

Diary Dates for Events May and June

May 2011

1st Tues	Mothers' Union Curtis Room 8.00pm
2nd Wed	Evergreen Club Village Hall 2.30pm
7th Mon	Bonsai Village Hall 7.45pm
14th Mon	Ladies Open Group Village Hall 8.00pm
	'Traveller' Culture (Nomads) with Roger Redding Wessex Travellers' Support Group
21st Mon	Parish Council St Andrew's School 7.00pm
21st Mon	Women's Institute Village Hall 7.45pm
	AGM with Entertainment
23rd Wed	Mothers' Union Curtis Room, St Andrew's Church 12.00 noon
	Lent Lunch
28th Mon	Garden Club Village Hall 7.30pm

June 2011

4th Mon	Bonsai Village Hall 7.45pm
5th Tues	Mothers' Union Curtis Room 8.00pm
6th Wed	Evergreen Club Village Hall at 2.30pm
11th Mon	Ladies Open Group Village Hall 8.00pm
18th Mon	Parish Council meeting St Andrew's School 7.00pm
21st Mon	Women's Institute Village Hall 7.45pm
25th Mon	Garden Club Village Hall 7.30pm
27th Wed	Mothers' Union Curtis Room 2.15pm

We welcome all groups, societies and clubs within our Parish to publicise your details of meetings, reports, details of AGMs, special meetings and events so that you may inform your membership as well as gain new members.

May/June 2011

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Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the

Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter

A bi-monthly Newsletter produced by the Parish Council, distributed free of charge to over 2,700 households and local businesses, providing news, information and items of interest for the Parish including Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park, Bishopdown Farm and Old Sarum.

Deadline

for the July/Aug 2011
Newsletter (No 128)

will require information/
articles, reports, new
advertisements and
amendments to adverts
to be with the editor by

Friday 20th May 2011

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The Duck	Becki & Tim	327678
Village Hall Secretary	Ian Haldane	320879
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Wyvern College Head	Mr Chris Tomes	500700
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Laverstock Sports Club	Mr Dave Marriott (Sec)	331726
L&F Watermeadows Trust	Naomi King	334337
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Mother's Union	Jan Seaman	413433
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St. Andrews - FRIENDS - Chair	Ali Andrews *NEW Number*	07403 774307
St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Emily Sharps	07841 907987
St. Edmunds - Head	Mrs J Goodall	328565
St. Edmunds - FRIENDS	Mr Mark Stone	
St. Josephs - Head	Mr P Hughes	335380
St. Josephs - FRIENDS	Mr Barry	504775

Our thanks to Robin Dinnis

The Parish Council wishes to express its sincere thanks for all the tremendous work done by Robin Dinnis over the years. For several years, single-handed, he collected from the printer and distributed all the Parish Newsletters to the main street distributors. Following his retirement, it has become very evident just what a huge undertaking and achievement this was. Thank you Robin – great job well done!

Our Editor

Sadly, our Editor Chris Devonald is not well and has been unable to edit this edition of the Parish Newsletter. We hope that you will be understanding of any shortcomings in this edition. Time has not allowed us to contact all our advertisers so we hope that adverts are as requested by advertisers. We all send our very best wishes to Chris for a speedy recovery.

Until notified otherwise, please send all Parish Newsletter communications to Juliet Brain lfparishnews@gmail.com and to Steve Hannath at parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk

Winter Home Insulation Scheme

Good News! Over 1,000 of the homes treated were vulnerable 'priority' cases: the occupants either over 70 or in receipt of benefits, and for them the work was free, on a full grant from CERT. 1,200 other households benefited from insulation at a heavily discounted price.

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Residents wishing to register for the scheme should ring 0800 0190 702 to book a free insulation survey.

Best Kept Village

Once again, the village of Laverstock is entered for the CPRE 'Best Kept Village' competition. This will be judged in May/June and will include all public areas plus the fronts to private gardens, the schools, the shop, the church (which always scores high marks for appearance), bus shelters and so on. Please do your best to ensure that the place we call home always looks its best by ensuring tidiness and the removal of any offending litter and rubbish. Let's do our best to return to the top spot in the competition that we achieved two years ago.

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Village Clean Up Day

Saturday 7th May in Laverstock. As last year, this is being kindly supported by Wiltshire Council and is under the aegis of the Laverstock & Ford Downland & Watermeadow Trust. The cleanup will be from 10.30 – 12.30 followed by a BBQ at the Community Farm. We will be supported by the local scouts and by the Air Cadets of Squadron 1010.

You are invited to join us at either Murphy's car park or the Community Farm where plastic bags and some litter pickers will be available. Please bring a litter picker if you have one and do wear protective gloves. We will clean up most of Laverstock in time for the judging of the Best Kept Village competition. Do consider helping out on this worthwhile community venture.

Householders' Emergency Guide

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Parish Office Mrs Margaret Burbeck Tel/Fax 503123
Churchwarden Mr Bryan Evans Tel 320129
Churchwarden Mrs Sue Gallagher Tel 332619
Verger Mr Ray Samways Tel 329843
Sun 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday BCP)
(2nd & 4th Sundays at St. Martins) (3rd Sun. Common Worship)
Sun 9.30am Sung Eucharist *except 1st Sunday*
Sun 9.30am Family Eucharist (1st Sunday in the month)
Sun 6.30pm Evensong
Wed 9.30am Holy Communion (said)

Other Churches - St. Marks Parish Church,

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2nd & 4th Sundays - Term time young people's groups
Sun 6.00pm Evening service - includes Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays Wed 9.00am Holy Communion at Barrington Centre (Bishopdown)
St. Mary's - Winterbourne Gunner - Service at 9.30am except 5th Sunday
St. Michael and All Angels - Winterbourne Earls - Sunday service at 11.00am
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Wednesday Holy Communion 9.00am.

Team Vicar - Rev. Peter Ostli-East- (01980) 611350
Churchwarden - Mr Terry Hall - (01980) 611681
Churchwarden - Mrs Becky Baker - (01980) 611343
PCC Secretary - Mr Bill Sivewright - (01722) 415833
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Canon Michael Fitzpatrick & Fr Tom Dubois Tel 333581
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Contact Rev Rosemary Richter Tel 334833 or Tel 01980 611274
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Minister Rev Sue Percey.

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Service every 4th Sunday at 6.00.p.m, Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at
7.00.p.m. Administrator: Mrs Wendy Searle 500531, John Lodge Moderator

Laverstock Evergreen Club

Charity Number 1027430

Coffee Morning

On Thursday 26th May

15 Napier Crescent

10.00 am



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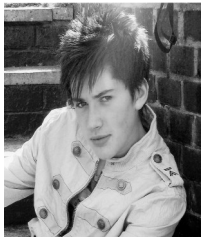
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The Chestnut Tree

Some months ago the Parish Council was made aware of the diseases
attacking the grand old chestnut tree by the seat and river on Riverside
Road. This information was shared with our arboriculturalist and with
Wiltshire Council. Sadly, the tree was found to be in a much worse state
than first realised and was cut down in late February. Heavy pollarding
was first planned, but it had gone past saving and could have been a
danger to the public. We say farewell to a much loved tree that has been
a feature of the Laverstock landscape and given much pleasure for many
years.

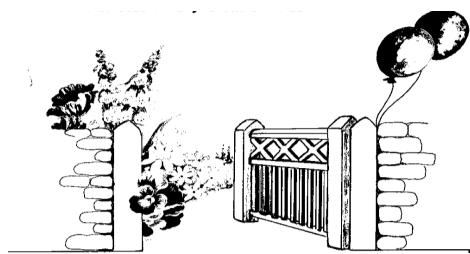
Riding for the Disabled

Sponsored Ride: Wilton Riding for the Disabled (RDA) are bouncing into
Spring with fundraising to keep the School running smoothly and the
horses happy. Why not join in with the Sponsored Ride on Sunday 15th
May. Entries can start their ride from 9.00am until 1.00pm. Its an ideal
opportunity to ride through 12 miles of the beautiful New Forest National
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Gray 01725 513033 or Email: judyypg@btinternet.com.

Summer Fete: Half-Term High Jinks at Heale House. Wilton Riding for
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Laverstock Gardening Club Open Gardens Day Sunday 17 July 2011

...more details in the next edition!

The Parish Precept for this year

The precepts for the new financial year have been published by Wiltshire Council. There are 253 parish and town councils in Wiltshire and the average precept is £71.04. Laverstock & Ford is one of the larger parish councils in the county but our precept is just £10.78. We have just 19 precepts that are lower than ours, mainly in tiny places you might not have heard of such as Patney or Sopworth. The larger precepts tend to be with the larger councils as they generally have more responsibilities. Calne heads the list at £201.94. Our smaller neighbours at Alderbury have a precept of £34 and our City neighbours are surprisingly low with a precept of £85, whilst most comparable town councils are in excess of £100. We trust that residents will be pleased with our low precept but with size comes extra responsibilities and that costs money. As the new Localism Bill encourages more responsibilities to be taken on locally, along with the PC's wish to be able to control the standard of service given to its residents, costs may well have to rise in the future.

BISHOPDOWN FARM YOUTH CLUB

The Bishopdown Farm Youth Club operates from the Pavilion, Ash Crescent, Hampton Park on a Friday evening
(term time from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.)

Age 11-17 yrs (Secondary School age)

For more information on activities see web site:

<http://www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/bishopdownfarmyouthclub/>

or contact:

Michael Pembroke (Youth Worker)

Tel: 07502431626

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SpireWeather Review – January-February 2011

After 2010's dramatic conclusion with the coldest December on record, January and February 2011 were somewhat uninteresting meteorologically speaking.

After a quiet chilly start to January, the second and third weeks became much milder and wetter with 32mm (1.3") of rain recorded in Laverstock between the 6th and the 8th, and a further 20mm (0.8") between the 10th and the 12th. January's maximum temperature of 12.7°C (54.9°F) was recorded on the 13th, whilst the cloudy, damp conditions prevented night-time temperatures falling below 11.0°C (51.8°F) that evening – exceptionally mild for January. The rest of the month saw a return to quiet, much colder conditions with a daytime maximum of only 1.2°C (34.2°F) recorded on the 29th and January's coldest temperature of -5.7°C (21.7°F) recorded early on the 31st. Although January's rainfall was well above average, there was a notable absence of snowfall.

February was less exciting still, with only just over half of January's rainfall amounts - 53mm (2.1") compared to 90mm (3.5") respectively. February's wettest day was 13th when 17mm (0.7") was recorded. An extremely mild 14.3°C (57.7°F) was recorded on the 24th, whilst February's minimum temperature was only -1.8°C (28.8°F) on the 8th (at the time of writing March has already recorded much lower minima). The 7th was particularly windy with a maximum gust speed of 18.4mph recorded – this compares with SpireWeather's record gust of 19.7mph on the 19th July 2009. The SpireWeather station is particularly sheltered by Burroughs Hill and this compares with gusts of 41.6mph and 42.3mph respectively on the same dates at Boscombe Down.

So after a very cold start, the winter of 2010-2011 was not as cold as last year's, but still cooler than the long-term average. February ended up being the ninth warmest February on record with no snowfall observed.

Perhaps we should be thankful that we live in a region of the world without too many extremes of weather and natural disasters, and our thoughts should be with those that are currently suffering so much following the record earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Remember to check official sources of weather data where life or property may be at risk.

Enjoy Spring!

Simon, SpireWeather

Summary notes from the Parish Council meeting held on Feb 21st, 2011

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

During the public session

Before the meeting proper started all present had the opportunity to look at the proposed drawings from Wiltshire Council (WC) regarding the changes suggested to overcome the traffic problems in Milford Mill Rd. WC accepted that we are at the first stage in resolving this traffic problem and that, should changes to signage and surfacing not work, the problem will be revisited i.e. WC officers have said that they 'will not walk away'. Alan Hotchkiss stated that the 7.5T lorry signs are not explicit enough and that there is too much wording. He expressed support for signs at the A30 indicating 'No access to A36 – use ring road', and likewise, signs at the A36 'No access to A30 – use the ring road'. Cllr Law opined that officers could not put up signs that were not exact and legal. Discussion followed and Alan Hotchkiss agreed that we had come a long way. The Chair read from Wiltshire Cllr McLennan's report suggesting that the PC resist the use of white lines at the edge of Milford Mill Road (MMR). He stated that these are not rural and that white lines at night tend to increase road speed. He also suggested that the traffic lights are used to delay traffic into Petersfinger and MMR. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the WC project officers making the following three points:

Explicit signs regarding use of ring road as outlined above.

No white lines along MMR.

Traffic lights set to delay turning right into P&R entrance.

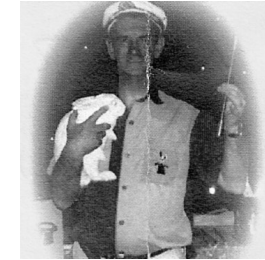
Mr Bryan Evans reported on the progress made by the War Memorial Group. He explained that the war memorial in the church was only for WW1 and that currently there are eight names put forward for a memorial for WW2 plus two more as yet unacknowledged from WW1. The Group of about eight members had met twice. Their preferred option is to have a brass plate installed below the existing WW1 plaque which would have space for the men above, plus room for any current/future conflicts required. Upon approach the diocese has indicated likely agreement to this project. The Group intends to contact the British Legion and the War Memorial Trust. An article has appeared in the recent Parish Newsetter, but that submitted to The Journal has yet to appear.

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The Group intends to contact the British Legion and the War Memorial Trust. An article has appeared in the recent Parish Newsletter. Mr Evans suggested that an official body such as the Parish Council would need to front this project. Raising the necessary funds will be the next challenge. The Memorial Group had approached the Heritage Lottery Fund, but the project is too small, and will try for a grant from "Awards for All". Residents might also like to contribute and any gifts made via the church could be Gift Aided. A quote received for the work is for £1,026.60. The Chair suggested an approach be made to the Area Board, the Clerk agreed to send details to Bryan Evans who would send the names and addresses of organisations to whom the Clerk would write on headed notepaper.

Grass at the end of Whitebridge Road The Clerk reported that some planting had been done, but that, much to his surprise, only one small strip following the line of the "muddy desire path" had been planted. This was not as the PC had agreed or expected, the Highways Officer also expected the whole area to be planted. Completion of this task is now back with WC and the landscape contractors. Watch this space.

Extra Parking Provision in Duck Lane Due to funds being used for projects such as above (and making good the incorrectly placed bus shelter in Hill Road), funds are fast diminishing which could have been available for the extra parking project.

M/A from Members Cllr Law reported that the Community Farm had no objection in principle to the siting of a salt grit bag, but that one bag was unlikely to last very long and, given that it was for PC use only, would be most difficult to manage. It was agreed that pursuing this further was, unfortunately, a waste of time.

Cllr Law outlined the situation regarding the circulated email on Trading Restrictions. It has been discovered that Salisbury had no regulations regarding street traders. The PC is happy to support the regulation for no ice-cream vans being allowed within 500 metres of schools, but the suggested regulations want to charge for everything sold that is not from a permanent shop. This could impact on BFRA car boot sales and other good causes! Whilst there would be no charge for charities, many of the organisations likely to be affected are not registered charities. WCllr Moss stated that he was in fact Chairman of the Licensing Committee and that this issue had arisen as Salisbury currently has no control over street traders. The PC is asked to respond to this consultation. Cllr Law proposed that we support the Executive Report, but ask for private land and good causes to be excluded from the regulations.

Localism Bill

The Chair outlined this as an important issue in the future which would impact considerably on PC and its work. Members are encouraged to read up on this wherever possible. The notion of a village design statement was raised as having possible major impact as an outcome of this new bill. It was decided to seek some examples and consider whether the PC would pursue this initiative.

Correspondence

All items were taken as read from the Agenda, save for the following:

01 The proposed development by City Brisk in the north-east corner of Partridge Way was discussed and the decision was to respond to the company indicating that we could not support this project, preferring the ground to stay open for recreation.

03 It was agreed to put forward Whitebridge Play Area and Hampton Park Green as suitable locations for the Queen Elizabeth II's Fields in Trust initiative, which sought to identify and protect 2,012 outdoor recreation sites in 2012 to mark HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

05 Subject to the cost being no more than £20, it was agreed to use the Community Hub Room at Wyvern College for the May PC meeting.

08 In response to St Edmond's School regarding its proposed change of status, it was agreed to write and express general support for the school in terms of its success and that the PC wished to continue a close working relationship in order to resolve issues such as traffic and transport.

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09 A grant application for £200 had been received from the Community Farm to provide the materials to build a traditional wood-burning clay bread oven. This was accepted.

12 A letter from Barratt's Homes along with the Clerk's draft reply was distributed by email. Following discussion, it was agreed that a short polite and non-committal reply should be sent by the Chair.

14 It was decided not to pursue the suggestion of a Parish Council sponsored royal wedding celebration as put forward by a local resident.

15 It was agreed that Laverstock should again enter the CPRE Best Kept Village competition 2011.

Reports

Clr Law drew the attention of the PC to the beautiful daffodils that had been planted on entry to Laverstock from St Thomas' Roundabout. He next reported on the petty vandalism at the Farm but indicated that, given its location, it was always anticipated and that Ben Parker was on to it and determined to beat it.

Clr Hayes reported that WClr McLennan had indicated in his own report that he was still active regarding the proposed Youth Club. *Clr Hayes* stated that whilst WClr McLennan was a tenacious supporter of the Youth Club initiative, in his view nothing had changed, no parent had come forward and does not believe that this initiative can be successfully resurrected.

Clr Sainsbury reported on the SWAB meeting and said that it was heartening to attend such a good meeting and to see the grant money allocated. He pointed members to the reports from the various partners as contained in the SWAB minutes which stated that, despite the cuts, these partners were trying to maintain their frontline services. He indicated that there had been a presentation on proposals to change services to a more face-to-face format. *Clr Sainsbury* next reported that the Area Board had endorsed the planning for community resilience and asked how should this PC be involved. He identified the three major questions:

What assets do we have?

Who is vulnerable?

Who responds?

Given the constraints of time for this meeting, it was decided to agenda this item for March.



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Lastly, Cllr Sainsbury reported on his follow-up to the flooding in Church Road caused by water pouring down from School Lane. He had informed CLARENCE and a reply had been received from Graham Axtell to whom he had sent photos of the problem. The drain was swiftly emptied but will require grinding out as it is completely blocked. This will need future monitoring.

Cllr Dore reported that some of the grass at the Hampton Park Green is in poor condition, possibly due to motorists driving across during the snow! She agreed to monitor this and report back.

Cllr S Champion reported that there had been a major clearance of an overgrown hedge in Ford and that the landowner had explained that the growth was interfering with overhead electrical cables. This work had been done before nesting time for birds and in due course, with some replanting, will be a great improvement.

Cllr Houston reported on the street lighting survey indicating that it was an article in the latest Parish Newsletter. The Police have indicated that any change would need to be reversible should circumstances demand. The Police are not for this initiative, nor against it. The Chair and Vice Chair undertook to raise this again at Area Board as the Police are working partners there and would not seem to be supporting an initiative which has come from the Area Board. Cllr Houston then reported that he had organised a Community Safety meeting for 14th March at St Andrew's School where the switching off of lights could be on the agenda. This meeting is advertised in the latest Parish Newsletter.



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Clr Vincent reported that the Old Sarum Community Room is receiving more bookings and is expanding its activities. The Zumba Club is so successful that it might split into two evenings. On Saturday next there will be an Open Day with an opportunity for the new Head and Governors to meet prospective parents of the new school. Natalie Moss informed PC that the small room at OSCR will be rented for the new Headteacher's use until the school is built and also undertook to provide the Clerk with a report on the new Head for the Parish Newsletter.

**Summary notes from the Parish Council meeting held on
March 21st 2011**

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During the public session

Tony Markham raised several points including the proposed War Memorial at St Andrew's Church. He asked that the PC front this project which would cost just over £1000 + VAT. He then explained the Village Fund which could be used to collect donations and which currently has £1.19 in it.

John Seymour raised the issue of HP2 and indicated some 'confusion' by seemingly contradictory decisions by WC. The Chair outlined the situation regards the Strategic Planning meeting which rejected the proposed development and the Core Strategy meeting 3 days later which agreed it a suitable site for 500 homes!

The Chair then introduced Mr Kevin Flynn who had put himself forward to join the PC. He was asked to give a brief introduction to himself and then, following some very positive discussion of his previously distributed details, the members present co-opted Mr Flynn onto the PC to represent particularly the residents of Hampton Park. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council and wished him a successful and enjoyable time as a councillor. Mr Flynn was asked to sign the Declaration of Acceptance form.

Matters Arising These were taken as read as per the Agenda, save for the following:

Grass at the end of Whitebridge Road The Clerk reported that no muddy desire path had yet appeared. The minimal shrub planting appeared to be working. This was confirmed by *Clr Maffey* who had watched students crossing the Whitebridge Rd. The Clerk would inform Tom Gardner accordingly but keep the possibility of more planting 'open'. He would also report that some shrubs look 'dead'.

Use of Community Hub room This now looks unlikely for the May meeting as the Clerk has been informed that meetings must terminate by 9.00pm and that hirers are required to have their own £1.5 million public indemnity insurance! The Chairman undertook to follow this up at the Schools' Liaison Meeting.

QEII Fields Challenge Given the complicated process demanded of this initiative, the Clerk will write to the organisers explaining our concerns at the process of registering.

Planning

HP2 – The dates for the public enquiry have now been given and the Clerk was asked to write to the Administrator requesting an agenda and indications of when the PC would be allowed to speak. As the enquiry will be held in early May, this leaves just April to make arrangements for our presentations. The Chair indicated that we would need a sub-committee to meet with BFRA and the residents of Ford. At this point, the Clerk read out extracts from a letter from John Glen our MP and Greg Clark, the Minister for De-Centralisation. Under the Localism Bill, the intention is to allow communities to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which would then drive future planning. If an application conformed with the Neighbourhood Plan, then it would be granted. Whilst the Localism Bill would not be fully implemented at the time of the May enquiry, it is hoped that its spirit of community power would be allowed to prevail. No reply has been received from David Milton asking for advice as to whether to go ahead and produce a Village Design Statement in advance of any Neighbourhood Plan, which might still be some way away. WClr McLennan was asked to follow this up with David Milton.

It was also suggested that the Clerk approach WALC for its view with regard to the above.

The members of a sub-group for HP2 was agreed as being Cllrs Dore, Flynn, R Champion, McLennan and Houston plus the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to liaise with BFRA to arrange a meeting date in the very near future. WClr Moss agreed to join this group.

The Chair then reported back on the visit to County Hall attended by Cllrs Champions, Law, McLennan and the Clerk. He stated that we arrived at about 4pm expecting to speak to the Core Strategy, but that it was nearly 7pm before this took place. Cllrs Champion plus the Clerk (as a resident) addressed the full WC and had just three minutes each to speak. The Chair described the whole event as a "circus" and in the end the Core Strategy was adopted in full (including the site for HP2) as the members were frightened that a rejection would open up the flood-gates to a developers' field day.

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There followed a discussion of this expressing disappointment at the way in which the PC members had been treated and WClr Moss agreed that it had been a “strange” meeting. WClr McLennan agreed that the meeting had been badly handled, but that his one accepted amendment ensured that local consultation means talking to the PC and its two WC members. This means that we will have some say in regard to the width of the strategic gap between Ford and the planned development.

There then followed discussion of the use of “support” and “no objection” with regard to planning applications. “Support” was deemed to be a positive endorsement of an application, whilst “no objection” was deemed to be neutral. It was suggested that the term “support” be used only for those applications which the PC wanted to firmly endorse, eg applications at the Community Farm. This was agreed.

The financial statements, including the cheques detailed in the agenda, were accepted. Proposed Clr Wright, seconded Clr Sainsbury, carried aif. The Clerk explained that whilst the precept had remained the same as last year the per capita cost had fallen for each household due to the expanded Electoral Roll from new building at Old Sarum.

WClr Moss offered the services of Bourne Hill for meetings, which would be free if a Wiltshire Councillor was in attendance.

The Clerk was then asked to outline the changes made nationally in terms of how Parish Clerks may be paid. Up to now the Clerk has been accepted as a self-employed person by HMRC, but this must cease from 6 April 2011 when the PAYE system must be adopted, meaning that no allowances for office and telephone may be paid and the advice is that travel allowances should be paid at the 40p rate which does not attract Income Tax. The Clerk requested that the PC pay a company to deal with all of the PAYE issues and who would compute for three months in advance the salary to be paid to the Clerk along with the amount to be paid to HMRC.

Standing Item from Parish Plan

Clr Law was absent and unable to report on any developments in his proposed Tasking Group for Local Facilities and Community Character.

Parish Newsletter

The Clerk outlined the situation with regard to Chris Devonald, the editor. Sadly, Chris has been seriously ill in Portsmouth Hospital and is unable to edit the next edition (127) of the Newsletter. It is hoped that the Clerk and Clr Law, with the help of Juliet Brain, will be able to ensure that the Newsletter appears for 1st May. Advertising for this edition is already in a template prepared by Chris. Members expressed their concerns for the editor and send him and his family every good wish, the Clerk had already sent a Get Well card.

The Clerk then reported that Mr Robin Dinnis, who had distributed the Newsletter for several years entirely on his own, is also unwell and unable to continue to be involved. The Clerk indicated that he had already written a short piece of thanks to Robin which would appear in the next Newsletter.

Correspondence

All items were taken as read, save for the following:

01 It was agreed to decline the request by a local resident to remove fallen wood in the Whitebridge Spinney. Our arboriculturalist has advised that fallen trees be left to rot and return naturally into the earth.

02 Regarding who conducts the internal audit for this year, the Clerk suggested that another Clerk be asked to do this as the process does not require a full audit, but simply to look at one month's processes and to check that this are in line with statutory guidance. 08 Regarding street naming at Old Sarum, it was agreed to support the use of birds' names as per Partridge Way.

09 Cycleway Salisbury/Amesbury. Following discussion of this and a suggestion from Cllr S Champion, it was decided to accept the proposal as per the agenda:

'Whilst this PC heartily endorses the concept of the cycle way from Amesbury to Salisbury and would wish to fully support it, we do ask that consideration be given again to our preferred route from Ford to Hurdcott which avoids the dangerous bends and narrow road past Ford Mill i.e. following footpath LF25 as a preferred alternative.

At present, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians are already using LAF25 with consideration and respect to each other. There are no apparent safety issues and visibility is good. The existing path keeps all vulnerable parties off the main road as much as possible. The improvement of the surface would enhance the route further for all that use it, especially during the winter months.

We appreciate the costs are affected by our preferred choice, however, safety is of prime concern and we believe that to choose Option 1 would be a mistake.'

10 Sixth Form for Laverstock. Discussion of this subject raised lots of serious concerns regarding more pupils, some of whom would be drivers, coming into the already cramped campus with no provision for car parking. The Chair undertook to raise our concerns at the planned Schools Liaison Meeting. It was agreed that, if WC planned to save money through this initiative, then appropriate resourcing for the initiative, including permanent buildings and car parking arrangements, should be made. The question was also raised as to why the current sixth form provision at Sarum Academy could not be improved.



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Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to WC expressing those concerns as this is where the project has been initiated. 12 Bus Timetable. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to WC expressing concern that any changes to the bus service would prevent residents from using the bus for outward and return journeys to work.

16 Disappointment was voiced over the contradictory and confusing reply received from Helen Powdrill regards the signage and road markings for Milford Mill Road. The Clerk was asked to write to her with a copy to David Bullock reminding her that it had been agreed to remove the A36 signs to Laverstock.

17 The Chair and Cllr McLennan agreed to attend the meeting with Andy Mead (WC) and David Burton (CF) regarding the use of any possible country park if the HP2 development went ahead.

Reports

Cllr McLennan reported that the recycling schedule from WC should have been received by all residents and that the implementation of the two-week collection will be starting in the near future. This would mean the free green wheely-bin being available, which perhaps the Village Hall Committee would acquire for its grass cuttings.

Cllr Law in his absence, the Chair informed members that a part-time Trails Officer, funded by the Heritage Lottery Trust and Salisbury International Festival is due to be appointed for developing trails locally, including at the Community Farm.

Cllr Houston Police NTR. Flooding NTR. Community Safety: following the item in the last Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers to join a Community Safety Tasking Group, Cllr Houston informed the meeting that nobody turned up to his meeting held on the previous Monday. He was disappointed that nobody offered to join, but was thanked by the Chair for all his efforts and work. The Chair indicated revisiting this topic in the future.

Cllr S Champion expressed her concerns over the volume of rubbish at Old Sarum, particularly in the field between the old and new estates.

This is private land, but the Clerk would inform Steve Pooler at WC. Cllr Sainsbury reported that he had been in contact again with Graham Axtell (WC) in following up the flooding problem at School Lane. Graham Axtell agreed to pursue this and indicated that an "acco" drain might be installed.

Cllr Wright also expressed concern over the volume of litter appearing at Old Sarum, but on a more positive note was pleased to see the new school rising from its foundations.

Clr Dore reported that she continues to monitor The Green at HP and indicated that a knocked down bollard had been fixed in a few weeks. She further reported that at the recent SAB meeting, Clr Law had distributed an update on the Community Farm which had been very positively received.

Clr R Champion reported that he had been in communication with Nick Cowen (WC) regarding the upgrade to Green Lane. He reported that a new sewer pipe was due to be installed within the next year and he (Nick Cowen) would be vigilant to ensure that the Lane would be restored to its previous good condition. Some work would be on hold pending the sewer work, but WClr McLennan indicated that the money available is for the section from The Portway to the farm at Green Lane, Ford. Clr R Champion will follow this up with Nick Cowen.

When asked about the work on the Ford drains at Boswells, it was reported that no work has yet started. The Chair agreed to contact the WClr Mike Hewitt and Officer Danny Everett. He lastly reported that re-planting and a new gate are scheduled along Roman Road in Ford where the old hedge had been severely cut back.

In conclusion, Mrs Natalie Moss was asked to give a brief update on the new school being constructed at Old Sarum. She stated that it was gratifying to see it being built, the new head has been appointed and an advert is being placed to recruit the deputy-head. The school now has some temporary numbers, but these are likely to firm up in the course of time. She agreed to send a short piece on the new school and head to the Clerk for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

New member for Hampton Park

We are delighted to welcome Mr Kevin Flynn to the Parish Council to represent Hampton Park and replace Dr Gail Route who recently resigned.

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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TASK GROUP 1 (TG1)

TG1 met on 9 March (Alan Hotchkiss in the chair) to discuss current and projected transport and traffic issues, summarized as follows.

The Schools Travel Project. Discussions with WC staff are continuing on the provision of pupils' access to Laverstock's schools from the London Road Park & Ride station. In addition, the LFPC at its 21 February meeting had reviewed plans for proposed changes to the Church Road layout to facilitate drop-off and pick-up activity whilst allowing through traffic to flow more easily.

Petersfinger Road/Milford Mill Road Traffic. LFPC and TG1 members met with WC Highways staff on 8 February, with specific reference to WC's proposals to improve signage on the A30 and A36 junctions in order to warn HGV drivers of the weight limits on the rural roads. Following the LFPC meeting on 21 February refinements to these proposals had been sent to WC, but their response on 18 March was less than satisfactory and indicated that we must continue to press for clearer, more specific restriction signs to be displayed at these junctions. On the broader issue of traffic management on the local roads through Laverstock, TG1 agreed that residents of Milford and Laverstock parishioners should be encouraged to continue to write or email their concerns about road conditions and traffic levels to WC.

Traffic Count. Members of the Milford Preservation Group (MPG) are to be invited to take part in a traffic count later this year. The objective will be to verify the levels of traffic flow and vehicle types using Milford Mill Road and Milford Bridge. The count will cover a 24-hour weekday period, and the resulting data will be sent to WC in support of our case for taking action to combat the use of the route and Laverstock village as a rat-run. The count should also reflect the effect of traffic levels generated by the progressive increase in retail outlets on the Southampton Road trading estate. In addition it will provide a guide to the possible effect of future residential development at Hampton Park.

Speed Watch. The TG noted the modest success of the Speed Watch scheme used in Ford, with equipment shared by a number of communities in the area, and we await confirmation that Laverstock and Milford will be added to the programme.

Lorry Watch. The MPG proposes to establish a local Lorry Watch scheme in which residents would be invited to report details of HGV traffic contravening the 7.5 tonne weight and/or height limits. It is recommended that Laverstock residents might also adopt similar measures, in which any resident seeing a HGV that is clearly outside the weight or

It is recommended that Laverstock residents might also adopt similar measures, in which any resident seeing a HGV that is clearly outside the weight or height limit should note: the date and time, location of road, vehicle registration, its direction of travel, and details of owner/operator (with telephone numbers or website address).

The report should be made to the WC Trading Standards Department, telephone **01225 713534 – Mr Thomas Hutchinson**, giving as much of the foregoing information as possible. If time permits, a photograph of the incident would be even better. An outline of the report should also be made to the Clerk to LFPC so that we are kept in the picture.

War Memorial: a further update

The small group which is working on plans for a Second World War memorial in the church has been making progress. No one has sent us any new names, but some stories of Laverstock's war dead have come to us. We are now seventy years on from the early years of the Second World War.

Last year was the 70th anniversary of the Aalborg raid (described in the March/April newsletter). This year is the 70th anniversary of the loss of HMS Hood. These thoughts have spurred us on to aim to have the new memorial in place by Remembrance Sunday (November 13th).

If this is to be achieved a few things need to happen first. We need permission from Salisbury diocese to place the new memorial in St. Andrew's church. The process has been begun, but it will take a few weeks.

Then there is the matter of funding. We have been quoted the sum of £1,026 for the brass plaque and the engraving of the names. We are approaching service organisations to see if any would be willing to contribute towards this amount. But we believe that Laverstock people would want to have the opportunity of contributing. (Some funding bodies do look for such local involvement with a project.)

Please make cheques payable to 'Laverstock Village Fund' and send either to Mr Steve Hannath, 83 Church Road, Laverstock SP1 1QZ, or to Mr Tony Markham, 13 Woodland Way, Laverstock SP1 1SB.

We hope that many in Laverstock will feel able to contribute.

And do keep the information coming!

Bryan Evans, for the War Memorial group.



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The Wiltshire Core Strategy 'Circus'

Several members of the Parish Council went to County Hall in Trowbridge on Tuesday 22nd February to address the full Wiltshire Council on the issue of the proposed Core Strategy.

Within the Core Strategy is the proposal to earmark the land to the north of Pearce Way (HP2) for 500 homes. We were told to arrive at 4pm by which time the Council would have completed its adoption of the new budget for 2011/12. Business was running late and we had to sit through several hours whilst the members debated 9 amendments on the budget that had been presented at 10 o'clock that morning, the total of which amounted to about £1.2m of a budget of c£850m. The debate on these amendments, none of which was accepted, took over 6 hours.

When this 'circus', for it consisted mainly of political point scoring, name calling and finger-pointing had finished, it was about 7pm, the members were very tired. Once the budget had been passed, about two thirds of the members left the chamber for a comfort break, some of them not to return for the next business! The chairman insisted on pressing on with business which was a discussion of the Core Strategy. The 3 members of our Parish Council, who wished to speak and ask that the HP2 site be removed as a potential development site from the Core Strategy, were left to address an almost empty chamber.

Having waited patiently for over 3 hours, we were then reduced to just 3 minutes in which to get across our message. It seemed like a case of, "Wiltshire Council – where everybody matters" until it really matters! The Parish Council's case received strong support from our own Wiltshire Councillors and also some from all political sides, but alas was doomed to fail as the Strategic Planners of Wiltshire Council had convinced the members that to remove the HP2 site would have made the Core Strategy document "unsound". If deemed 'unsound' by the Inspector it would be thrown out and, therefore, would open up the whole of Wiltshire to a developer's field day.

Those who had left the chamber drifted in when they had had their cup of tea and sandwich, having missed what our Parish representatives had to say and then joined in with a debate, with many no doubt, not even knowing where Laverstock & Ford is located. By this time, the decision was driven by tiredness, boredom and the need to get home to feed the dog, not by a considered and concerned application to meet the wishes of the local community.

It would appear, papers pertinent to our case had been seen only by the members of one political party. Questions asked in advance of the day had not been answered, the answers did appear during the debate... cont.

...literally hot from the photocopier! It was a sad day for democracy and the meeting finished with the galling comment from one senior member that we should give them our "trust" to do the best for us. It is that trust which has got us into the position we now find ourselves. Any Ofsted-type inspector who had been present at these proceedings would have made the judgement that the organisation was in need of "special measures".

The irony is that, a few days earlier, at a Wiltshire Council Strategic Planning Committee meeting, the Wiltshire Councillors present (a good dozen who had actually visited the site) unanimously rejected the application by Barratt Homes to build 500 homes on the same piece of land. The Committee was adamant for the need to protect the strategic gap and not allow the communities of Hampton Park and Ford to coalesce. Remarkably, the following week the same councillors found it appropriate to vote the same land suitable for 500 homes!!

The next hurdle in trying to keep the HP2 site free of development will be in **early May** when the Barratt application goes to appeal. Please try to attend and make your opposition to this development clear to the inspector. Later in the summer the inspector will decide on the adoption of the Core Strategy, where there will be further opportunities to get our views across. We must hope that the appeal fails and then work to ensure that no further applications on this site can follow.

Parish Plan Tasking Group for Community Safety

Following details published in the last Parish Newsletter, Cllr Pat Houston set up the meeting for residents interested in joining this group to take forward the ideas expressed in the Parish Plan. Alas no residents came forward to support this group. It is a pity that there is no support for such an important aspect of community life and so, for the moment, this project will have to be shelved.

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS MARCH 20 11

The BFRA AGM in February was a great success with MP John Glen as well as our Parish and Wiltshire councillors joining in the, often, lively discussions. Unfortunately, the number of residents attending was lower than last year despite moving the AGM to a Thursday from the usual Friday. We know residents do have an interest in what is going on as many are only too ready to raise issues but it would be encouraging if more residents were prepared to commit a little bit of time to help the community.

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The minutes of the AGM as well as the improved (and approved!) BFRA Constitution are available for all to view on the website.

The Pavilion: In contrast the Pavilion AGM had to be abandoned due to an almost complete lack of interest by the user groups and residents (any resident can be a Pavilion user as the Pavilion is available for private events). Without a quorum business could not be completed. A further date is being planned and we hope that there will be sufficient interest in this valuable facility for us to report on a successful AGM. The BFRA Committee remain very concerned that there are Pavilion users who continue to abuse this excellent facility. We have to re-iterate that the Pavilion is not council funded and is run entirely by volunteers – mainly Sharon and Justin who are not actually Pavilion users. Their good nature is taken for granted by the users. We have warned before that if people continue to act in a selfish and apathetic manner the Pavilion will have to be closed.

HP2/Core Strategy: Thanks to sterling work by our Councillors and the BFRA the Planning Application for HP2 was overwhelmingly rejected at a meeting in Salisbury in February. Following this the Core Strategy was discussed by Wiltshire Council at a meeting in Trowbridge. You will have read in the Salisbury Journal of the 'stitch-up' that occurred at this meeting despite the efforts of some of our councillors. At the time of writing we were awaiting the publication of the minutes of this meeting to find out exactly who supported the final decision to slam 500 houses into HP2 despite all the evidence and resistance against this ridiculous number of houses on such a small area. It would seem the decision may have been taken entirely on political grounds which was disappointing given this is essentially a local issue. To compound this disastrous and unwanted decision we also have the Planning Inspector's hearing into the developer's appeal on the original application starting on 4th May at the Red Lion Hotel in Salisbury.

It may be that WC has played right into the developer's hands and we will have the worst possible outcome for the majority whilst a few individuals gain riches! The BFRA website now has a detailed section on these issues – check it out now for all the information on this important subject.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): The Bishopdown and Castle Road Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) of PC Mel Wilson and PCSO Kuy Harrison are holding quarterly Neighbourhood Tasking Group meetings to which the NHW street co-ordinators and councillors are invited. The aim of these meetings is to discuss policing issues and determine priorities. The last meeting, at the beginning of February, raised the issue of some drug taking equipment that was found in our NPT area.

Although the users of this drug equipment were not known our NPT are keen to build up an intelligence picture of what is happening in our area to help them resolve any problems as early as possible. If you see a crime being committed then you should of course dial 999. However, if you wish to report a 'cold case' then send an email to the NPT or call on 0845 4087000. We are told that there is an Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, Aileen Fenlon, and also that any 'regular' under age drinkers can be arrested. Have you heard of Smart Water? This is the clever way to mark your property and it will aid the Police in recovering your possessions if you are unlucky enough to be burgled or even lose an item. While Smart Water is mainly used for commercial applications you too can also benefit from this clever invention but it must be ordered via the Neighbourhood Watch system.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on. Our webmaster continues to improve the site and there are a number of useful links to other sites. Communicate with your Committee at: <http://www.thebfra.co.uk>.

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Since the last Evergreen report we have had six monthly meetings, how time flies! At the September meeting, the members enjoyed a series of quizzes before enjoying the traditional tea, scones and cake.

In October, Mary Reardon enthralled the members with a floral arrangement demonstration; the committee introduced a book stall enabling members to buy books at very reasonable prices, the books are often recycled and seems to be popular.

Mr Dolan from Bath Aquaglass gave a presentation at the November meeting, showing how the amazing glass pieces are produced; he brought various items for sale and kindly donated a piece to the club raffle.

At our Christmas meeting we held the Christmas party, members enjoyed the sandwiches, trifle and Christmas cake – we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who handed out presents to all. The excellent singing by the girls from St Edmunds was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Forty plus members and friends had an enjoyable afternoon at the Mayflower in Southampton on January 5th, our normal meeting day, where Aladdin was the pantomime; due to this the January meeting was held on the 12th when members played bingo, followed by hot sausage rolls and shortbread.

At the February meeting, Mr Phil Groombridge told us about Wiltshire Wildlife Rescue, he brought along three different types of Owls for the members to get up close and touch. As usual, the meeting culminated with tea, scones cake and the raffle.

Our members really enjoyed the visit and presentation of Ben Parker from the Riverbourne Community Farm at our March meeting, lots of questions were asked about the operation and progress of the farm.

By the time this is in print we will have had our May meeting when the members will decorate Easter cakes to take home.

The first fundraiser of the year will be a Coffee Morning at 15 Napier Crescent on 26th May at 10.00 am. This is an event open to the general public.

All over 60's resident in Laverstock, Ford and Bishopdown are eligible to join as members – simply come along to any of the monthly meetings or contact Jill Kay on 01722 323407.

Retirement of the Rector, Reverend Keith Robinson

We are sure most of you have heard that our Rector, the Reverend Keith Robinson has retired from the parishes of St Andrew's Laverstock and St Martins Salisbury. Reverend Keith Robinson served the two parishes for over 16 years and we are grateful for his ministry during that time and wish him well for the future.

When a minister leaves, the parish is said to be 'vacant'. Once the vacancy has been declared, the Rural Dean and the Archdeacon work with the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council (in this case the PCC of St Andrews Church) to determine what is best for our parish, this will undoubtedly take considerable time to make sure we appoint the right person for St Andrews.

During this time we shall experience a wealth of visiting clergy ministering in our church enabling our services to continue as usual.

If anyone has any concerns regarding the situation or needs to speak to a minister please contact the parish office tel: no. 503123, either of the Churchwardens (Sue Gallagher or Bryan Evans) or our vergers Ray Samways.

St Andrew's Churchwardens.

Local Treasures

Perhaps many of you will remember the two weeks of archaeological work carried out in 2008 and 2009 in the medieval churchyard of St Andrew's, Laverstock. We were led by Alex Langlands (of Victorian, and now Edwardian, Farm fame), with other professional archaeologists. Several local schools became involved, and many children got the chance to see and handle the finds. These finds (including fragments of glazed floor tiles and painted wall plaster, roof tiles, a musket ball) have been in storage ever since. We want to get them cleaned and properly inscribed, and then we can put the best of them on display in the 'Local History Resource Centre' in the south aisle of the church. One of the team of archaeologists has offered to lead, and teach, a working group. There might need to be three or four sessions to complete the job, and these would probably be held on Saturday mornings or afternoons. No dates have been fixed yet. It is a matter of seeing if we can get a group together, then finding out when the archaeologist is free. If you would be interested, and could spare some time (there would of course be no obligation to come to every session), then please give me a ring on 01722 320129. *Bryan Evans*

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News from the Community Farm

Aaah Lambs!

The first lambing of our Wiltshire Horn ewes went well, our volunteers made frequent checks and David Burton burned the midnight oil ensuring that the new-born lambs were getting the nourishment that they needed. They are now grazing well on the lush spring grass of the water meadows ensuring that the ewes produce plenty of milk for their off-springs.



Piglets

Work is in hand to complete two pens in which we plan to house breed-ing sows, we should have our own piglets in early June.

Laverstock Down and Meadow Trails

Support from Heritage Lottery Fund is allowing the farm to create four mini trails in and around River Bourne Community Farm connected by a longer trail. Each mini trail will be developed by a project leader working with project volunteers, school children, community groups and special-ists. Meadows and Downs along the trails will be enhanced by the growing and planting of locally sourced wildflowers.

Barn

The erection of a 1960s Dutch barn should now be completed, ready to store the hay that we'll make this summer. This frees up the main barn for activities which we have planned for the future.

Open Farm Sunday 12th June

Plans for our second annual Open Day are well in hand, many more attractions are being arranged, there will be plenty to see and do for all the family.

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For more information phone the farm on (01722) 330667

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The Open Farm Sunday website:
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HP2 – A Public Enquiry

The application (S/2009/1943) by Barratt Homes to develop 500 homes on the north side of Pearce Way has gone to appeal. The appeal will be heard by an inspector at the following times:

May 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th at The Red Lion Hotel, Marlborough Room, Salisbury

May 6th at The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury.

It is vital that as many people as possible turn up to show their opposition to this development and, if possible, to express that view to the Inspector.

This is your last chance to object in order to prevent the open countryside alongside Pearce Way, just a stone's throw from the village of Ford, becoming a large housing development.

The 'Proof of Evidence' to be offered by both Wiltshire Council and Barratt Homes will be available on the WC website some time on or just after 7th April.

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Day	Event	Time
Mon - Wed & Friday	Bishopdown Farm Pre-School (2½ - 5 years) Contact: Carol Mason - Tel. 01980 862925	During Term Time
Monday	Street Dance Classes (For boys and girls aged 4 years and over) Contact: Tina Kersley - Tel. 07780 581730	4 - 4.30pm Beginners 4.30 - 5pm Beginners & Intermediate 5 - 5.30pm Intermediate 7.30 - 8pm Advanced
Tuesday	Guides and Brownies Contact: Louise Webber 412286	from 6.00 pm (term time)
Wednesday	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	6.00 - 9.30 pm
Thursday	Pilates Contact: Sylvia Willars - Tel. 336233	2.00 - 3.15 pm (term time)
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Friday	Bishopdown Farm Youth Club (Boys & Girls 11-17 years of age) Contact: Tom Boxall Tel: 07912 421 485	Evening (Term Time)
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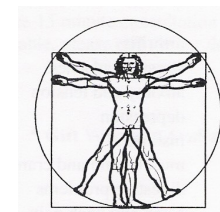
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Next Parish Council Meetings:

The first meeting is to be held on
Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.00pm
and at St. Andrew's School

The second meeting of the month is held on
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**Please note that Parish Council meetings
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