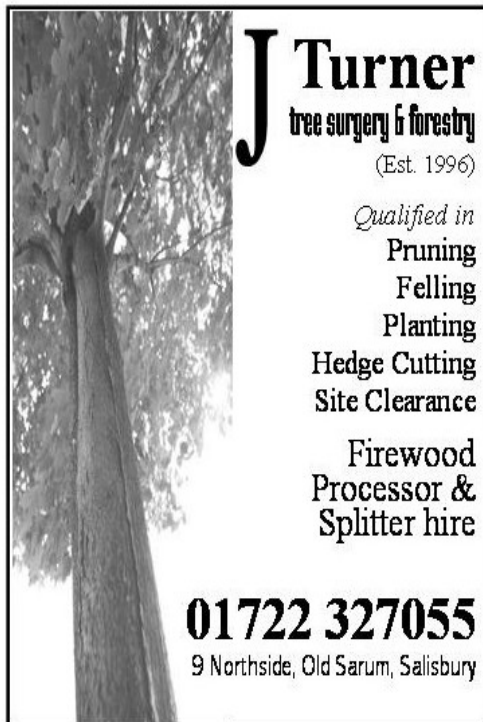


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It was pointed out that the residents and the PC are being asked to resolve what is an education problem. Following discussion this initiative failed to receive the support of the PC as it was deemed to be impracticable.

Clr R Champion then reported on the meetings held to discuss the Clerk's retirement. He informed the meeting that the retirement was now "on hold" pending the Clerk's experience following several trips away in the months of September and October. The committee will meet again in early December when the Clerk will clarify his situation. It was agreed at the committee's earlier meeting that day that at least 4 months would be needed to appoint a successor. The committee continues to work on the new contract and job description to be used in the new appointment. A big issue in the appointment of a new Clerk is that of a Clerk's office. The three possible locations of the Village Hall, OSCR and the PC's own office/meeting room, hopefully at the Community Farm, were discussed. The possibility of a timber building 5.4m x 5.4m was discussed, which would cost about £10k. The Chair asked members to give this issue some serious thought as a decision will need to be made in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Liz Dore, who represented Hampton Park on the Parish Council has stood down from this duty as she has moved from the area. **We are seeking someone to join the Parish Council as a member for Hampton Park**, so if you are at all interested please contact Steve Hannath, the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council would like to express its regret at losing Liz and thank her for all the hard work she did as a councillor and for the parish council.

Bridge under attack

Milford Bridge, a Grade 1 listed building, which has carried people and traffic over the River Bourne for over 400 years, is under attack from heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) illegally using the route as a cut-through to the Southampton Road.

The bridge, which has a weight limit restriction of 7.5 tonnes, has a sharp bend at its southern end which makes it doubly unsuitable for the juggernauts which try to cross it daily. The picture shows damage to one of the capping stones caused by one of these vehicles. (This stone has since been moved back to its original position by a local resident but will need fixing by an expert repairer).

During the recent 24 hour survey of traffic conducted by residents, eight HGVs crossed the bridge illegally.

The Parish Transport Group, working with Milford Preservation Group, has joined Lorry Watch, a Trading Standings scheme, whereby residents report any HGVs illegally using the route. Trading Standards will then check with the operator and if the vehicle was not actually delivering to premises in the Milford area, the operator can be fined up to £1,000. A number of vehicles have already been reported by the Lorry Watch Coordinator.

Another bridge on this stretch of road, this one being the railway bridge at the Park & Ride end of Petersfinger Road has also suffered damage by HGVs. Again, this bridge, which carries main line rail traffic, is on a sharp bend. Damage to this bridge can be seen along the walls of the bridge and more worryingly, long cuts gouged out of the roof by vehicles exceeding the height limit and attempting to drive under it. The road has been closed on a number of occasions whilst these vehicles are extricated from the bridge.



The Parish Council, its Transport Group, and Milford Preservation Group are united in actively seeking to reduce the high level of vehicles using this route (particularly since the junction change associated with the Park & Ride facility) and are working with Wiltshire Council to this end.



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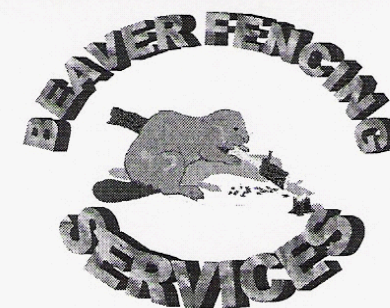
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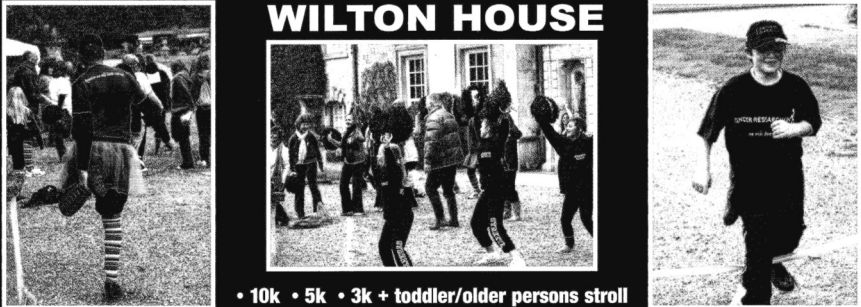
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Notes from the Tasking Group for the Environment Meeting on 20th July 2011

Present: Pat Hendy, Penny Theobald, Sue Wight, David Burton, Virginia McLennan and Steve Hannath.

Apologies: Paul Howland and Karen Croker.

Hampton Park 2 The Chairman outlined the situation with regard to the planning appeal (decision soon) and also regards the inspection for the Core Strategy (CS) which will identify numbers and locations for housing of the next 20 years. The PC will be sending evidence that the draft CS is unsound and that the HP2 site should be removed in favour of the original (and higher) numbers planned for Longhedge. The CS Inspection starts on Monday 8th August.

Boardwalk sign DB indicated that, whilst the cost would be in the hundreds, he did not at this time have a firm price. High quality would be needed to avoid vandalism. He suggested getting local artists involved in the design and had included the sign in the Trails Partnership bid for Heritage Lottery Funding. The Chair asked if the schools could be invited to participate and this was agreed so he will write to the schools to float the idea. DB agreed to email Tom Bray to put forward a grant application to the Area Board. It was suggested that it required a graphic designer to pull it together and an appeal would be put in the Parish Newsletter. Possible inclusions for the sign include fish, crayfish, voles, otters, bats and birds plus explanation of the river.

Bio-Blitz ('An intensive 24/48 hour biological inventory attempting to identify all species of living organisms in a given area.') One survey has taken place and PH would be asked to write up a report for the Parish Newsletter.

DB indicated that another will take place on Sept 15th? and would send SH some copy for the PN outlining the event, including Farm Food Week and requesting volunteers



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Issues at Whitebridge SH outlined the work that is required at Whitebridge including the felling of several trees. He also explained that repairs to the bridge were to strengthen the footpath areas but that, in return for using PC land, Wiltshire Council would carry out strengthening work to the left hand bank which is being undermined by river erosion. It was agreed that there is the need to establish ownership of the perimeter footpath which is in a poor state and to reduce the vegetation which is encroaching over it. The future of the area from Whitebridge to the boardwalk was discussed. It is currently mainly stinging nettles. Following discussion, it was agreed that the TGE would recommend to the PC that it be turned into a flower meadow with grass.

There will be the planting of a memorial tree (unlabelled) by a local resident and organised by the PC arboriculturalist.

Best Kept Village & Village Clean Up Day SH reported that the village had come second to Whiteparish in the BKV competition with several positive comments made as well as areas for improvement. The full report will appear in the PN. The VCU, which preceded the BKV judging, was judged another successful day.

Thanks were given to all who helped and it was agreed to repeat the day next year on Saturday 12th May 10.30 – 12.00 followed by the BBQ at the CF.

PT said that there are splendid flowers on Cockey Down at present and DB suggested that this is, in part, due to the fact that it is now grazed by cattle. It was also reported that there is a barn owl nesting on Peter Bialeck's farm in a cracked willow (picture on the CF website.) SH stated that the wild flowers on Cockey Down might be joined by litter as there are parties being held up there again which have been reported to the police.

Other issues VMcL reported that South Wiltshire is the best area in the county for recycling and that it will be possible to put shredded paper into the blue bin.

The group then discussed the frequency and dates of future meetings and it was agreed that 3 or 4 times a year would suffice. The months chosen were April (pre VCU), July, Oct, and January if required. **The date of the next meeting is Wed 19th October at 7.30pm at St Andrew's School.**

Summary Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on July 18th 2011

The full minutes are available on the Parish Website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk
During the public session

Officer Clissold was welcomed and invited to raise any issues. He asked Alan Hotchkiss about the LorryWatch scheme who reported in very positive terms that it was now formally registered with WC and that several incidents had already been reported and gone to the DVLA for action. He was informed that the signage for lorries and the road signs at the A36 Petersfinger junction was 'work in progress'.

Clr Law asked that the PC minutes for April 2011 be corrected to show that the police had responded by telephone on the Sunday of the theft of the goat from the Community Farm and attended in person the following Tuesday morning, but not as an outcome of Farm Watch. This was accepted.

The Clerk asked if his message to PCSO Kim Weston, about parties on Cockey Down (night of Wed 13th July), had been received. He undertook to keep an eye on this potential problem now that the summer weather and school holidays had arrived.

The Chair asked about security at the farm and Officer Clissold reported that he had recently visited to discuss the issue and that, whilst vulnerable at this point in its current state of build, there is a need to temper prevention with accessibility.

Alan Hotchkiss reported that there is, in fact, no court appearance listed for the Network Rail V a lorry company on August 4th as believed, for damage to the Petersfinger Bridge and this remains a mystery.

Graham Hall then addressed the Council regarding the issue raised in his letter which had been distributed. He is concerned for road safety issues following the introduction of the new cycle way. He spoke of the 'epidemic' of cycling that was taking place on the footpaths and had personally nearly been cycled into on several occasions. He argued that the speed bumps were not an aid to safety and the white lining probably did not conform to the specification identified in chapter 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual. He wants a return to the old road markings arguing that he does not require a dedicated cycle lane to stop him from running down a cyclist.

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The Chairman pointed out that road speeds had greatly reduced following the introduction of the cycle lanes. Historically, the bumps had been put in at the request of the schools and that pinch points had been installed but were subsequently removed as they clogged up the traffic. It was pointed out that road speed had reduced by 10mph (measured twice), that 90% of traffic is <30mph, the lines comply with national best practice and that cyclists welcome them. WClr McLennan suggested that in this regard, 'Laverstock is a national success.'

There followed comments from members of the PC both for and against the speed bumps and the cycle lanes. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Graham Axtell to ask if the drains had been surveyed following heavy rain (It was suggested that the drains flood after rain and force the cyclists to move onto the pavement to cycle.) It was suggested that the issue of cycling on pavements, which is illegal, is raised at the next Schools' Liaison Meeting.

Alan Hotchkiss then reported that the high point of the week was the acceptance of registration of the LorryWatch group (with several incidences being reported) but that the low point was being informed that the issue of heavy lorries was being removed from the Area Board. He and Clr Law will attend the special SWAB meeting on Community Safety Issues on 21st July and would raise their concerns. Following some discussion it was realised that it was the SAB that wanted to close the issue not the SWAB where it would remain active. However WClr McLennan suggested that it should remain active on the SAB agenda as Alan is also Chair of MPG and the issue affects his members who live over the parish boundary in the City.

Matters Arising

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way The Clerk and Chair met Bloor Homes and their contractors on site at the Tiny Tots Play Area, Pilgrims Way and discussed the state of the broken safety matting. Kompan, who installed it, have promised to correct the problem. The Clerk has shown the rep from Millstone Landscapes all of the PC land and grass cutting requirements and will receive a quote.

War Memorial A donation for £50 has been recently received and a cheque would be forwarded to the WM Committee. The Clerk informed the meeting that the memorial has now been agreed and would be installed. There will be a dedication service in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 30th October when the Chair agreed to lay a wreath. The Clerk was asked to write to enquire the shortfall in funds so that the PC might consider making a contribution. A grant from the Area Board might also be a possibility.

Memorial to Frank Bissington The Clerk reported that the church would prefer not to have more benches in the churchyard as there are already sufficient. The Clerk was asked to approach Frank's family for any alternative suggestions.

Parish Newsletter This continues to be a big commitment for the Clerk and it will be important to ensure that it is included in the job specification for the new Clerk with an appropriate allocation of hours.

Whitebridge Trees The Clerk will meet our arboriculturalist on site on 20th July to survey the trees and discuss any necessary work.

Planning Matters

Old Sarum The school will be handed over in mid-August in preparation for opening in September. The Clerk asked Natalie Moss to request a photo and some copy to be sent for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter for Sept/Oct.

HP2 Awaiting outcome appeal.

Core Strategy Inspection The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had drafted a PC response for the inspector and this had been circulated by email. The Clerk has written to Ian Kemp, the officer for the inspector, requesting that the PC response to the three issues be delivered at the same time. (Since the meeting, the Clerk has been informed that it will not be possible to address the inspector just once, but that it will be necessary to attend on each day that the separate issues are discussed. As we are assured that a written response carries an equal weight to oral evidence, it may be that we offer our evidence in written form only.) The meeting was informed that no correspondence had been received on the Core Strategy Inspection by WCLrs Moss and McLennan.

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01 The grant application from the WWT was considered favourably, but more information was requested before a final decision could be made. The additional information requested would be the total cost of the project and also the location for the proposed kissing-gate. These aspects would be added to the grant form. The Clerk would write to WWT requesting the information.

02 The following list of bird names was suggested and would be forwarded to Persimmon Homes for use at Old Sarum:

Bustard, Pheasant, Lark, Jay, Lapwing, Curlew, Kestrel and Buzzard, as these are all found locally.

05 Proposed nursery in Laverstock. This generated some discussion and it was decided that the Clerk would write to the applicant requesting the evidence for need and whether or not the majority of children would be local. Natalie Moss also suggested that the interested party contact the very helpful Naomi Friend at WC and run her idea passed her in the first instance.

10 Best Kept Village. The Clerk read out the report back from CPRE which stated that Laverstock came second in its class to Whiteparish. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall requesting that the comment regarding lack of notice board be addressed.

11 Reports

Clr McLennan informed the meeting of the proposed free green waste bin to be implemented shortly. The Clerk indicated that information on this would appear in the next Parish Newsletter. She then reported that she had received one or two complaints regarding names being used in the Parish Newsletter where the comment was less than positive. The Clerk (acting as co-editor) agreed that he would be mindful of this potential problem in the future.

Clr Law informed the meeting that the Community Farm is very grateful for the support of the PC and that the former always gives the PC good press. He reported that the farm is currently taking boys at risk of exclusion for work experience. The boys are not "academic" 14/15 year olds, but when given the task of computing the number of seeds required for sowing a particular area, the boys saw the need for mathematical understanding and were able to find the correct answer. The lads enjoy the farm work and some actually turn up in their own time as volunteers.

Progress is being made on the proposed straw classroom and the farm is taking on a part-time teacher with funds being made available. An implement store is to be erected using recycled electricity poles and the Finance Office of the company DHL will be cladding the construction as part of a company team building exercise.

Clr S Champion reported that the Speed Watch sign had been moved to the opposite side of the road as suggested to avoid sight obstruction when exiting Merrifield. She then reported on a meeting held with Daniel Griffiths from the Environment Agency regarding footpath L&F 25. She was informed that even though the path is on the flood plain it may be widened and, as long as it is kept to a minimum, inert materials such as bark or chalk may be imported to make up the level where this had dropped.

Clr Sainsbury enquired as to the progress regarding bike locks at the OneStop Shop. The Clerk had not received an answer to this, but would follow up with the shop manager.

Following his attendance at the SAB meeting, he then requested an explanation of the voting procedures used. It was explained that the only votes which counted were by the Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board, but that often the Chair would ask for a show of hands in order to indicate support or otherwise for the motion.

WCir McLennan reminded the meeting that the PC is entitled to apply for grants from the SAB. It was suggested that *Clr Flynn* might be disposed to do this for any Youth Club follow up action.

Clr Dean apologised that he had missed the input by Alan Hotchkiss, but went on to make the point that the Nursing Home is extremely concerned over access problems when the road is blocked by oversized lorries. He wondered if the sacrificial stone at the north-east corner of the medieval bridge could be raised to avoid damage to the capping stone which he had just moved back to position following being hit.

Clr R Champion asked if there was anybody who wished to join *Clr Law* and Alan Hotchkiss at the SWAB Community Safety meeting to be held on Wed 20th July at the Trafalgar School, Downton. *Clr Houston* agreed to join them at this meeting. Regarding any possible parish office, *Clr R Champion* reported that *Clr Hayes* had begun work on a paper for objectively appraising the situation. This is work in progress and he hoped to organise a further meeting later this week or next. All members of that group were asked to send their availability to him.



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WCir Moss requested he be sent a copy of the Parish Newsletter.

He reported that there was some extremely vitriolic communication taking place between the City Centre Management Company and WC regarding the changes to the parking charges. Further change is likely – watch this space.

WCir McLennan distributed a written report. Regarding the Speed Watch issue in Ford, the Chair would request that the organiser talk to local residents regarding their views on the possible options available to reduce traffic speeds along Roman Road.

WCir McLennan reminded the meeting that any forthcoming changes in regard to the above would have to be the decision of the PC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

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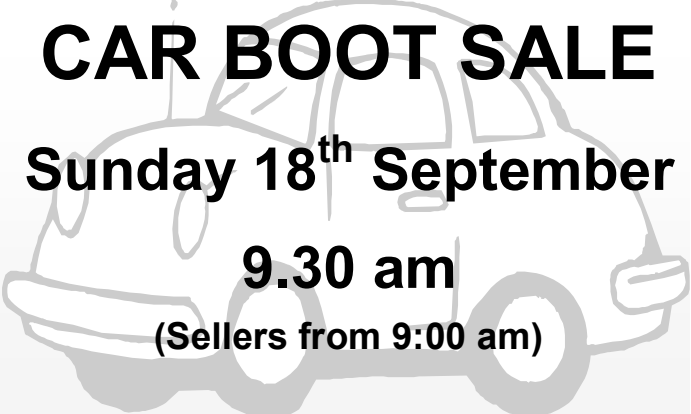
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On the other Sundays we will be running a Sunday School (Pathfinders) for primary school aged children, which will meet in the church at 1000, then go to the Curtis Room for the first part of the 'grown up' service and return for a blessing with their parents at communion.

Please contact Liz Bunting 01722 503742 for more info, or just turn up.

Holy Communion can be brought to those at home who are ill or unable to attend church. If you would like to participate please contact either Hugh, Bryan or Sue.

Autumnal Thoughts

Autumn often seems to be a time when we think of things coming to an end – the summer is over, the leaves begin to fall from the trees and many of the flowers we have enjoyed earlier in the year fade as gardens begin their seasonal decline. The loss of longer days and warm evenings saddens many people, but autumn does not only have to be a time of endings – many of the fruits we enjoy: apples, pears and plums tend to reach ripeness in this season, and for many the autumn marks the start of a new school, university or college term, with all the excitement and challenge that a new start brings. Autumn can also bring with it cosy evenings in front of a warm fire, food that we love, but seems too hot or fattening for the summer months, and a chance to catch up on reading or other hobbies and activities that we enjoy, once we're released from the 'tyranny' of garden upkeep... Not a chore for my wife, Mari, but why does the grass have to grow SO FAST during the warmer months!?

Do you remember that saying, "This is the first day of the rest of your life"? How much happier we would be if we were able to greet each new day and each new opportunity as a chance to re-evaluate our lives, to hang on to what works, to add to that sense of accomplishment and success, and shed those things and behaviours that have caused us, and those around us pain, sometimes over long periods of time.

Rev'd Peter Ostli-East *Team Vicar in the Bourne Valley*

Insights: Volunteering, Cheryl Beeney

What do you do when your children have grown up and fled the nest? After a little thought, I did a course on teaching English as a foreign language. On completion of this course I was searching through the internet for volunteer teaching work. I came across the UK TEFL site for volunteer work and found the position of working in an orphanage in Nepal.

The post was in a Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Kathmandu. I had no idea what to expect, gained very little insight from the web, took a deep breath and went for it.

On reaching Kathmandu, having travelled via Delhi, my first impression – to be honest – was one of shock. I did not expect to see all the garbage littering the streets; to see people getting drinking water from the same standpipes where they washed the dishes and stood to shower (with their clothes on!)

The people of Nepal are very friendly. I arrived at a very colourful ('rangy changy' means colourful in Nepalese) monastery. Being a lady I had my own room, complete with toilet and a cold shower. The children all shared one toilet and one very cold shower outside. There is no hot water at all in the monastery, and there was only 6 hours of electric per day and this was during night hours. I went to sleep every night at 7pm as it was pitch dark and all the young children were in their beds.

The 46 children in this monastery were not all orphans. What particularly struck me was that children are given to the monks to look after from about 3-1/2 to 18. Poor parents perhaps living in the mountains give their children away in this way. Whilst I was there a 3 year old boy was brought in by his father. I understand he'll not see his parents for two years; at age five he'll be permitted to see them twice a year and once he's over 14 he can actually go out of the monastery to stay with them for a few days.

At times I used to imagine that I would come to afternoon tea and there would be a cake on the table. Dream on! Three times a day, the meals were boiled rice with green lentils. The only veg I saw was fresh chilli peppers that the children ate by the handful, teasing me as they thought I would not be able to eat them because they are so hot.

The monasteries survive from donations from ordinary people fundraising to help run the homes. I am planning to do some fund raising via my Tai Chi classes which I run in Laverstock. If anyone is interested in helping or volunteering please get in touch with me.

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Editors Note: If Cheryl's article has inspired you to look at Volunteering opportunities - it doesn't have to involve studying, foreign travel, boiled rice and green lentils. Much closer to home but just as adventurous Riverbourne Community Farm is looking for volunteers to help them with the **Downs and Meadows Trails project** a new initiative to set up and maintain four farm trails for people to enjoy and learn about the countryside in our area.

They need volunteers to help lead the development and upkeep of the trails at the following locations:

Old Sarum/Portway
Whitebridge and River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock
Bishopdown Farm
Pilgrims Way and Laverstock Down

For more info you can download the info flyer here

http://www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk/wildlife_and_trails.html

Or please contact David Burton or Kat Hill

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Write to: River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Laverstock,
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River Bourne Community Farm News

What a difference a day makes...

International company DHL chose the farm to hold a corporate day for their finance staff from around the country. Their task was to clad the walls and fix a roof on the skeleton structure of what is to be our implement store. In an otherwise wet week, the weather was kind and the whole task was completed in the day, as planned.



The motto 'many hands make light work' was never truer. The team, whose lunch included our farm sausages cooked in the farm's bread oven, enjoyed the day and indicated that they'd come again. The new store will free-up much needed space in our main barn which can be put to many more uses. Thanks to the team from all at the farm - DHL certainly delivers!

Compost Toilets

Completed just a few weeks ago, our new toilet block follows the theme of being as ecologically sound as possible, being compost toilets.

Benefits:

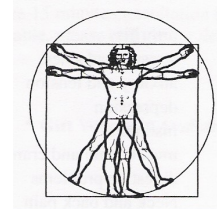
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WORLD CAR-FREE DAY

Thursday 22nd September is World Car-free Day so why not join in and see if you can do without it for a day. Those who did it last year found it very satisfying. Good luck.

Food Festival Events at Riverbourne Community Farm, Laverstock

Thursday 15 September

2.30pm – 6.30pm

Downs & Meadow Nature Trail

FREE EVENT

Pick up a map at River Bourne Community Farm and follow the downs and meadow trail which features art made by local artists and community groups. Explore the meadow, hedgerows and riverbank at the farm, meet the farm animals and take a stroll up to Laverstock downs. Back at the farm, enjoy some refreshments and pick up some local produce including farm honey and eggs.

Saturday 17 September

10am – 3pm

Nature Forage led by Laverstock & Ford Watermeadow & Downland Trust

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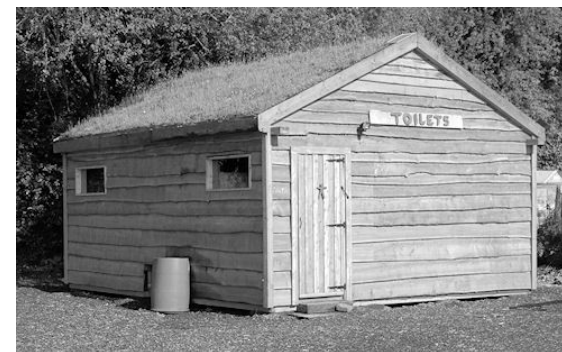
The block is complete with disabled services and hand washing facilities. With the increasing number of visiting groups of all ages this is a very welcome addition to the farm.

Straw built classroom.

Our next major project is the construction of a 120 sq metre straw-built classroom.

It will have a high level of technology incorporated, providing the ideal location for land-based studies and assignments.

Our aim is that from September 2011 we will commence day release courses in partnership with local schools to teach a BTEC Vocational Courses and to that end we will be employing a part-time teacher.



Young Farmers' Club.

Back in the 1960's almost every village had its own Young Farmers' Club (YFC). These clubs were led by young people, for young people, with members aged 10 to 26, providing a unique opportunity to develop skills, work with their local community, travel abroad, take part in a varied competitions programme and enjoy a dynamic social life.

You don't need to be, or plan to be, in the farming profession but maybe you have an interest in the land and livestock and want to spend social time with like-minded people.

If you'd be interested in joining a YFC based at the farm or have experience of YFC could be a leader, contact Jane on 01722 330667 or email to YFC@riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk.

The Pavilion at Hampton Park

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 a variety of groups and organisations. It is in use every day and most evenings but there are a limited number of periods available for hire during the week and Saturdays outside of the cricket season and most Sundays all the year.

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