

Diary Dates for Events in the next two months

OCTOBER

Sat 28th	Race Night (open to guests)	Sports Club	7.00pm
Tues 31st	Greyhound Racing at Poole, £ 18	Sports Club	

NOVEMBER

Thurs 2nd	RNLI Coffee Morning	Duck	10.00am
Sat 4th	Sports Club - Racing at Wincanton, £ 25		
Sun 12th	REMEMBRANCE Sunday	St Andrews Ch.	10.00am
Mon 13th	Parish Council	St A School	7.00pm
Mon 13th	Ladies Open Group	V.Hall	8.00pm
Mon 20th	W.I.	V.Hall	7.45pm
	<i>Simple & Delicious Dips</i>		
Mon 27th	Garden Club	V.Hall	7.45pm
	<i>Flowers for Christmas - Mary Reardon 'a very good speaker'</i>		
Thurs 30th	St Andrews Day - Service & Supper	St Andrews Ch.	6.30pm
Thurs 30th	Duck Jamming	Duck	

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd	Christmas Street Bazaar	St Edmunds Sch.	morning
Sun 3rd	Christingle Service	St Andrews Ch.	1.00am
Wed 7th	Evergreen Club	V.Hall	2.30pm
Mon 11th	Parish Council	St A School	7.00pm
Mon 11th	Ladies Open Group	V.Hall	8.00pm
Fri 15th	Carol Singing around the village centre		evening
Sun 17th	Carol Service	St Andrews Ch.	3.30pm
Mon 18th	W.I. Christmas Party	V.Hall	7.45pm
Sun 24th	Christmas Eve - Crib Service	St Andrews Ch.	5.30pm
	Pay Day at the Duck	Duck	
	Midnight Service	St Andrews Ch.	11.30pm
Mon 25th	Christmas Day Service	St Andrews Ch.	
Thurs 28th	Duck Jamming	Duck	
Sun 31st	New Years Eve with Second Nature	Duck	
	New Years Eve - ticket only	Sports Club	

The newsletter **needs** club News
Potential members need to **know** about you

PEOPLE'S AWARD:

Congratulations Alan & Bridget Westcott from Ford who won the Salisbury Journal People's Award for Charity Work for long standing work with organisations such as the New Horizon Club, Riding for the Disabled and Mencap.

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Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum & Hampton Park Parish Newsletter

November & December 2006

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This newsletter is produced on your behalf by the Parish Council and distributed to over **2,100** households and local businesses.

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SPECIAL & GENERAL NEWS

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED a.s.a.p

From the beginning of the year, the newsletter needs a new editor... This is a fascinating job with the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of parish activities and discussions. You get to know what is happening and what might be happening soon. You get to pass on the readers' views.

If you can't help with Editing perhaps you can help with Articles or News Collection as assistance is always welcome; Advertising, Distribution and Web-Display remains unchanged.

Contact :

Tony Markham, Parish Council Chairman on 01722 329151
or John King (Ex-Editor) on 01722 334337 to find out more.

EDITOR:

There will be NO editor from the beginning of 2007.

A slight error in our last edition as Juliet Brain is unable to take on the full duties of editorship but is willing to be part of the editorial team. It is essential for the continuance of what has been described as an excellent newsletter that help is obtained with EDITING.

The editor's job is to collect and collate the news (from helpers) and put the package together. It is not difficult; it does take some time at the beginning of every second month. It is a very worthwhile task.

Recent newsletters have had 36 pages and typically over half the newsletter rolls on month to month. The most important job of the newsletter is to tell the readership what is happening in the area. You can make a difference.

Congratulations to Mary Reardon , previously and again Chairman of the Garden Club and well involved in other local efforts, for her winning Allotment.as reported with picture in the Salisbury Journal. After inviting local children to her allotment, she said, 'it's important that they know where their food comes from and how it's grown'.

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Garden Club 7.30pm 4th Monday of each month - visitors welcome		
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LAVERSTOCK DOWNLAND & WATERMEADOW TRUST

Latest News

The London Waterloo train pulled out of Salisbury station on a balmy August morning - two neighbours had sat coincidentally in the same carriage. They fell into idle conversation as they passed the meadows and downs which define Laverstock from all the other villages which ultimately get swallowed up by towns - one hour later the first meeting of the Laverstock Downland and Watermeadow Trust closed.

So is the Trust going to do anything useful ?

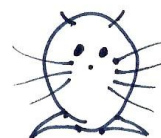
This really depends on who comes along and what happens at our next meeting on Sunday 25th February at 3.00pm at the Sports Club. This should be a fun event with lots of opportunity to help shape the Trust. Community land management trusts can really make a difference to the quality and extent of open spaces and community life in general. We have to look no further than Harnham Meadows Trust and Langford Meadows Trust to see that.

What has the Trust achieved so far ?

From feeling like we are pretty helpless when it comes to -i- resisting more urban development and -ii- ensuring that remaining meadows, rivers and downland are managed for conservation & access - we have already begun to gather support. The Living Rivers Project Officer has agreed to help; community and school events are all possible; Members of the Parish Council have met with the Trust Chair at Whitebridge Spinney. They are keen on the Trust setting up a grant-aided project to improve trails, wildlife habitat and play equipment at Whitebridge. A local District Councillor has also pledged his support for the Trust. More importantly we have already received positive interest from people in the parish, offers of help recording wildlife and getting water voles back into the riverbanks.

Can I help?

Yes! Everyone can help in one way or another. If we get it right the Trust's work will get done by a wide range from our community - from toddlers helping out with art work to elderly people sharing their wisdom about how the meadows used to be managed in the good old days. The key post we need to fill is Treasurer so if you have financial skills and would like to get involved give one of us a ring or send an email.



WADLET THE VOLE

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Newspaper delivery in Ford - apologies about the obvious error in this item. The price for a week's worth of newspaper deliveries to Ford is of course £1.69 not the reported figure of £1.69 per day. Contact Gloria or Alwyn at Blue Boar (01722 336402) to ensure prompt delivery.

OLD SARUM 'Conservation Area'

The results of the meeting at Salisbury Football Club will have been read in the Salisbury Journal by some. In brief, the meeting was about whether and how much of the airfield and surrounds should be made into some form of Conservation Area - with the effect that development in and around the airfield will be more difficult Interestingly, it became clear that there was a discussion (the Birtles Enquiry) about this some 5 years ago with much the same list of participants - and the results were declared secret for some reason. This new review is described as 'merely an update in the light of new legislation'.

The pressure from the 'For' side seems to be the Flying Club wanting to ensure ongoing use of the oldest grass airfield in the country - while the 'Anti' side is pressing for houses, offices and development. As is usual in these cases, both sides have some virtue and some lack . To obtain a worthwhile and suitably democratic balance is nigh on impossible. Slurs and accusations have been rumbling in the background - 'so and so did this' and 'somebody (naming no names) did this'. 'So and So has overrun this', 'so and so has broken the planning regulations' What a way to carry on.

As an occasionally green person I comment that in just a few decades the oil will run out and aeroplanes, small and large) will be a thing of the past - airfields will be no more & Salisbury can be expanded to New Sarum as determined by our masters in Westminster and Brussels.

Those with a desire to comment on this significant decision, have had barely six weeks to assess and write to the Planning Officer by 19th October 2006.

CHRISTIAN AID

Issue 98 carried only a brief line about the amount raised this year (due to pressure on space). This was unfortunate as it gave the impression that the proper thanks and congratulations had not been made to all those who contributed in any way. Of course this was not the intention. However Councillor Ray Thomas was particularly emphatic that the wrong message had been given. Barbara Thomas sent in - "CHRISTIAN AID collection this year raised £1,207.82. Many, many thanks for the generosity of those who faithfully gave, collected and counted. Without Christian Aid many people in poorer countries would not have any help. Thank you for another fantastic Christian Aid Week."

Keen readers will have noticed the double entry about the state of the river in the last issue; the second entry should have been this apology.

Friends of St Andrew's School

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November

Doors Open: 2pm

Visit Santa's Grotto
Lots of Stalls and Games
Cake Stall
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Entrance 50p

Friends of St Andrew's School

Bingo Night

Friday 1st December

Doors Open 7pm

All proceeds to St. Andrew's School

Charity no. 1040854

CHURCH INFORMATION

Several churches are listed as the civil boundary overlaps the church boundaries.
The details given here have been simplified; please ring for extra information.

St. Andrew's, Laverstock

Vicar	Revd Keith Robinson	T. 01722 503123
Parish Office	Barry Makin	Tel/Fax 503123
Churchwarden	Mr Brian Evans	T. 01722 320129
Churchwarden	Mrs Sue Gallagher	T. 01722 332619
Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion	1st Sunday BCP
<i>2nd & 4th Sundays at St. Martins</i>		
Sun 9.30am	Sung Eucharist	except 1st Sunday
Sun 9.30am	Family Eucharist	1st Sunday in the month*
Sun 11.00am	Kingfishers	other Sundays ex. Summer Hols
Sun 6.30pm	Evensong	
Wed 9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	

OTHER Churches - St. Marks Parish Church,

IN Interregnum	Revd David Stokes/	T. 01722 327426
	Revd Jill Offer	T. 01722 334455
	<i>Parish Office</i>	T. 01722 323767
Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion	2 nd and 4 th Sunday
Sun 10.30am	Parish Communion;	1st Sun. - Service for all ages
	Common Worship with Creche and Sunday School	
Sun 6.00pm	Evensong	(BCP sung)
Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion	2 nd Weds of every month
St. Mary's , Winterbourne Gunner		service at 9.30am exc. 5th Sunday
St. Michael's, Winterbourne Earls		service at 11.00am
1st Sun 6.00pm	Holy Communion	
Wed 9.30am	Holy Communion	
Vicar	Revd Stuart Burns	T. 01980 611350

Catholic Church Services at Holy Redeemer, Bishopdown

Until further notice services will only be as follows – Sat Mass at 7pm
Fr Barnaby Dowling & Fr Andrew Goodman T. 01722 333581

Bourne Valley Methodist Church, Winterbourne Dauntsey

Sun 10.00am includes Junior Church
Revd Rosemary Richter T. 01722 334833 or T. 01980 611274

Orthodox Church - Fr Columba Graham Flegg T. 01722 340520
holds monthly services at Sarum College Chapel on Saturdays at 11.30am

St Osmund's Parish Church welcomes parish priest Canon Michael Fitzpatrick
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Police Liaison

from Parish Councillor Pat Houston

I attended the Police Community Consultative Group Meeting Committee on 3rd October 2006. I raised the issue of Police staff being given duties in Salisbury when they were 'dedicated' to the Parish of Laverstock.

The Police Divisional Commander, Simon King, said that our parish does not at the moment have a dedicated Police Community Support Officer 'PCSO' and this was a failing which would be rectified. The Police were intending to triple the number of PCSOs from 60+ to 206. Our Parish area will have a dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team in place by 26th February 2007; consisting of one Police Constable and two PCSOs. I view this as a step forward for us, as Alderbury is being reduced from eight constables to two and four PCSOs.

Laverstock has possibly the worst traffic congestion of any village in the area due to the four schools at the campus. I raised this matter again and asked the Police to oppose the proposal by WCC to stop providing free transport on denominational grounds from Sept 2007. I argued that this would require more cars to replace the buses and that congestion would become worse. I believe that this is a matter for police and public concern as there have already been several accidents involving children being knocked down over the past year. More cars would increase the chances of more accidents.

Local Theft - In early October one evening, I was driving through Ford when I nearly hit a mechanical digger parked dangerously. I phoned the local police and said I suspected that it had been stolen from Boswell Bros nearby. I was later informed that they had chased after three suspects but the vehicle had been recovered (it had actually been stolen) and they expected to make arrests. It really is worth reporting events like this.

Alabare has launched a Recycling effort especially for aluminium cans and foil, mobile phones and ink cartridges. And you gain a 'Charity Bonus Point' for your efforts. Also they have a website where the more interesting items can be auctioned a la Ebay. For more info tel. 01722 742298 or visit www.alabare.co.uk

SCOUTS - 100th Birthday of SCOUTING - To ANYONE who has been part of Laverstock Scout Troop since it began in 1911 - as Beaver Scout, Wolf Cub, Cub Scout, Scout, Rover Scout, Venture Scout, Akela, Scout Master, Scout Leader, Chairman or Treasurer - the Troop would like to produce a history of the group **and** also invite you in February 2007 to a 100th Birthday Party for Scouting. Please do get in touch.

Please Note - General News items have been finalised by the Editor.

Parish Council - Meetings are every Second Monday of the Month at 7.00pm in St Andrews School. All members of the Public are welcome to attend and also to put questions to the Parish Council prior to the commencement of any meeting.

NEWS from your PARISH COUNCIL

In the 'Open to the Public' preliminaries to the September meeting, Angus Beale stated that the SDC had re-opened the issue of the Old Sarum Airfield becoming a conservation area. He said that he hoped that the review would be conducted in a fair and open manner in accordance with the SDC's own code of principles. He opined that the plan is flawed and asked Parish Councillors to consider the proposals carefully. He indicated that there might be 'quick' planning applications made before any potential change of status. Cllr Bissington offered to pass his copy of proposals (largely in line with the old 'illegal' plans from about 1999) to Cllr Markham for perusal. Comments need to be with SDC by 19th Oct.

A brief report from the 26 Sept meeting at the Football Club at Old Sarum :- The survey is remarkable in that it includes some and excludes others of the World War One and World War Two Ministry of Defence buildings. Some of Green Lane is in the CA; but none of the North Portway; some near Throgmorton Hall and so on. This seems unrealistic. The Parish Council feels that the buildings should be ALL or NONE rather than a selection made by this plan. One effect of putting some houses in would be, potentially, to 'blight' the owners of the houses. At the next PC meeting, Mr Beale said - "SDC say that the Conservation File from 2001 'may have been destroyed'; SDC could not guarantee the accuracy of the report on which the Conservation Area plan was based"; Our belief is the plan is designed to block development" and other comments before finishing with, again, "All I have asked is that the review is done fairly"

PARISH PLAN - Cllr Hayes outlined his hopes for the Parish Plan, indicating that when completed it might help thwart unwanted initiatives as there will be a clearly defined policy for future development'. Our own plan needs to take a local view to counter the District's wider view and cited the problem of the overspill cemetery as an example. Copies of the outline for the Parish Plan will be circulated to Councillors for their consideration. Ian McLennan said Parish Plans act as supplementary planning guidance for SDC. It is hoped that there will be lots of input into the Parish Plan from all interested residents.

ROLE OF LOCAL COUNCILS - The SDC is investigating as to those items, currently met by the Council Tax, which might become the responsibility of the PC. Discussion is needed on ways in which we can be more involved in local decision making and of the implications and opportunities of future changes in Council activities.



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St Andrews Church News

SPECIAL EFFORTS are being made to attract and interest everyone, young and old, but especially young and families, to come or come back to St Andrews.

The first of these services was Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October. The next is the Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd December at 11.00. In the Spring is Mothering Sunday and in the summer will be a Service & Picnic by the River. The quantity of gifts at Harvest Festival was very welcome. On the Monday, Sue Gallagher and her team sorted it all and passed the gifts on to the Trussell Trust.

Our next important service is **REMEMBRANCE Sunday** on Sunday 12th at 10am. This will again be attended by the Scouting Movement who will lay their wreath as usual. The service is timed so that we can be at one with the country at 11am for the act of remembrance.

On Thursday 30th November we celebrate **St Andrews Day** with a service in the church at 6.30am followed by a fish and chip supper in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to partake of the supper after the service can purchase tickets from the churchwardens (Sue 332619, Bryan 320129).

This is closely followed by the **Christingle Service** on Sunday 3rd December at 9.30am which is a particularly lovely service for all the children as they begin the countdown to Christmas; and all the children receive a 'Christingle'.

Carol Singing on Friday 15th (time tbc) around the village centre precedes the **Carol Service** at 3.30pm on Sunday 17th followed by coffee & mince pies.

Christmas Eve (Sunday) has the **Crib Service** at 5.30pm and the **Midnight Service** begins at 11.30pm & the Christmas Day (Monday) service at 9.30am(tbc).

KEEPING THE GRAVEYARD IN GOOD CONDITION

Apparently the situation has now become critical; therefore it has been suggested that those areas which are most difficult to keep well must be reorganised. In particular, the Cremation Corner is very tricky as the markers are so close together. It has been suggested by the Parish Church Council that each family should be asked to be responsible for the upkeep of their particular site. While this may be of concern to some, this is not the intention but rather it is felt there would be greater distress if any vases or urns were to be damaged while beautifying the area because the necessity of using machinery to cut and trim may put these at some risk.

SHOE BOX GIFTS - St Andrews School is doing this again - if you can help or want to do your own - please call in at the school.

DUCK LANE – BLOOR HOMES It was reported that Alan Madge (SDC Planning) does not wish to meet Bloor Homes with the Parish Council, but suggests that we go ahead ourselves. Cllr I. McLennan asked if he should take this issue back as there were several items to discuss and it was felt that Alan Madge really should be encouraged attend the meeting to support and guide the PC in discussion of issues. Also Stephen Thorne (Head of Planning) will be asked to see who would be best to deal with this issue as it was felt that developers are failing to meet their responsibilities outlined under the original planning agreement (made with Linden Homes before the package was sold on to Bloor Homes) It seems that Bloor are pushing the limits rather hard but it is unclear why they are doing this since the whole project must be signed off by SDC Planning staff - who merely have to insist that the agreed contract is enforced.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that terms and spirit of the planning agreement are kept by Bloor; for example the 'low-cost' homes to be made available to Laverstock residents; the naming of the development was to have been the responsibility of the parish but 'Pilgrims' Way' was now a fait accompli on the part of the developers; also putting a fence up separating the estate into two sections; not putting in the hedging at the earliest opportunity and not putting heavy equipment where the playground is to be and thereby damaging the underlying ground.

It seems that while the relationship with Linden Homes was reasonable; Bloor Homes are allegedly ignoring many details previously agreed. The transition from Forward Planning to Building Regulations / Planning Enforcement has made it more difficult for the Parish Council to be heard when it reminds the developers of their responsibilities. Do we want the same problem as with Sarum Ridge and Greentrees School? In both cases, these were built with many details (some significant) quite different from the approved plans. The Parish Council has asked that Wiltshire Highways check that all the yellow contractor signs indicating 'Pilgrims' Way comply with regulations as one has been attached to a school sign and covers part of the warning to motorists!

Planning Applications

One Stop Shop in Laverstock (Tesco) has been refused permission to have two freestanding illuminated advertising displays outside the shop; they took down the signs but a further application for one unit is already on its way and again the application will be decided by the appeal process.

Next to the Duck – After the Hopback Brewery had unsuccessfully applied for three then two and then two smaller and lately one dwelling on land adjacent to the pub – the application for one dwelling has been supported.

Parish COUNCIL News - continued

CB Skips – Concrete Works – Officially these are not in use until an 'ecological survey' has been completed on behalf of CB Skips. It has not been possible to track where the current concrete lorries are being washed out. It is possible to guess that this survey will identify no problems with the proposal. Wait and See!

Sports Club - in accordance with their Football League requirements, permission has been gained for two small 50-seater stands at the corner of the pitch near the Pavilion. Otherwise, extensions and conversions come and go with little comment.

STREET LIGHTING - the removed light in Duck Lane is on a BT pole (no 2H) shared between BT and Southern Electric. The pole has been renewed, but no light has appeared! Apparently this is due to a conflict of responsibility regarding who puts up the lights on a shared pole. Such conflict clearly has implications at the county and even national level. The Parish Council is keen to resolve this before the need for local pupils to use the lane in the darker nights.

RECREATION AREA - Whitebridge There is heavy use of the area by youths playing football, but the ground does require levelling as it is very uneven and there is a risk of injury. An estimate of £4K has been received from Banyards for this. The Grants Officer at SDC would be worth contacting (Gale Gould) who gives guidance to Parish Councils. Cllr Ian McLennan suggested that it might be good to have a broader view regarding grants and the Whitebridge area generally.

Laverstock Watermeadows and Downland Trust The Parish Council have had informal discussions with David Burton (a local resident, a founder member of the Trust and professionally involved with conservation work) regarding future potential improvement of the Whitebridge Spinney area.

SDC/PMP Survey of open space facilities in the Parish There is concern that the Football Club have a very large green area in the Parish, but it does not have public access. It could, however, be included in the survey, so that the Parish looks greener than it is.

Bank Protection Works Whitebridge – A contractor has been retained and hopes to start work on this before the Environment Agency exclusion of 1st November – 30th April (due to the potential impact on young fish) The banks will be strengthened using bunches of willow faggots and backfilling with chalk. All necessary permits have been secured from the Environment Agency for this work to take place.

RECYCLING - New refuse bins are likely to be introduced. There will be a recycling bin, a black bin, plus the black box; a garden waste bin is available for an extra £26 per year. There will be a two-weekly collection, but the final details have not yet completed the journey through main SDC Council.

EMAILS - Only 3 or 4 councillors (out of 12) have email.

DUCK LANE – there are questions about the possibility that Duck Lane could be upgraded to a proper road following a similar situation in West Grimstead.

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SCHOOL TRAFFIC - The proposal to stop denominational school transport would radically affect all three schools. No buses would mean lots more cars! September 2007 is the likely implementation date. There is a Southampton initiative called First Bus; Cllr I McLennan will try to get the Laverstock schools up-to-date as it might help overcome the possible lack of buses from Sept 2007. Discussion and liaison between the Parish Council and the Schools continues.

ROADS in Laverstock. In response to complaints about the state of some of our roads, particularly Riverside Road and Woodland Way, WCC indicate that the roads are on the shortlist for surfacing works in the next financial year, but all "will be dependent upon resources available". As regards traffic in Ford the cost of self-powering illuminated speed warning signs is being investigated.

The 'Lengthsmen' system has been replaced by the similar but newly named Parish Steward scheme. In addition, the Probation Service has available Supervised unpaid Work Teams on Community Service. They could, if asked, clear up litter, clear footpaths, remove graffiti, stain or varnish playground equipment and so on. We hope that they will be working in the area very soon. Lane could be upgraded to a proper road following a similar situation in West Grimstead.

PARK & RIDE - Nothing was known about activity at the site other than the nearby extension to Tesco. Cllr Chilton reported that regarding the London Road Park & Ride, there were about 100 cars daily, but these tended to belong to workers travelling into Salisbury and the question was raised: Do visitors use it? It is known that the Petersfinger Park & Ride on the A36 had gone through Planning, but there was no further news.



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FORD, NORTON DRIVE Mr Harvey expressed concerns regarding the small copse in Norton Drive, Ford; the trees are in poor condition and also pose a danger from potentially falling limbs. There may be funds available (R2) to improve this area.

BOSWELLS - The Parish Council queried the numerous signs put out on Sundays without planning permission advertising that Boswells is open. Boswells said that the signs will not appear again and Sunday (summer) opening has ceased.

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Bishopdown Farm Residents Association has asked what the procedure would be (and the cost) for them to get our newsletter distributed around their area. As regular readers know, only the Hampton Park and Sarum Ridge sections of that estate (500 houses) are actually in Laverstock; the remainder (300) is in the City. BFRA would like a page of news and will look for advertisers in their area to cover the additional cost. The Parish Council is considering the situation.

Council Tenants

The response to the SDC proposal to transfer housing in October this year should have been brought to the Parish Council so that they could put pressure on the SDC in accordance with the wishes of the council tenants in the Laverstock area. Your Parish Council can only act in response to requests from residents in the area. You have to ask for help in order to get it.

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The kilns were, as the illustration shows, essentially three pits in a line linked by arches. The central pit was an oven chamber in which the pottery vessels were stacked upside down to be sealed in with a covering of overlapping broken tiles. An up-draught was created by fires in the lateral pits.



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The duty of the Parish Council is to reflect the views of the local residents. If they are not told what to say then they must make a judgement of the likely majority vote. However undemocratic, if a group shouts loudly about what it wants then their views will have a significant effect. Get Shouting. JK.

OVERHANGING HEDGES – Yet again, the Parish Council asks that all homeowners with hedges or branches near the footpath or road to check if these need trimming and get the work done promptly. The Parish Council is aware that a house in Becket Way has trimmed its hedge and dumped the rubbish into the Spinney. The option to prosecute for flytipping is available.

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As a young person you can have a say on proposed up-coming projects and decisions which affect you and your community - don't waste it - if you do nothing else this winter check it out. 'Yeahbut' was designed in consultation with young people - how many it doesn't say, but if you weren't one of them you still have a chance to give your feedback positive or otherwise. So give it a go, have your say - someone might just be listening!

Call Amber Skyring 01722 434568 for details or visit www.yeahbut.org.uk

Being a young person, I'm not your typical newsletter writer. In fact, I have only read the newsletter twice as it looks boring and seems to contain lots of articles that moan about school traffic. Now I get quite confused about this, we have to go to school, end of story! St Eds and Wyvern even finish at different times in the day to help reduce school traffic and 75% of pupils get a bus home. I'd walk if there were more pavements and less lorries in Ford. It would be nice if people could focus on the great things schools do like Charity Fund-raising, holding Tea-parties for the elderly, putting on plays, exchange trips with pupils from New York Schools, celebrating the Olympics in Singapore, achieving good grades (we got great results at St. Eds this year, including friends of mine who got A's for Maths GCSE statistics aged 14!) Obviously when I'm Prime-minister I'll ban cars completely and invest more money in making schools better places to be (our school is tatty and we have outgrown it) but until then even walking isn't a great option - you'll probably start moaning about large groups of young people hogging the pavements and how scary that is. I'm proud of my school and I hate the fact our School is often mentioned in a negative way, so thank you for giving me the chance to have a moan of my own.

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	Pilates	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Wednesday	Mini-Movers Playgroup	
1st in month	Evergreen	2.30pm
	Cubs	6.30pm to 7.30pm
	Scouts	7.30pm to 10.00pm
Thursday	Toddler Group (term-time only)	10.00am to 11.30am
	Line-Dancing	2.30pm to 4.00pm
	Tai Chi	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Friday	Fitness League	2.00pm to 3.15pm
	Brownies (term-time only)	6.00pm to 7.30pm
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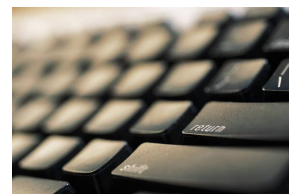
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From the Editor

ADVERT AMNESTY! ADVERT UPGRADE!

Laverstock News is upgrading its technology!
Some adverts have already lost detail as repeated scanning loses quality over time. A file of clean copies is required for most of the 50 current advertisers. Adverts the correct size can be submitted as pdf or jpg files to juliet@artsmonkey.co.uk or as clean hard-copy. We can also accept files as word docs or publisher docs, tifs, gifs, and bmps!



NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

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The new 2007 local rates are listed below; there is a surcharge for ad-
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Full-page	per issue £25.00;	3 issues	6 issues / 1 year
Half-page	£13.00;	£12.00 each;	£11.00 each;
Qtr-page	£ 7.50;	£ 6.50 each;	£ 6.00 each;

Advertisements which do NOT arrive in the proper size will incur
artwork costs of between £5 and £20 as necessary to correct the
format and wording. The requested sizes are as follows :-

Full page 130mm x 180mm; ½ page 130mm x 85mm; ¼ page 60mm x 85mm

The next issue (Jan/Feb 2007 # 101) will require information and
articles by 5th December 2005 and new advertisements to arrive by 1st
December.

CREATING A PARISH PLAN

The development of a Parish Plan has been a somewhat stop and start exercise over the past few years but the Parish Council are quite determined to have a draft ready for consultation by Christmas 2006.

Much in the way of preparation has already been done; in 2004 a great deal of consultation was undertaken. A questionnaire to residents was undertaken and a number of meetings were held to gather information about what individual members of the community felt were the key issues of importance.

We know with some certainty that, in summary, the issues include:

Traffic management: Travel, Road and Pavement improvement, Rural Environmental / Green space retention; General Amenities / Local Organisations and Future Developments.

It has never been more important for the communities within the Laverstock & Ford Parish to have a clear and unambiguous consensus of their values and aspirations. Previously, in the absence of a Parish Plan, we have so often found ourselves having to react to unacceptable proposals by the District Council and other agencies who do not have our Parish Community as a first priority. The recent application by Salisbury District Council for an overflow cemetery for the city on ground used for sporting activity was a good example of this. With the help of our own district councillors this particular initiative was defeated.

Our expectation should be that the Parish Plan as a local voice for our community will influence the decisions of District and County Council. It will be taken in to account by the planners when strategies are drawn up and Local Development Frameworks are prepared.

The overall aim of our Parish Plan will be to improve the quality of life for local people.

We will do this by setting out objectives for the character of the neighbourhoods we live in, giving and ensuring we keep, a separate identity for the Parish.

Whilst the Parish Council will lead the project, it is the community at large who will decide what key topics are sufficiently important to be included in the Parish Plan.

The process for delivering a Parish Plan requires a Plan with Key Topics leading to Visions and then specific Action Plans

The Draft Plan :

Using the information available to us now, we will draft a Parish Plan.

The proposed outline format is :-

- Plan of the Parish
- History and Heritage
- Identity and character and specific needs of the different community areas within the Parish - **Key Topics**
- From the Key Topics develop a series of **Visions**
- For every Vision identify an **Action Plan**
 - location – partners – timescale
- Support our visions with persuasive argument.

Consulting on the draft / Circulating the draft -

We will circulate the draft Parish Plan to local groups within the Parish ensuring there is comprehensive coverage of all the different community areas - e.g. Hampton Park, Ford, Laverstock, Old Sarum. We will also involve church groups, residents associations and all our own parish, district and county councillors.

Steering Group - this will be made up of representatives from the village communities to assist with further development of the Parish Plan. Our steering group will help us to ensure that all interested communities are represented. They will help us work through the *key topics* and translate them in to a series of *aims*.

Have your Say - Although there has already been a fair amount of consultation we appreciate there will be further matters you wish to bring to our attention. This can be done by contacting me, Anthony Markham, chairman of the Parish Council or any one of the councillors or by making your contribution at a Parish Council meeting (or the Clerk is available via email).

We will keep you informed of progress via the Parish Newsletter.

If you care about the community in which you live - if you would like to think that your views can have an influence on the future development of the Parish then making a contribution to the Parish Plan is a good way of doing it.

Please don't hesitate to make your views known either to a Parish Councillor or a member of the Steering Group when it is convened.

Anthony Markham Chairman Parish Council

October 2006