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Welcome to issue 148 of the Parish Newsletter.

A number of pages in this issue are the result of the vote taken by Salisbury City Parish Council that boundary changes should allow the city to incorporate local parishes, and our Parish Council's objections to their plans.

Hundreds of residents have had their say in the ballot on our website, in the last issue of the newsletter and by leaflets delivered to every home. **At the time of writing, over 99.7% confirm that they want "Laverstock & Ford Parish communities to remain independent of Salisbury"**. This public support is appreciated by the council, thank you to all who have taken the trouble to vote. If you are yet to place your vote, please do so, as our powerful democratic vote will be used to support our case at Wiltshire Council, who make the final decision.

Should Salisbury get its way, you would have only four, probably politically biased and possibly not local, Parish Councillors representing you, in a council of twenty seven councillors. Those four Parish Councillors will have to persuade at least ten of the other city councillors if they wish to get something done in our localities.

The problems of a rural parish are very different to those of a city and are best dealt with by residents of that parish. At present, thirteen local residents, non-political, spend time attending meetings, visiting the site of planning applications, meeting with developers and doing the other things which keep them busy on your behalf. On page 14 you can see some of the projects in which the parish has been involved over the last few years.

Front Cover :

The Green Laverstock in autumn.

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

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Old Sarum Youth Club

The funding cuts at Wiltshire Council has hit our one youth club in the Old Sarum Community Room. Rather than shrug our shoulders, local Parish Councillor Simon Byers is heading the group of parents and councillors which is looking for a way to keep the club going. Parent volunteers are an essential ingredient and so is funding. This is being evaluated at present and the PC is keen to ensure the project has the best possible chance of success. If you can help – please contact Simon direct or via the parish Clerk.

As I was returning from dropping my eldest son at university, having watched him introduce himself to his new neighbours, I reflected on how people describe where they are from. This was one of the reasons the city council felt we would be better as part of the city as we were all Salisbury residents. However where you live does depend on who you are talking to. Abroad I may be from the UK or England, to other fellow nationals, Salisbury (usually then followed by 'it's close to Stonehenge') and finally locally I'm from Bishopdown Farm. It does then seem a very poor reason to subsume a whole parish without seeking the views of local people. It must surely be dependent on who the parishioners want to be represented by and not where they state they are from. I for one prefer to have a non-political council of 13 people all working for the Parish, rather than 4 councillors on a political council who then have to make themselves heard against other councillors from other areas within the city who are, rightly, representing their own residents.

We are still waiting on news about the Community Governance Review which is considering the future structure of parishes and the electoral arrangements within parishes. We will continue to try and protect our Parish as best we can, as the response we have had shows that the majority of parishioners want to remain in the existing parish and do not want to become part of the city.

As we head towards Christmas, Riverdown Park continues to progress as more houses go up. At the time of writing this article there has been no news on Asda or Aldi, we should hear some news soon. Planning permission has been sought for a new school on Riverdown Park, which will form part of Greentrees School, as the requirement for more school places increases with all the new houses.

There is great news on the Community Centre at Old Sarum, as it seems work has finally started, not before time. I know this has been a sense of frustration for all the residents and the Parish Council, one can only hope they will get a move on completing the project.

As ever particularly over the winter period if there any issues which need to be dealt with such as flooding and ice please don't hesitate to contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 or via their website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk). They can only react if they know. The Parish Councillors and I are more than happy to report issues on your behalf but the more people who report issues the more likely it will get sorted and believe me as councillors we have no more sway on response times than any other residents but if reported multiple times an issue is more likely to be prioritised.

Parish Council Meetings

There was no formal Parish Council meeting in August but your Parish Councillors continued to work hard with informal meetings to discuss the proposal by Salisbury City to take over the whole of the Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park and Old Sarum, and also to debate the development proposals to build up to 470 new homes on Old Sarum Airfield. Your Parish Council is opposed to both of these proposals.

The September meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Old Sarum Primary School and we were pleased to see several residents attend and listen to the discussions. They also had the opportunity to air their problems to the Councillors before the meeting commenced. We would like to see more involvement in Parish Council meetings by residents. It is an excellent way to air grievances and put forward suggestions to improve your community.

The Clerk told the meeting that he has sent out a draft specification for the complete refurbishment of the Whitebridge Play Area. It is only 15 years old but is looking very tired and in dire need of improvement. It is hoped to complete this work over the winter months in time for next spring.

The proposal to build up to 470 new homes on Old Sarum Airfield and inside the Conservation Area was discussed in detail. The Council had sight of a Conservation Area Management Plan prepared on behalf of the company that has a lease on the airfield. It was agreed to send a letter with a severe criticism of this plan to the company. It is believed that they are moving towards a planning application and the support of all residents who are opposed to this development is vital.

The planning application for the new primary school at Hampton Park was discussed and the Council voted to support the application with one condition, that an acceptable travel plan must be prepared. There is a lot of provision for pedestrian access but we know that the attraction of car travel will mean a lot of new traffic. There must be adequate provision for this.

The Community Governance Review was also discussed. This is civil service 'speak' for moving Parish boundaries. The Parish of Salisbury City has resolved to ask Wiltshire Council to allow them to take over our Parish. Residents were asked to state their preference in an online and postal survey through the Parish Newsletter. At the time of the meeting, out of the hundreds of households that had responded and all bar one want us to stay independent of Salisbury. The Council plans more activity to oppose this takeover.

Two twelve-year-old residents of the Parish have been in touch by email to ask for improved facilities, and the Council discussed these requests. Lewis Woodhead would like some permanent goalposts erected on the Green at Hampton Park. Charlie Morris would like a bus shelter in Ford Lane. The Council will look at both of these suggestions. It is good to see younger residents taking an interest. Councillors of the future.

NEXT Parish Council Meetings

Monday November 17th at Greentrees Primary School Bishopdown

Monday December 15th at River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock

Your Wiltshire Area Board

Southern Wiltshire Area Board meetings:

Thursday, 4th December, 2014 7.00 pm Whiteparish Village Hall

Salisbury Area Board (Bishopdown Farm) meetings:

Thursday, 13th November, 2014 South Wilts Grammar School

visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk for details

email Tom Bray for Southern Area Board tom.bray@wiltshire.gov.uk

Or Lisa Moore for Salisbury Area Board lisa.moore@wilts.gov.uk

OUR COMMUNITY MATTERS

<http://southernwilts.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/>

Wyvern College's Building Work

Residents and users of Church Road cannot have missed the progress on the school's £10 million building project.

Besides refurbishment of the main building in Church Road, work has started on two brand-new state-of-the-art teaching blocks designed to house the school's Engineering and Technology facilities, which new head teacher Paul German says will be some of the best anywhere. The new blocks are due to come into use in September 2015.

'This will be an entirely new school and a fantastic opportunity for the future' said Mr German. 'It is the result of years of planning and addresses a very real need in our community.

'Our ambition is to deliver the very best educational opportunities in the very best facilities anywhere in the country. This massive investment underlines how critical a dynamic and successful Wyvern College is to education in the Salisbury area.'

Laverstock Evergreen Club Autumn Fayre

On Saturday 8th November In Laverstock Village Hall at 1 pm

Soup & Roll, Apple Crumble & Cream, Tea & Biscuits £4

Tea and Biscuits 50p Cake Stall, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Books and Raffles

This event is open to all, for more information contact Jill Kay on 01722 323407

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

A message to residents about the boundary issue from a Parish Councillor

Let's be honest about this. You probably did not originally choose to live in one of our Parish communities because the Council Tax was less than the city; although you *might* have congratulated yourself when you realised it was £92 cheaper at a band D.

You *might* have thought it would be pleasant living so close to the countryside with lots of fresh country air. It *might* have been a while before you realised that like it or not you lived in and are part of a thriving Parish. This Newsletter you are reading is testament to that. However the choice of a rural setting for your home comes with many more benefits.

Laverstock & Ford Parish Council with its unique communities in Hampton Park, Old Sarum, Ford, Laverstock and a small part of Milford (councillors living in and representing each community) has pursued a way of working wholly influenced by the Parish Plan we adopted in March 2009.

Over two years we surveyed all our residents asking them:

What they liked about living in the Parish and what they disliked.

What was good and what was not so good.

What they would like to change and what they would like to retain.

(The Parish Plan is still available to read on our Web Site)

The information gained from the Parish Plan enabled the Parish to Council to adopt an approach to its public administration which has served us well.

Living, out of the city, on the edge of the countryside we have encouraged the creation of a number of rural communities which reflect the views of the residents we consulted with. We have a separate identity from the city, orientated to a pastoral lifestyle and influenced by the historic heritage of the area.

Before taking on responsibility for something new or different we measure it against what our communities told us they wanted. We only take on projects where we can do it better. The Parish Council selects carefully to be sure of making a real difference. Can we do it cheaper or deliver better quality?

(To view list of projects to which the PC has made a significant contribution, see page 14)

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We are a completely non-political administration aiming to provide a different identity from that provided for the city dweller. It is quite unique by parish council standards. *(Even Wiltshire council has acknowledged that).*

The Boundary Commission states:

‘Parish councils have two main roles: community representation and local administration. For both purposes it is desirable that a parish should reflect a distinctive and recognisable community of place, with its own sense of identity. The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance.’

Well we deliver on all counts. That is ‘the truth of the matter’, so please continue to support your Parish Council and they will continue to support you.

Derek Hayes October 2014

Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women. This year it is particularly significant marking as it does the centenary of the start of the Great War (WW1).



Locally, the day will be commemorated with a service of remembrance St Andrew's, Laverstock:, the service begins at 10 am.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal allows the legion to provide practical, emotional and financial support to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present, and their families.

1010 Air Cadet Sqn (based at Old Sarum) will be selling poppies outside Tesco Southampton Road in the run-up to the weekend.

The deadline for articles to be published in issue 149, Jan/Feb 2015, is 1st December. Articles, dates of events, news about your school, club, or organisation based in the parish are welcomed.

Email to editor@laverstock-ford.co.uk.



Old Sarum Airfield

On the 24th of September 2013, a meeting was held at the airfield by Zero C on behalf of Old Sarum Airfield Limited and Angus Beale, part owner of land. The meeting was not well publicised and initially, the Parish Council were not included; my own invitation having been sent to 3 Pilgrims Way Laverstock, with many people in Ford not receiving one at all! Little notice was given, less than two weeks, and held during the working day, which precluded many people from attending. The Parish Council declined to be present, advising Zero C that before any consultation could take place; an acceptable Conservation Area Management Plan was required. This was dismissed by Zero C. However, Fielden & Mawson Architects are now engaged in producing a document which will be commented on later. No meaningful consultation has taken place since the Zero C meeting between the Airfield Owners and the Parish Council, the local member Ian McLennan and the community. Conservation Area management Plans are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. This type of document is expensive to produce and Fielden & Mawson are undertaking this task but ultimately has to be accepted by Wiltshire Council as fit for purpose.

As the land owner has chosen not to supply the Parish Council direct with any management plan and engaged only with Wiltshire Council planners, it has become necessary to ask repeatedly for sight of the plans. The June version of the management plans were received in July and responded to in September, details of our letter to the land owner are available on the Laverstock and Ford web site www.laverstock-ford.co.uk. Not surprisingly, the document was not considered satisfactory. As everyone knows, the airfield is a conservation area. One of the main reasons why a conservation status was granted was the airfield perimeter. It is intact and unique.

The concept drawings produced by the developer has included 470 houses in areas A and C which would destroy 65% of the perimeter and is not acceptable. In addition the Parish Council have objected to numerous points on the Management plan as have English Heritage, the detailed response is available on the Laverstock and Ford web site. The developer's reason for house building on this scale is the sustainability of the airfield. However there is no business plan to show what income is required, or indeed how the airfield would have a long term future. The only costing that has been presented is a comparison repair figure for Hanger 3, showing similar hanger repairs costing between £750k and £1m. In addition there is no plan to show how the noise from the airfield is to be managed.

English Heritage have commented at a meeting in January that any Conservation Area Management plan should be a stand-alone document that is independent of any developer and can be applied to any future ownership or management scenario with long term and short term objectives. The Parish Council do not consider the June plan meets the criteria.

Before any planning application can be approved, the developer has to satisfy the six points stated in Core Policy 9, these are as follows:

- A long-term proactive strategy for the enhancement of the Conservation Area including management plan and public access and visitor/interpretive material on its historic relevance.
- A high quality strategic landscape improvement to mitigate impacts of existing intrusive buildings, to soften impacts when viewed both from out of and into the Conservation Area and from Old Sarum Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- The completion of a legal agreement (section 106) to agree reasonable controls over flying activity in the interests of the amenity of local residents
- Submission, agreement and implementation of a development master plan, which delivers a high quality development that takes opportunities to enhance the historic environment and protects the amenity of existing residents
- Retains and safeguards flying activity from the airfield
- Provides community benefit for the Old Sarum residents.

Clearly the concept drawings have raised many concerns amongst Ford and other residents with the quantity of buildings proposed around area C which is front of property in Manor Farm Road and Merrifield road. This is unacceptable and cannot be of any benefit to these residents and simply does not protect the amenity of existing residents under Core Policy 9. Area A has many concerns as well, with 350 houses proposed for that site. The concept drawings displayed at Old Sarum cafe do not have enough detail for the Parish Council to meaningfully comment on.

What happens next? The Parish Council are now considering a revised Conservation Area Management produced in September which will be responded to over the coming weeks. It is anticipated that a planning application will be received at the end of the year at which time residents can make their comments on the application for consideration at the planning committee who will decide on the submission. This is a very important time and vital that your views are known to the planners. In the mean time comments on the development proposal could be made to your MP John Glenn or Jane Scott Leader of the Council, your views are important to these people as your elected representatives.

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The Parish Council will let residents know when the planning application has been submitted and keep you informed on the progress of this proposed development.

Ron Champion Parish Councillor

What has your Parish Council been involved in on behalf of each community in the last few years? (Apart from the day to day activities normally expected).

Hampton Park

- Actively involved the community in the formation of the parish plan
- Voted to take ownership, in principle, of the Country Park and continue this process
- Consulted locally and redesigned the Country Park to meet local wishes and achieve Green Flag standard – way above the original offering
- Twice intervened when the Pavilion management was failing and when BFRA stepped away. Outcome – formation of a charity and management company, with PC representative, to ensure continuance
- Assisted with grants for local projects
- Afforded space in the Parish newsletter to BFRA, to aid their resident communication
- Extended the Parish newsletter distribution to include Bishopdown Farm, at request of residents, to ensure ‘one community’
- Actively represented the views of the community in saying ‘no’ to the 500 home extension to Hampton Park – only lost when Secretary of State overturned Appeal Inspector
- Subsequently, engaged with Barratts & WC on all matters to improve outcomes inc school
- Include BFRA in community activity
- Named roads after past important local community figures and parish WW1 fallen
- Hold Parish Council meetings in Hampton Park

Ford

- Actively involved the community in the formation of the parish plan
- Tree work at Norton Drive wood at resident request
- The Steadings Midnight street light switch off – liaised with residents and WC
- Lobbied WC to improve Green Lane to Old Sarum

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- Broken Bridge closure/replacement – Actively worked with WC and residents over highways issues, throughout and subsequently
- Engaged with WC Area Board and part funded the ‘Gateway’ to Ford and SLOW signage to assist with speed reduction
- Continually engage with WC about OS Airfield and the Conservation Area

Old Sarum

- Actively involved the community in the formation of the parish plan
- Engaged with residents, Salisbury District Council and Wiltshire Council about inclusion of assets - recreation, school, community centre, shops, doctors etc from out-set and ongoing
- Voted to take ownership, in principle, of all land and recreation assets
- One small play area already taken on and land and other assets to follow
- Assisted with grants for local projects
- Were partners with WC Area Board in opening OS Community Room and have awarded several grants to assist
- Supported pathway alteration to Green Lane at Junction with The Portway
- Lobbied WC to improve Green Lane to Ford
- Continually engage with WC about OS Airfield and the Conservation Area
- Afford space in the Parish newsletter to OSRA, to aid communication with residents
- Actively represented the views of the community in saying ‘no’ to extra Persimmon homes including the Planning Appeals
- Working with WC over crossing of The Portway and extension to footpath/cycleway
- Named local roads inc. some after past residents who made a significant contribution to parish life
- Attend OSRA meetings as requested
- Hold Parish Council meetings in Old Sarum

Longhedge

Not yet commenced 673 homes. However, since day one, the PC has engaged with the land promoters, WC planning and the land owner and negotiated many 'extras' for the community, including large open space areas, sports pitch, changing facilities, Local Centre etc

Laverstock

- Opposed Duck Lane Development strenuously but then used public support to obtain many extras from development – recreation area, Sports Area and open space. Funds for Village hall extension, non slip road surface at junctions of original estate
- Taken ownership of open space & play areas at Duck Lane and improved security
- Improved Whitebridge land levels (it was sinking) and provided play area, pond and riverside Boardwalk
- Taken ownership of land at Cow Lane and support River Bourne Community Farm as a major asset to parish life.
- Supported the cycle lanes throughout Laverstock and to the City via Riverside Road and Laverstock-Bishopdown cycleway This traffic calming reduced speed by well over 10 MPH to under 30MPH at 85th percentile (Highways speak!)
- Church Road Midnight street light switch off – liaised with residents and WC
- Assisted with grants for local projects
- Resisted any further housing via Core Strategy
- Hold Parish Council meetings in Parish office or Classroom at River Bourne Community Farm

The parish council has representatives from all the communities and this is enshrined in the Parish Plan. There is a continuous dialogue with land owners, Wiltshire Council and developers about facilities and further green space acquisitions and improvements. Trails have been provided in the communities and footpaths improved to link all our communities by cycle, horse and foot. An active campaign in all areas of the parish has targeted dog walkers who do not pick up their dog waste. Suitable plastic bags have been provided free. From the Vets and Community Farm.

We are protective about each community and its distinctiveness and yet, at the same time, work to improve links physical & by opportunity. We strive to keep every resident and business informed through this Parish Newsletter which is produced and distributed to every home and business by volunteers, and our website www.laverstockford.co.uk

60 Years of the Mobile Library Service

The Wilton Mobile Library Service has recently taken delivery of a new mobile library for the south of the county. The new Wilton Mobile Library will help to continue a proud tradition that began in 1954 and will serve Wiltshire's communities as the county celebrates 60 years of mobile libraries in Wiltshire. Wiltshire Council's new low emission vehicle is one of a fleet of five mobile libraries travelling across Wiltshire and features a seating area for community use.



The Wilton mobile library stops at 66 locations once a fortnight including Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum and Bishopdown Farm. Last year the Wilton mobile library lent 38,600 items with people using the service 16,500 times. The free service stocks the latest thrillers and best-selling autobiographies, information, large print and talking books, as well as a range of picture books, stories on CD and films on DVD for children to enjoy. For more information visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

Laverstock

Mayfair Road 10am-10.25

Elm Close 10.35-10.55

Ford

Green Lane 11.05-11.25

Alternate Tuesdays

Nov 4, 18 Dec 2, 16, 30

Old Sarum

Pheasant Drive 10am-10.45

Alternate Wednesdays

Nov 5, 19 Dec 3, 17, 31

Bishopdown Farm

Busy Bees Nursery 10.15-11am

Sycamore Drive 11.05-11.20

Alternate Wednesdays

Nov 11, 25 Dec 9, 23

Also

Bishopdown Farm Pavilion 3.15-4pm

Alternate Saturdays

Nov 1, 15, 29 Dec 13, 27

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS

The BFRA wish to remind you that the annual Halloween party will take place this year, Friday 31st October between 5.30pm and 7pm at The Pavilion, Bishopdown Farm. The BFRA, which has been running for 18 years, hold this exciting annual event with two main aims in mind. Firstly, to provide a safe environment for parents to bring their children on Halloween night rather than walking the streets in the dark; and secondly to actively bring the community together. This year the BFRA are also inviting new residents of Barratt Homes nearby Riverdown Park development to share in the community spirit. It promises to be a fun filled evening with Halloween decorations, pumpkin mask competitions, sweets and 'Jonathan the Jester' a children's entertainer.

The BFRA have had tremendous feedback from parents and children from previous years and look forward to seeing old and new residents alike. This year we would especially like to thank Barratt Homes who kindly donated £500 towards the event which was crucial towards the evening entertainment. We would also like to thank Radian Housing, who are taking on 200 of the new homes, with their assistance towards this annual event. Lynnette St Quintin, Sales and Marketing Director of Barratt Homes Southern Counties, commented: "We were delighted to be able to help towards what I am sure will be an exciting and memorable evening for so many of the children from Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park. The BFRA do so much to help build strong ties within the community and we wish them a spooky fun filled night."

Please be aware that we have been limited by insurance to the numbers in the Pavilion so regrettably are going to have to limit it to 10 years of age and under. However, if you have a child under this age and another over we will let them both in! Please remember this is not a crèche facility and you are responsible for your children.

Supermarkets: The latest news was that the planning applications for ASDA, Aldi and Sainsbury would all be heard together at the Strategic Planning Committee. This seems eminently sensible as they will have a major effect on Salisbury. At the time of going to press we do not know when this will happen.

HP Trail: At last we have managed to make progress! We have walked part of the Trail and part of Bishopdown Farm with the responsible officer from Wiltshire Council. He has confirmed that the land passed from SDC to WC and thus they not only own it but are responsible for it. As the BFRA act as Trail Wardens we are now able to work closely with WC and The Farm to improve and maintain 'our' trail. We understand a number of residents have received letters asking them to cut back hedging etc which is blocking footpaths. We are also expecting the public right of way off Tryhorn Drive to be fully accessible with a new, self-closing, gate to ensure that dogs cannot run off the Trail into houses and gardens. We would be delighted to hear from any residents who would like to assist with looking after the HP Trail. We will be even happier if dog owners would pick up after their dogs – the description of 'poo alley' was all too true on some hot days recently.

Pearce Way: The BFRA has continued the battle with the state of Pearce Way. There have been some improvements but it is taking far longer than necessary and indicative of the developer's attitude towards residents. The hard pressed WC Highways Officer has tried to push but the door is wedged!

HP2/Riverdown Park: Some residents will be aware that work started on major landscaping in the 'country park' area, others will just have heard the heavy earth moving machinery working from sunrise. The BFRA have asked the developers to provide updates on how the development is progressing so that we can inform residents not only through this Newsletter but also through our website. It seems they are too busy to provide updates. However, we have heard from purchasers of new houses that the building work has slowed down because of a national shortage of materials with the result that some later work has been brought forward – hence the earth moving.

The Way Ahead for the BFRA: Regular readers of this newsletter will have seen our requests for assistance with various issues in our community from the simple things, like joining in a litter pick, to joining the committee. With the expanding community, our role has grown from the original concept of looking after the interests of local residents to include acting as local agents for the Parish and Wiltshire Councils. Some of the major events we have been involved in include: putting up a strong battle together with the PC to have the planning application for HP2 overturned only to lose at ministerial level; picking up the pieces of The Pavilion when the original management committee dissolved, and putting it back on a sound footing before handing it to Wiltshire Council. Because we value where we live we also maintain close links with our neighbourhood policing team and arrange regular litter picks to clean up after the increasing number of residents who seem to not to care what happens to something when they have finished with it.

The good news is that residents appear to value our efforts and probably as a result we have tended to become the first port of call on local issues. We in turn either take action ourselves or point the resident in the right direction for a response. What has not been so welcome are those who think that the work we have done is actually done by 'the council'. A classic example of this being users of The Pavilion who thought it was run by 'the council' rather than unpaid volunteers who did not want to lose this community asset. We have also had to suffer the occasional resident who cannot be bothered to find out the facts before lambasting the BFRA. Despite all this the longest serving member of the BFRA Committee has been working for you for nearly 14 years! With 500 new homes being occupied over the next couple of years the time has come to consider where we are going with the BFRA. A lot of our time is taken up with activity which properly lies with L&FPC and in turn WC. We also have a local community environmental role as wardens for the HP Trail working with the Parish Environment Group. With our AGM due in February we would welcome discussions now with residents on the future of the BFRA.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on. The site is kept up to date and there are a growing number of useful links to other sites. Communicate with your Committee at: www.thebfra.co.uk.

LOCAL WILDLIFE— What to look for in November and December

As the days shorten and it gets colder, many creatures hide away for the winter. Only a few truly hibernate, with heartbeat, breathing and metabolism slowing right down, and body temperature dropping. Hedgehogs and bats do this, but they may wake up to drink or feed for a short period. Frogs, toads, newts and slow-worms find a safe place under stones and logs, or in holes in the ground, to spend the winter months. Squirrels, badgers, mice and voles spend more time in their nests and burrows to conserve energy. Foxes remain active in the winter and December is mating time. Listen out for the vixen screaming to attract a mate.



Ivy is a very good plant for wildlife, providing all year cover, and is one of the last plants to flower. On sunny days butterflies, wasps and flies can be seen enjoying its nectar before they hide away or die off. Some insects spend the winter as pupae and others as eggs. Red admiral, small tortoiseshell and peacock butterflies find a sheltered place to spend the winter as adults, sometimes in sheds or garages; houses tend to be too warm for them. Ladybirds and snails congregate together in hidden nooks and crannies.



As other plants die back, ferns stand out more. Strap-like hart's tongue ferns grow in cracks in bridges. Lichens and mosses add colour to the scene. In November some trees have not yet shed their leaves. Oak and ash are among the last to drop, and beech hedges do not seem to lose their leaves at all until the new ones come in spring.

Fungi are still plentiful – look out for the little scarlet elf-cups in damp woodland.

Once the leaves have fallen it is much easier to see the birds. There are still berries around and fallen apples for the blackbirds and thrushes. The cotoneaster berries in our garden are usually a great feast for the local blackbirds and last through December. At this time of year birds form flocks to feed together.

Long-tailed, blue and great tits flit along the hedgerows in a gang, calling to keep in contact. Flocks of nervous redwings also call as they fly from tree to hedge. Fieldfares are more likely to be seen feeding on fields.

Yellowhammers show up well with binoculars, and are often to be seen in trees and bushes on Cockey and Laverstock Downs. Also look out for chaffinches, goldfinches and linnets. Pied wagtails gather together to roost in sheltered places, and sometimes choose a tree with Christmas fairy-lights as a good spot for the night. In the past they have roosted at the hospital in the car park. Look out for them flying in that direction in the late afternoon.



Do come and join us for a PARISH WALK looking for wildlife, especially birds and fungi, on **Saturday 15th November at 2pm from the Duck Inn**, Duck Lane, Laverstock. Please bring binoculars if you have them and wear suitable clothing.



By Penny Theobald

Salisbury & District Natural History Society

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Laverstock & Ford History Group

Next meeting on 20th November at 4pm in the Curtis Room of St Andrew's Church

Richard Deane will speak on Silverware and Silversmithing in Salisbury

News from River Bourne Community Farm

The farm recently received funding from the Landfill Communities Fund via Community First to build an engineering workshop for the benefit of the farm's BTEC students and the local community. This build is well underway and will be finished by the end of the year. As a result of this project and the farm's role as a BTEC centre and Alternative Provider of education to 15/16 year old young people from local schools, **the farm was presented with an award for the Most Innovative New Community Run Project or Service 2014 at the Community First AGM.** (See picture on centre page).



Kune-Kune piglets

The farm continues to grow and progress with many projects, all in various stages of development, which will help contribute to its future existence but it is essential to raise funds to pay for overheads and to ensure that we can keep providing the farm activities such as alternative education for our young people.

One of the farm's funding initiatives is the **"Friends of the Farm"** scheme, an annual subscription which provides several benefits to members including discounts on some tickets and events and the knowledge that you are supporting young people connecting with the environment and traditional farming. Please support the work of the farm by becoming a Friend. It is also possible to donate to the farm via the website w.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk using the 'donate' button.

Pre-Christmas Meat Sale — Saturday 6th December 10am — 3pm

Come along to the farm on **Saturday 6 December** from 10am – 3pm and buy your farm fresh traditional breed pork joints, sausages and bacon. The farm shop will be open and selling Christmas goodies. Mulled wine, mince pies and tea and coffee will be available – see you there!



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Grooming and training our Donkeys

We are looking for volunteers to groom our donkeys and hoof pick their feet on a regular basis. We would also like to improve the donkey's social skills and would want them to be haltered and walked and perhaps even ridden at some stage. **Experience with donkeys and/or horses is essential.**



Farm Leaders

We are looking for Farm Leaders with a few hours to spare a week to lead school parties (mainly primary schools) and community groups such as brownies and scouts around the farm. Visits are usually in the morning for around 2.5 hours and involve 3 or 4 farm leaders. Training will be given.

Farm Shop/Cafe



At the moment our shop sells our own free-range eggs and honey and stocks a range of local produce. On the cafe side we currently provide tea, coffee, snacks and lunches. We require volunteers able to cover one or two days or half days a week and occasional Saturday mornings. Shop staff should be cheerful, confident and numerate and able to work independently. We would prefer those with experience in retail. Hrs: 9am – 4.30pm or by arrangement.

Handy Persons

Are you a builder or carpenter or other tradesperson with a bit of time to spare or retired and looking for something to do? The farm is always in need of people who can be called on to come and help with building projects and we would love your help!



**For further details or to arrange a meeting please contact
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or email janewilkinson@riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk**



A Date for your Diary

**Chas & Dave play the farm Saturday 1 August 2015
Look out for early bird tickets available soon**

OLD SARUM UPDATE

At our most recent Residents Association committee meeting, there was a great deal of discuss related to further building options on and nearby the estate. Plans for building on the airfield are 'in the mix' again and also our much needed facilities are still outstanding. The issue of poor parking was discussed as was dog fouling.a common problem it seems across the whole parish. Opening times of the Play Park were considered.

GOOD NEWS ! Yes there is activity on the site....there are men in hard hats on the land designated for the new Community Centre. We are excited to see this positive move indicating a start to the building. It is hoped that it will be ready for a March opening. The 'acting' Centre management group are now needing to raise funds to equip the building. If you are interested in being involved in helping find revenue sources for this, or know of any, do let Penny Joyce know.



MESSY CHURCH This is a family friendly gathering held the 3rd Sunday of every month at Old Sarum School. Families make crafts, sing songs, enjoy stories with a Christian theme. This term the theme is Journeys so there will be some orienteering involved I am sure! Dates for this term are October 19th : November 16th and December 21st our Christingle and Nativity event. Just come along at 4pm when there will be a warm welcome awaiting you.



OLD SARUM PRIMARY SCHOOL is going from strength to strength! Riding on the wave of its OFSTED report finding it 'good' in all areas, it has now achieved a National Sports Award, and a National Science Award. It has also reached its Bristol Standard Mark for Early Years. Please do contact the school on 01722 410677 if you would like to look around the school and see all that is happening there.





The **ADULT BOOK GROUP** meets every 6 weeks and has about 8-10 members. It is always pleased to see new faces. Contact Lucinda on 01722 322239 for further details. **CHILDRENS BOOK GROUP** This meets the last Thursday in the month at Old Sarum Community Rooms. It starts at 6pm

for an hour and is open to all. There is no cost involved and we have looked at things such as Comic books, Joke books and even written our own books! Contact 07808 181885 for further information.

READING The school would love more people able to come in to school to hear readers. A morning or afternoon or even just a couple of hours would be most helpful. Contact the school directly on 410677 to get DBS forms (old CRB) and arrange the best day for you to regularly come in help.



1010 (Salisbury) Sqn, AIR TRAINING CORPS. The squadron parades at the Army Reserve Centre opposite the estate. If you want to join them on

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Old Sarum Nursery

With every slot taken, children are now being added to a waiting list. The likely expansion into the new Community Centre opposite, will be after Easter. Please get your child's name down early, even if it is to change from another nursery, to your local. The Nursery has not been idle and has been investigating everything from nearby empty MOD housing to Yurts for temporary extra accommodation.

Don't miss St Andrew's Primary School Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm. See page 39 for more details.



Laverstock Gardening Club Annual Show Report for 2014

The Village Hall looked wonderful at this year's Annual Show thanks to over 150 good quality entries in the 32 Classes on our schedule, all this despite the record high temperatures and then the heavy downpours during the recent thunderstorms, so well done everyone.

We had exhibits in every class from just one in a couple from the flower and plant sections to thirteen for our new class of six fuchsia heads displayed on a black stand, they really were beautiful. The cookery classes were well supported with entries in the Bakewell Tart reaching double figures and the Florentines just one behind so any prize won in those classes was well deserved.

Our Show Committee of three worked hard to arrange a wide and varied choice of classes for our members but any suggestions for next year's show would be welcome, we try to include something new as well as the old tried and tested ones.

As Show Chairman I would like to thank Moya Hill for doing all the paperwork this year and Mike Gamble for all his expertise, I am sure they would like to join with me in saying thank you to all whom helped set up tables etc; and cleared everything away after the show, to those who acted as stewards for the judges, made tea and cakes, put up bunting or helped in any way to make the show the success I felt it was.

Show Results:

Winner of the Silver Salver	Mary Reardon with 28 points
Joint 2nd place	Margaret Eyres & John Mesure 27 points
3rd place	Julie Dennis 26points

Well done everyone I am very proud to be involved in such a great club.

Mary Reardon Show Chairman



Laverstock Gardening Club meets at Laverstock Village Hall on the 4th Monday of the month. New members are welcome.

Next meeting Monday 24th November Speaker Ray Broughton
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Parish Environmental Group

The Parish Environmental Group met at River Bourne Community Farm on the 1st of October. We said our fond farewells to Steve Hannath who led the PEG from its inception up to recent months then had a big think about what the Group should get up to over the coming months. Here is some of what we thought we should tackle:

- A litter picking morning from River Bourne Community Farm and Murphy's Car Park on Saturday, 8th of November from 10.30 am as the Parish contribution to the national Big Tidy Up – Everyone welcome!!
- Support for the Wildlife Walk being led by Penny Theobald and Paul Howland on Saturday, 15th of November (See Penny's article in this newsletter)
- Fulfilling a championing role for the Trails Groups across the Parish
- Calling for a volunteer to lead a Laverstock bid for Best Kept Village in 2015
- Supporting the residents of Hampton Park and Old Sarum to make the most of their new Green Spaces and minimise the impacts of the current construction activity
- Having a recruitment drive to revitalise PEG

On that last point we are holding our next meeting at River Bourne Community Farm – Hopefully in their nice cosy straw bale classroom from 7 pm on Tuesday the 2nd of Dec. Anyone who has an interest in the environment of the Parish is very welcome and do please bring a friend

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4pm on first Sunday of the month is the 'St Andrews 2' (family) service in St Andrew's School hall (A time of worship, with food, singing, craft, Bible stories and prayer).

9.30 am Wednesday, Holy Communion for both churches (St Andrew's and St Mark's) Churchwardens: Mrs Sue Gallagher (01722 332619), Bryan Evans (01722 320129)

Remembrance Sunday (November 9th): the service begins at 10am

Christmas Eve 4 pm Crib Service 7 pm Carol Service 11.30 pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day No service at St Andrew's

St Mark's, London Road:

9 to 11 am Sunday

1st Together @ 10 (9am HC followed by informal family service)

2nd Holy Communion : 3rd Morning Worship : 4th and 5th Holy Communion

Various groups for children & youth spanning crèche to teenagers on 2nd – 5th Sundays in term time

6.00 pm Sunday

1st No evening service : 2nd Evening Worship : 3rd Holy Communion

4th Evening Worship : 5th No evening service

9 am Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri Morning Prayer

7 pm Mon Weekly Parish Prayer Meeting for both churches

Vicar, (St Andrews & St. Marks) Rev Jim Findlay Associate Priests, Rev Jill Offer & Rev Diane Roberts

For more details of services or for any other information contact the Church Office on 01722 340368 or visit www.stmarksandstandrews.org.uk

St. Michael and All Angels, Winterbourne Earls :

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

Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am

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

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

Associate Priest Rev'd Penny Joyce (07808 181885) email: pennyoldsarum@gmail.com

Rev Wendy Pugh (part-time) (01722 501443)

Churchwardens: Mr Terry Hall (01980 611681), Mrs Becky Baker (01980 611343),

Roger Morgan (01980 611474) Website: www.stmichaelswebsite.org.uk

Salisbury Vineyard Church : meets every Sunday, 10.30am at Godolphin School— Real coffee, friendly people, real God and uplifting atmosphere. Details:: 01722 340166 or visit www.salisburyvineyard.co.uk

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham at Holy Redeemer, Bishopdown

Mass 11am every Sunday, Wednesday 6.30pm. Evensong 6pm (2nd Sunday of month)

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

Most Holy Redeemer Fotherby Crescent, Bishopdown SP1 3EG. Saturdays 6pm, Wednesday 10am Canon Michael Fitzpatrick. For more information ring 01722 333581 or email office@salisburycatholics.org. Website: www.salisburycatholics.org

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If you are a member of a local club or organisation, or have an unusual hobby which you think would interest your fellow residents, write a short article about it for possible inclusion in a future Parish Newsletter. You can include pictures which support the article. A full page is a round 400 words. **Email these to: editor@laverstock-ford.co.uk**



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Old Sarum Primary School www.oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk
Old Sarum Residents Association www.osres.org
River Bourne Community Farm www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk
Salisbury/Southern Wiltshire Area Boards www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards
St. Andrews Primary School www.standrews.primary.uk.net
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The Pavilion, Hampton Park www.hamptonparkpavilion.co.uk
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Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau www.cabwiltshire.org.uk @WiltshireCAB
Community First www.communityfirst.org.uk @CommFirstWilts

Contacts around the Parish

Clubs, Groups, Organisations, Venues and amenities

Air Cadets (Old Sarum)		320634
Army Cadets (Old Sarum)	Adam Reavill	07940 984886
BFRA Chair	Celine Le Boedec-Hughes	332 443
Bishopdown Farm Pre-School	Elaine Watkins	01722 411471
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Laverstock Cubs	Kate Knight	01980 622495
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Evergreen Club	Sandy Small	711129
Flora Mundi	Mrs D Stevens	335770
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Greentrees Primary - Head	Mrs Jan Bennett	340596
Cricket Club	Mr Martyn Nokes	01980 611494
Hampton Park Pavillion	Hamptonparkpavillion@gmail.com	
Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	416245
Laverstock History/Archaeology	Bryan Evans	320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Sue Mason	322990
Laverstock Beaver Scouts	Jane Waspe	421287
Laverstock Scouts	Alistair Riggs	07561 441116
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club		327401
Laverstock WI	Thelma Green	320179
Mother's Union Evening Group	Jenny King	349824
Mothers' Union Afternoon Group	Heather Ludlow	
Old Sarum Primary School—Head	Mr John Jones	410677
Old Sarum Aviation Museum	@BDACATOldSarum	323636
Old Sarum Community Room	Lucinda Hyman	329693
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce	329693
St. Andrews - Head	Karen Walker	503590

Old Sarum Beaver Scouts	Louise Thompson	329145
Old Sarum Cub Scouts	Lindsay Killackey	417434
Old Sarum Scouts	Neil Fotheringham	329415
St. Andrews - FRIENDS - Chair	Mrs Ang Vincent	07768 199768
St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Sallyanne Sheppard	07540 735740
St. Edmunds - Head	Miss Sarah Busby	328565
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St .Josephs - Head	Mrs R Ridley	335380
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Wyvern College Head	Paul German	500700
Wyvern - FRIENDS	Mrs Joanna Charlton	331245

If you're a not-for-profit or charitable club, group or organisation within the Parish you could be listed here. We also list some community venue contacts and amenities.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM:

**Community Policing (non emergency)
Phone 101**

PC 1594 Henry Clissold, and PCSO 6326 Rachel Gunn for Laverstock & Ford

For Bishopdown Farm (including Hampton Park) PC 0544 Simon Davies and PCSO 6314 Nicola Clark

email southernwiltsnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk



WILTSHIRE HELPLINES

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CLARENCE: Emergency Helpline 0800 232323

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FLOOD LINE 0845 988 1188

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY Emergency Helpline: 0800 807 060

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VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock and Ford Village Hall

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PARISH Diary Dates for events in Nov/Dec 2014

NOVEMBER

Tues 4th Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm

Wed 5th Laverstock Evergreen Club at 2.30pm in Laverstock Village Hall

Sat 8th Laverstock Evergreen Club Autumn Fayre Laverstock Village Hall 1pm

Sun 9th Service of Remembrance St Andrews Laverstock 10am

Mon 10th Laverstock Ladies Open Group Christmas Flower Demonstration by Sarah Faber of "Petals" 7 45 pm Laverstock Village Hall

Thu 13th November, Salisbury Area Board South Wilts Grammar School

Sat 15th Parish Walk looking for wildlife, especially birds and fungi, 2pm from the Duck Inn, Duck Lane, Laverstock.

Mon 17th Laverstock Evening W.I. Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm

Mon 17th Parish Council Meeting Greentrees Primary School Hampton Park 7pm

Mon 24th Laverstock Gardening Club at Laverstock Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed 26th Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 2.15pm

Fri 28th Friends of St Edmund's Fashion Show and Christmas Market at 7pm

DECEMBER

Wed 3rd Laverstock Evergreen Club at 2.30pm in Laverstock Village Hall

Thu 4th Southern Wiltshire Area Board meeting—Whiteparish Village Hall, 7pm

Sat 6th River Bourne Community Farm fresh pork sale 10am-3pm

Tues 9th Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm

Mon 8th Laverstock Ladies Open Group Christmas Celebrations 7 45pm Laverstock Village Hall

Mon 15th Laverstock Evening W.I. Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm

Mon 15th Parish Council Meeting River Bourne Community Farm Laverstock 7pm

Mon 22nd Laverstock Gardening Club NO MEETING

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