

DIARY Dates for Events in the next two months

JULY

Wed 5th	Evergreen Club	V.Hall	2.30pm
Sat 8th	Picnic in the Park with 'En Masse'	Sports Club	7.30pm
Mon 10th	Evergreen Club - Day Trip to IOW		
Mon 10th	Parish Council AGM	St A School	7.00pm
Mon 10th	Ladies Open Group	V.Hall	8.00pm
	<i>Bobbie Chettleburgh - 38 yrs of running Abbey Stores</i>		
Sat 15th	Cheese & Wine - members/guests only	Sports Club	
Mon 17th	W.I.	V.Hall	7.45pm
	<i>Nomadic wife falls into quilting</i>		
Mon 24th	Garden Club	V.Hall	7.30pm
	<i>Containers & Hanging Baskets: competition</i>		
Thurs 27th	Duck Jamming	Duck	evening
Sun 30	Fun Day - Race, Games, Hog Roast	Sports Club	2.00pm
	<i>Bouncy Castle. Proceeds to Hospice & Childrens' Ward</i>		

AUGUST

Wed 2nd	Evergreen Club	V.Hall	2.30pm
Sat 5th	Live Music with Cat and Mouse	Sports Club	c 8.00pm
Mon 14th	Parish Council	NO MEETING	
Mon 14th	Ladies Open Group	NO MEETING	
Mon 21st	W.I.	V.Hall	7.45pm
	<i>Saving the Past - 'Did your grandmother have one of these?'</i>		
Sat 26th	Live Music with August Blaise	Sports Club	c 8.00pm
BANK HOL	W/E - Live Music at the Duck		
Mon 28th	Garden Club - Bank Holiday	NO MEETING	
Thurs 31st	Duck Jamming	Duck	evening

Future Events

SEPT

Wed 6th	Evergreen Club	V.Hall	2.30pm
Mon 25th	Garden Club	V.Hall	7.30pm
	<i>AGM & Competitions</i>		

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Parish Newsletter

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CHANGES - Andy Hall is retiring as **Parish Clerk** after six years in the job.

His efforts have been much appreciated as you will read later. Now it is time to find a replacement. Contact Tony Markham if you are interested. The remunerated post is likely to be available from September 2006.

The imminent departure of the **Editor** is getting more complicated because the success of the newsletter is generating so many requests for advertising space. The newsletter has had to increase from a regular 28 pages during 2003, to 32 and sometimes to 36 pages. The advertisements (50 in this issue) are now filling nearly 50% of the available space - with contact details and regular features filling up much of the remainder. However, there is still a real need for ideas for the centre- spread as well as for useful fillers.

Please send your work or ideas to John King john@bytewyse.co.uk or ring 334337 or to Juliet Brain Juliet@artsmonkey.co.uk T. 01980 611203.

Advertising - apologies if there are any errors; several adverts were booked but the artwork arrived very late, making the layout very difficult.

Roads and Traffic and Schools - the main concerns in Laverstock -

After listening carefully - it seems there are some interesting long-term ideas. Overall with the schools and commuter traffic in and out there must be over 4,000 journeys both morning and afternoon by foot, bus, car and bicycle plus the significant few who use Laverstock as a rat-run. How about - school buses must drop / pick up at London Road Park-n-Ride and the kids us the cycle-path across to the schools ?

- All cars coming from Salisbury could drop off at The Green and loop off around Duck Lane.
- Similarly, (after Murphy's field is built on with a loop-road for the purpose) then all cars coming towards Salisbury could drop off there
- Shady Bower and Godolphin Hill could become one-way
- Wain-a-long Road and Bourne Avenue could become one-way
- A proper bicycle-path is built into the city.
- there must be some 'wild' but interesting ideas for the short- and long-term.

Hampton Park - the news is that the transfer of Hampton Park into the Salisbury City area is not going ahead.

OTHER CONTACTS AROUND THE AREA

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	Bookings	Eileen Gedge	Tel 01722 323491
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Evergreen Club		Jill Kay	Tel 01722 323407
Line Dancing		Mike Sainsbury	Tel 01980 610126
Fitness League & Extend		Sheelagh Browne	Tel 01722 324202
Bonsai		Rita Molland	Tel 01722 336401
Tai Chi		Cheryl Beeney	Tel 01722 337870
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Beavers		Jane Waspe	Tel 01722 421287
Guides		Charlotte Wheway	Tel 01722 324102
Brownies		Marilyn Owen	Tel 01722 322833
Flora Mundi		Mrs D Stevens	Tel 01722 335770
Garden Club	7.30pm 4th Monday of each month - visitors welcome		
St. Andrews Toddler Group		Mandy Beavan	Tel 01722 501635*
MiniMovers Playgroup		Susan Downey	Tel 01722 325825
Pilates		Sandra Walgrove	Tel 01722 412749
Old Sarum Residents Assoc.		Vikki Davies	Tel 01722 349119
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GENERAL NEWS

NO NEWSPAPERS FOR FORD - The two Dillons/One-Stop shops at Laverstock and at Bishopdown no longer have the paperboys to cover the Outer Hebrides and Ford. One suggestion is that all the papers for Ford are dropped at one or two houses for collection by desperate readers. Other suggestions would be well appreciated.

VANDALISM at COCKY DOWN - both the stiles were smashed on Saturday 20th May during the morning. The St Andrews Mini-Marathon was taking place around this time so perhaps somebody saw something? This damage has been reported to the Highways (Public Paths), the Police, the Parish Council and to the landowner.

RUBBISH - a huge amount of rubbish (enough to fill a bin-bag) was left at the top of Cocky Down on the weekend of 13th/14th May. Can anyone help identify the culprit(s) and prevent it happening again?

WANTED - PARISH CLERK

PAY, HOURS, DUTIES

Contact Parish Council Chairman - Tony Markham on 01722 329151

This is a great opportunity for someone with an interest in 'getting things done' or 'who wants to put something back into the community'. You will be helping with the decision-making process and in giving advice to the Parish Council. reasonable IT experience is important. Training and Support courses are available via SDC.

In Laverstock, there are some large and exciting changes - Duck Lane with about 130 houses; Old Sarum with over 600; Hampton Park; Porton Down, talking with the schools about expansion & traffic; and regular readers will know what else.

The work is about 12 hours per week - typically about two half-days and an hour or so on other days.

It is nice to have some excellent news about a local St. Edmunds girl **Alice Sims** came close to breaking the national 14-15 age group 'One Hour' record with her 180 lengths at Andover a few weeks back. She missed out by just two lengths (but she can try again next year when she is 15). To put this in perspective, the Godolphin School Sponsored Swim team of 5 girls managed just 120 lengths and the Godolphin staff managed only a few more. Alice did have the pleasure of obliterating the Andover Club age-group record by over 15 lengths.

State of the roads, parking and verges - three letters have been received.

It is very helpful to send these to the newsletter but they should be copied to the Parish Council in order to get the official response.

My near neighbours have 'white lines' outside their house to prevent parking - how can I get them painted outside my house too?

White lines are painted by WCC Highways at the request of residents. They have no standing in law - however obstruction of the roadway of any sort is illegal and can be prosecuted. Any request will have more weight if the Parish Council is persuaded to endorse the problem. Evidence by date and photograph of a real problem is an important factor in proving the need.

There is often a line of cars parked on the grass verge - what is the law and can they be prevented from parking there ?

Verges generally belong to the highway. Parking on them is therefore illegal as it is considered to be parking on the pavement. The day-to-day difficulty is enforcement especially where there is no actual complete blockage of the pavement for pushchairs and the like. Again, if you have concerns then pressure the Parish Council for their support and supply worthwhile evidence.

The state of the main Laverstock road is dreadful for cyclists - what is the plan for improving the potholes and very bad surface near the pavement?

The comments made above apply again. There is no known date set for improving the local roads. In similar circumstances, it is apparent that a bad accident is more likely to get results - the likelihood of an accident is not sufficient. The yearly 'lengthsmen' are not involved in repairs of that magnitude.

Similar comments about accident versus not-yet-accident apply to any possibility of making motorists more aware of the actual village speed limit. The lamp-standards are fully sufficient to denote 30 mph.

The Police have supplied details of EIGHT reported injury collisions along Church Road in the last 36 months. It is clear from the descriptions that several are 'reported for insurance' rather than 'reported because of actual endangerment'. For example:

- Two drivers losing control (one ending up in the river)
- Motorcycle running into car turning right
- Pedestrian knocked over by a car leaving school
- Two children running into the road
- Pedal cycle hitting stationary car
- Child run over by parent's car while putting things in the boot

Apparently, concern was expressed that the newsletter said that 'we could not get any worthwhile details from the Police'. I am very grateful that there is now much better liaison between the newsletter and the several local Police people.

Pam Sharp remembers Laverstock: Childhood

Earliest memories are walking up the pathway by the side of The Duck Inn from Duck Lane on its way from Milford and to carry on past the allotments on the left and the dark sinister wood on the right. When we got to the top of the hill we would pause to pick wild flowers such as harebell, toad flax, quacking grass, horse daisy and other flowers in season. We would perhaps then veer off into the fields, as long as there were no bulls in them...although once brother John was chased by what we thought was a bull and he tore his trousers jumping over the wire fence. The path took us down to the Milford Road at the place where the shell of Rangers Lodge Farmhouse and orchard stood on the other side of the Manor Farm road.

Some times we would, instead of going to the right at the top of the hill venture left and go and sit in the small wood, (Cocky Down) which overlooked Laverstock and look down upon the nursing home for mentally ill people, the church and a scatter of houses and a small village school and a shop. These outings would usually last all day, only going home when we got hungry, having eaten what we had taken with us.

Another of our walks would be to meander through the meadows (just before the small stone bridge and fish for minnows in the stream that ran along the edge, but which is now full of trees.

As for Bishopdown, what I can recall is there being very few houses as it was mainly farm land and running across the top was a path that went from where St. Marks School is now, along the ridge to the Old Sarum Inn (opposite Old Sarum). As children this was our favourite playing area as it had (on what is now the Pauls Dene side), a hillside of hawthorn bushes and small trees that you could crawl in and around on your hand and knees on small paths made by rabbits, a good place for hide and seek. The fields on the right looking down on the London Road, were mainly corn crops and sheep that I recall, I remember gathering wool from the wire fence for a school project. When the hay was first cut we would roll around in it and make hides. I remember putting young hawthorn leaves between slices of bread to eat, sucking the nectar from the honeysuckle that grew amongst the hedgerow and we ate more wild strawberries and blackberries than we took home.

When was this?..... any time during the later part of the war years to the early fifties. We were sent out if the weather was fine to go for a walk....that was me pushing a pram, the rest of the family, friends and children from the street. There would be at least six of us, with some bread and fruit in the pram to see us through the hours spent away.

We hope for more from Mrs Sharp in future issues.

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	3rd Sun. Common Worship
Sun 9.30am	Family Eucharist	<i>except 1st Sunday</i>
Sun 11.00am	Kingfishers	1st Sunday in the month*
Sun 6.30pm	Evensong	other Sundays ex. Summer Hols
Wed 9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	

OTHER Churches - St. Marks Parish Church,

Vicar	Revd Tom Fisher	Gen.Enq. T. 01722 323767
Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion	(BCP said)
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	(BCP said)

St. Mary's - Winterbourne Gunner	service at 9.30am exc. 5th Sunday
St. Michael's - Winterbourne Earls	service at 11.00am
also 1st Sun Holy Communion 6.00pm.	Wed Holy Communion, 9.30am
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 11.30.

Parish Council – Meetings: every second Monday of the month at 7pm 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 start of any meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to the Parish Council AGM on Monday 8th May 2006.

The year started with some turbulence following the resignation of our previous Chairman, Ron Meacham, on his moving away from the Parish; and this trend continued as Sue Haynes also moved, then Anna Parrett and Vikki Davies resigned for personal reasons. They were much valued for their services to the Parish and we wish them well for the future.

Following appeals in the Parish Newsletter, new council members came forward and we welcome Ruth Boyes, Derek Hayes, Peter Maffey and Mark Uffindell. They have already got down to business, so to speak, and are sharing areas of responsibilities well. There is, however, still a vacancy for the Old Sarum / Hampton Park area which we hope may be filled soon.

The Duck Lane Project has started, following a change of developer from *Linden Homes* to *Bloor* who are now pressing ahead with drainage and sewer construction on site. We have yet to have a meeting with the Bloor management but hope to arrange this in the near future following a number of issues being raised by local residents. Also as the project expands, we will be looking for some of the 106 agreement items to be delivered such as the lighting and paving improvements to Duck Lane; landscaping of the area designated to be handed over to the Parish; improvements to the Parish Hall and St Andrews School; and the anti-slip coatings to Park Road and Downview Road.

The Old Sarum project is yet to start but we are actively monitoring the situation now that a Church has been proposed for development in the area; and there may be issues in connection with Salisbury Football Club. We will report progress in the Newsletter. A bus shelter has been completed and is much appreciated by local users.

We have continued to voice the concerns of residents on the continued expansion of the Laverstock Secondary School campus with WCC LEA and the attendant problems of traffic, vandalism, graffiti and litter. The school's decision to release pupils from classes two hours before buses are available to take them home has added to the problem. Approaches to WCC, head-teachers and Police have been largely ignored. We will continue to press them to take action, but as WCC have decided to develop a new school in the north of the county, we can expect little relief for the immediate future unless the traffic and the children are better controlled.

We have been able to enhance the Whitebridge Spinney area considerably this year by extending the boardwalk, clearing the riverbank and removing dangerous or offending trees.

...Most of this work has been carried out at no cost to the Parish as we have been able to avail ourselves of the R2 grants (which were put in place when the Riverbourne Estate was developed). We intend to further improve the playing area by levelling and re-turfing the football area and overhauling the younger childrens' play equipment. More benches will also be provided along the boardwalk. RoSPA were invited to inspect the play area for the first time and some rectification followed. They will continue to advise on safety, repairs or maintenance in the future.

Having been let down for several years in the provision of a footpath linking Greenwood Avenue to Whitebridge play area, we decided to wait no longer funding the work from Parish funds. This has been favourably received and we now intend to link the end of the boardwalk to Riverbourne Road with a similar path, this time from R2 funds which were not available for the previous project.

John King deserves thanks in that he has produced excellent newsletters throughout the year, and whilst he will continue to deal with advertising, now wishes to pass on the job of Editor. Would anyone interested in the job please contact us via the Parish Clerk.

The Parish and Community plans still need to be finalised and this will be one of our priorities for the coming year. Drafts will be prepared and circulated to all interested parties for comment before submission.

This has again been a busy year and I would like to thank all of the councillors for their valued & excellent support in this, my first year as Chairman. With the Parish Precept being maintained at £14,000 for the coming year, I am sure you will agree that they have done a job to be proud of. Thank you.

Anthony Markham, Chairman, Laverstock & Ford Parish Council.

In the two council meetings since the last newsletter, much time has been taken up considering the Council's response to - Rejection of School-rebuild; the Recycling options being suggested for St Thomas Farm; the range of responses to the Park-and-Ride at London Road and the more significant one at Petersfinger; and to other topics too.

The knock-on effects of the resignation of Andy Hall as Parish Clerk are also being assessed.

The vandalism reported earlier is of concern; as also is the response of the police to this and other matters. It is gratifying to be told that John King has now developed a better liaison with several local police. One councillor does report however that an attempt to report a car parked on the cycletrack - and behaving strangely - was passed on to 'Customer Services' who did not answer after 10 minutes - and the complaint went unreported. Where should such untoward events be reported? - who is the best person to deal with them? Police please help.



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ST ANDREWS CHURCH NEWS

Sylvia Hale - It is with great sadness that a very large congregation attended her funeral. Dierdre Millhench wrote in the Church magazine

"It would not be an exaggeration to say that one of the pillars of St Andrews has fallen down. Sylvia came to St Andrews in 1961 and she worked tirelessly wherever the need arose but she will be remembered most of all for her beautiful floral arrangements and her compassionate friendship. She shared her expertise in all matters financial at Diocesan and Deanery levels. She also contributed terrific work to the Mothers Union. Some of her life was stressful but her strong faith sustained her at all times. I met Sylvia at St Thomas Sunday School when I was 7 and she was 9." Please write in with your memories of Sylvia to the Church magazine.

PARISH REPORT - At the six ordinary meetings of the Parish Church Council, the main topics were Church Fabric, Church Path, Church Glass, Church Field, Care in the Community, Fairer Share and Deanery Strategic Plan. In February 3 groups were set up to look at - The Building/Churchyard as a resource; Communications within the church and within the village; Spiritual Life.

The Resource Group has said that the church building should be available as a venue for example for a wedding exhibition. Also that the 150 year celebration of the re-build of the church should be celebrated in 2008. The 600th anniversary of the 1410 rebuild is also just round the corner.

The Communications Group suggested better use of the noticeboard, the newsletter, more contact with local schools and updating of pastoral care.

The Worship group circulated a questionnaire amongst the regular attendees. The need for attracting youngsters was recognised as also the need for a regular prayer and praise meeting; more Bible study and some other ideas.

The Parish Register has suffered considerable loss over this winter and now stands at 115 locals and 39 non-residents. This is a small drop from last year.

The Deanery Share for St Andrews was £20,786 v £16,629 for 2004. There was special expenditure on the Church path and the Church field viz the negotiations with the Sports Club [the field is let for another three years]. Overall, the church is coping with the increase in the amount called in by the Diocese but the PCC is well aware that there are potentially large expenditures ahead.

Mothers Union - the evening group in April had a very interesting discussion on 'anger' and how it can be dealt with in ourselves. There are 11 members of the group which meets on each 1st Tuesday usually at someone's home. The MU Afternoon group raised £395 to support MU projects both worldwide and local. The 15 members meet on each 4th Wednesday at 2.15 in the Curtis Room.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PC Barry Strange is now listed in the 'Contacts' section as the central link for all the local Neighbourhood Watch groups. He can come and advise on setting them up, & how Community Safety and Crime Prevention can help. He will also be writing the occasional report for the Newsletter. I have asked him to provide a report or summary of activity in the whole Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum Hampton Park area (with special news of the helicopter efforts).

He tells me also that there will be a regular NW bulletin covering the main Laverstock 'beat' area. Regular readers of the Salisbury Journal will be as up-to-date as anyone - but not everyone reads it thoroughly or often.

CONTACTS

Salisbury Police Station: 0845 408 7000 and 'ext' (NOT 411 444)
Our local 'beat team' PC Jane Willis-Newman and PCSO Lorraine Rice
0845 408 7000 ext. 723 896

Crime Prevention/
Neighbourhood Watch: Barry Strange 0845 408 7000 ext. 435 213
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Salisbury District Council:
General Nuisance: Flytipping, graffiti, litter 01722 434 319 or 320
Behaviour Reduction: Vandalism, noise, nuisance etc 01722 434 531

As an individual, I think that the Police should monitor the BBC3 program, Real Hustle, and ask whether this it counts as 'conspiracy to commit crime'. Now that I have reached 50 and have become an old fogey fascist - it's all going wrong!



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PARISH ACCOUNTS

The income via Precept (Rates) for 2005/06 was £14,000 and this will be unchanged for 2006/07. There were major expenses on the Whitebridge Path and on the Old Sarum Bus Shelter but these were mostly covered by grants or by R2 development money. The money on the Boardwalk was out of our own funds (£3,727) and meant that there was a small loss on the year although there may be a VAT refund to partly redress the situation (£ - 473 v 3,795). Administration was, as usual the major cost (£6,040 v 5,614). Upkeep of the Recreation Areas was the second major cost (£3,658 v 3,071). Minor costs which do not necessarily recur each year (trees, signs, noticeboards, bins etc) make up the remainder; the newsletter made a small profit this year (£166).

PARISH ACTIVITY

During 2005/6 there were some 90 planning applications dealt with by the Parish Council (down from the usual 120 or so). The major topics are no longer Duck Lane or Old Sarum but the park-and-rides at London Road & Petersfinger. Development at Porton (covered by Crown Immunity) is a potential difficulty.

Regular readers will know about the problems regarding traffic, speeding and schools. Parking on the verges is causing concern and the Police have said that visits and charges will occur at irregular intervals in the future. School numbers at March 2006 are 1,826 (capacity 1,881) which is only a small change since Nov 2004.

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RIVER SURVEY Observant residents may have seen the wader-clad Wessex River team working at various spots along the River Bourne. They have been asked to supply a summary of their report for inclusion in a future edition.

ARTISTS - it is very pleasing to be able to say that two or three new artists have been identified who may be able to contribute with new cover pictures for the newsletter - or even for other Laverstock-area projects such as the calendar which is mentioned elsewhere, postcards, tea-towels or other minor revenue items. Of course, our recent contributors, Austin Thorpe and Linda Appleby, may well provide more themselves but it will be exciting to see what the new styles will be for newsletter from Thea R Tist, May B Kullur and Anne Other.

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4th in month	Garden Club	7.30pm
Tuesday	Taoist Tai Chi	10am to 12 noon
	Pilates	6pm to 8pm
Wednesday	Mini-Movers Playgroup	
1st in month	Evergreen	2.30pm
	Cubs	6.30pm to 7.30pm
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Thursday	Toddler Group (term-time only)	10am to 11.30am
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BACK ISSUES - It would be helpful if anyone could spare #94 or #95 - please send them in to John King.

TWO ISSUES TO GO -

From issue 100 (Nov/Dec 2006) - there will be a new editor. Juliet Brain has taken over some of the important **EDITING** tasks; but assistance will be gratefully received with **NEWS COLLECTION**

Juliet's email is Juliet@artsmonkey.co.uk tel 01980 611203.

If you want to help then ring Juliet OR John King on 334 337

John King, john@bytewyse.co.uk is the contact for **ADVERTISING** only.

Jackie McFadden jackie@jmcfadden.fsnet.co.uk for **WEB WORK**.

The Parish Council will be supplying their news and reports on issues;
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CALENDAR - In order that the proposed Laverstock Calendar is more likely to go ahead - we need several companies, groups or individuals to say that they will make a bulk order. Anyone interested in doing so is asked to contact John King by phone or email as usual. Advertising space is also available.

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The Village Hall Management Committee held a very successful Charity Stall in the Maltings on Saturday 3rd June raising £516.92 for the hall maintenance (a healthy increase on last year's effort of £460). The committee wish to thank all the residents of Laverstock who kindly donated items for sale as well as those who worked the stall - Ann Haldane, Joyce Smith, John Beeson, Richard Gedge and John Scadden.

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NOTES from other local Newsletters

The Nadder Valley is well served by the Wilton and other newsletters - these are in A4 format, published monthly and extremely well filled with adverts. Out in the rural areas to the East of Salisbury, I have recently found "The Carrier" which is a free community magazine also published monthly, also A4 and even more filled with adverts in its 28 pages. It is available free from several sites on the edge of Salisbury - in Alderbury, Downton, Pitton and many places towards Wellow, Romsey and Stockbridge. It covers almost too wide an area to provide a worthwhile report of local council activities - especially as it covers part of Wiltshire as well as part of Hampshire. There is an interesting amount of coverage for performances around the village halls and so on.

There is some possibility that there will be PERFORMANCES at Laverstock Village Hall in the near future. If you are aware of any especially good groups or plays then please contact John King (334337) or Juliet Brain (01980 611203).

A known problem is finding available days in the busy Village Hall schedule.

Bumper Year for Bishopdown Farm Pre-School

By Sam McChesney, Pre-School Chair

This academic year has certainly been positive for the staff and children of Bishopdown Farm Pre-school. Firstly, we were awarded nearly £7,500 worth of grants, then we had a surprise OFSTED inspection, which was highly successful!

When I joined the Pre-school Committee back in October, the staff had a wish-list as long as my arm. As a fundraising novice, I didn't have a clue where to start, but I soon discovered the existence of the South Wiltshire Funding Advice Service. Their Fundraising Officer, Gale Gould, told me about the many grants and funds available to charities like ours...from then - I was on a mission!

Firstly, I applied to the National Lottery's 'Awards for All' scheme. They agreed to give us money for a music teacher and lots of musical instruments. Sarah Cooper from Salisbury's Music Box has been a huge hit with the children. The Lottery also provided new outdoor play equipment and toys designed for the younger children, as we now cater for 2 ½ year-olds during our afternoon sessions. All the children and their carers were funded for a trip to the award-winning Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm Park, which we are really looking forward to. Lastly, they funded a range of publicity materials for the Pre-school, so that parents in the whole Laverstock area can find out about the pre-school. You may soon notice our new posters and flyers, designed by pre-school parent Peter Smith at Trevor Peters Design, who generously did much of the work for free.

Encouraged by our successful application, I then approached The Local Network Fund, a government initiative which supports small community groups. They funded a large Storysack library, which is designed to enhance children's pre-reading and numeracy skills. They also provided a range of new IT equipment, including two laptops, a printer and educational software.

This will all benefit the pre-school enormously, helping it to go from strength to strength. OFSTED were clearly impressed with the service we provide for the local community, awarding us 'good', the second-highest category, in all aspects of the report. Let's hope that next year is even better!

Contacts Bishopdown Farm Pre-school: 340225

Gale Gould, SDC External Funding Officer: 434702

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Laverstock Scout Group

Beavers The Beaver colony is thriving with 20 attending each Saturday. There will be vacancies in January for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years as some older Beavers move to Cubs. The autumn term started off by visiting the Cubs and Scouts at the Laverstock Group Camp in Great Yews. Activities and games followed by backwoods cooking on the log fire made a pleasant afternoon in beautiful surroundings. A few weeks later the Beavers joined the district outing to Bristol Zoo. As the seals were a firm favourite, Seals have been added to the existing Reindeer & Penguin lodges. Future events should include visiting Hazel's Stables, a Christmas coffee morning with Beaver entertainment & the pantomime.

Cubs The summer months are always a busy time for the Cub Pack and this year was no different. The boys enjoyed many outside activities including bug hunting, river dipping, go-cart building and backwoods cooking. Three of the boys were lucky enough to join with the Scouts on their trip to the USA, they left as Cubs and returned as Scouts having been invested at a Mets baseball game. We also managed to fit in a camp which involved a rope bridge, fire lighting, a night hike and much more. Since the summer the boys had their own mini-Olympics, done some cooking and built shelters, stretchers and rocket launchers. Seven boys have moved on to the Scout troop and we gained two boys from outside Scouting.

Scouts Laverstock Scouts have recently returned from a visit to troop 443 in Salisbury North Carolina USA. Starting in New York they visited Philadelphia, Washington, and Williamsburg before arriving in Salisbury NC. During the visit the Scout group was presented with the Key to the City of Salisbury by Mayor Susan Klutz. Camping in the Blue Ridge mountains and white water rafting on the New River West Virginia rounded off a hectic but exciting trip. Through the winter the scouts will be working towards various awards as well as hiking in the New Forest, building and launching rockets and starting to plan for the camps and trips for next summer. Scouting is alive and well in Laverstock. - Keep an eye on our new web site. www.laverstockscouts.org.uk

Explorers Explorers are the more mature members of the Scout Group. We in Laverstock are fortunate to have a local group for this 14½ to 18 age group. Recent activities include joining the Scouts on the US trip, an overnight hike via Wilton & Laverstock to Downton, Cooking competitions, Litter collecting and Knitting! (Yes you did read it correctly). Plans for activities between now and Christmas include Paragliding, Bowling, Grass Boarding and working with the Trussell Trust Food Bank. **The Explorer Scouts are working towards their various awards and only this week Dan Gollins achieved the Chief Scouts Platinum Award.**