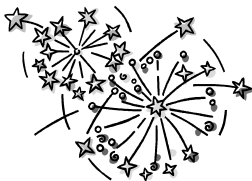


Diary Dates for events around the parish in September and October

November 2011

- Tues 1st Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room at 8pm
Compline led by Hugh Montgomerie
- Sat 12th Winterbourne Food Fayre, Glebe Hall from 11am—3pm
- Sat 12th The Duck Inn, Laverstock, gig night – SpiderPig at 8.30pm
- Weds 16th Salisbury Museum, Lecture Hall 12 noon to 4.50pm
'If you go down to the woods today' Clarendon Park and Forest
- Thurs 17th Salisbury Area Board meet, The Guildhall at 6.30pm
- Sun 13th St. Andrews Church, Remembrance Sunday, Holy Communion at 10am
- Sat 19th Jumble Sale at Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls at 2pm
- Mon 21st Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.45pm
'A Country Christmas' Flower Demonstration by Emily Broomhead
- Mon 21st Parish Council Meeting at St Andrews school at 7pm
- Weds 23rd Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room at 2.15pm
'Street Pastors' with Mary Fisher
- Sat 26th The Duck Inn, Laverstock, gig night – The dbs 8.30pm
- Mon 28th Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm
'Christmas at home' Floral arrangements and crafts with Mary Reardon
- Weds 30th St. Andrews Church, St. Andrews Sch. celebrates 200yrs of Church Schools 9.30am



December 2011

- Sat 3rd Family Workshop at Riverbourne Community Farm from 1.30pm
Making Christmas wreaths and stars (bring your own natural materials)
- Sat 3rd Festive Family Fun Trail with English Heritage at Old Sarum, 11am – 4pm
- Sun 4th St. Andrews Church, Christingle Service at 10am
- Sun 4th Festive Family Fun Trail with English Heritage at Old Sarum, 11am – 4pm
- Sat 10th Christmas Crafts workshop for children, Old Sarum Community Rooms
10am -12 noon with Penny Joyce
- Sun 11th St. Andrews Church, Traditional 9 Lessons and Carol Service at 6.30pm
- Fri 16th Carols, Candles and the Crib, Old Sarum Community Rooms (watch web for details)
- Sat 17th Carols, Candles and the Crib, Old Sarum Community Rooms (or ring Suz)
- Sun 18th St. Andrews & St Marks churches, combined Crib & Christingle service
Riverbourne Community Farm at 4pm
- Sun 18th Carols, Candles and the Crib, Old Sarum Community Rooms
- Mon 19th Laverstock & District Evening WI - Christmas Party
- Tues 20th Parish Council Meeting at St Andrews school at 7pm
- Sat 24th St. Andrews Church, Christmas Eve Crib Service at 5pm
St. Andrews Church, Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30pm
- Sun 25th St. Andrews Church, Christmas Day matins (said) at 10am



Parish Newsletter

Nov/Dec 2011 Issue 130

Welcome to the

Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter

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

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Welcome to Edition 130 of our Parish Newsletter

What a lousy early Christmas present for us all! We now know the result of the HP2 Planning Appeal and, alas, big business has again won over the desires of the local community. The PC and BFRA spent much time and energy fighting this huge development but to no avail. The Govt. denies any U turn in terms of the planning changes proposed presumption in favour of 'sustainable development'. It was claimed that HP2 is a 'sustainable' proposal yet the local roads are not fit for purpose, the design does not reflect a high standard of insulation code and there is no planned provision for secondary education. The planning appeal for the development at HP2 has been upheld, the sad irony is that the inspector refused the appeal but his decision was overturned by the Secretary of State. As the inspector heard the evidence and weighed it all carefully, one presumes it was the right decision. Alas, the politicians have a different agenda and so it is reasonable to assume that the decision to overturn the inspector's recommendation was taken for political reasons i.e. for short term economic expediency. This does seem to make a mockery of the local viewpoint and would suggest that the new planning regulations might find all proposals acceptable without giving any detail to the term 'sustainable'. Those who argue that the new planning arrangements represent a charter for the developers look to be right. It seems that local communities will be able to say yes to planning but not no! It is so unfair but we have no alternative but to accept the decision, other than going to the High Court, and to try to ensure that the best is made of any planning gains including the proposed Country Park. However, the fact remains that our parish has been radically changed – forever.

FYI – the file reference for the report from the Planning Inspectorate (www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk) is APP/Y3940/A/10/2143011. You will need to go on the Communities and Local Government website (www.comunities.gov.uk) to try to access the letter from the Minister to Savills the appellants giving the reasons for ignoring the inspector's advice given.

On a more cheerful note, we do wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Steve Hannath, Parish Clerk

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Local Caterer takes on Trussell Trust challenge

Laverstock based caterer Karen Dean had no idea what she was undertaking, when she accepted a booking from the Trussell Trust. After all it was a charity ball and her Top Line Caterers company had done hundreds. The event celebrated the opening of the 100th Food Bank for the trust. The one stipulation at the time of the booking was that Karen and her staff maintain the ethos of the Trussell Trust and use some of the ingredients that could be found in a typical Food bank parcel.

National TV had got wind of the event, the challenge was ideally suited for a programme featuring a couple of their turbo charged chefs. With only two weeks to go, Karen gave permission for cameras to capture the action, as this could only add to the Trussell Trust funds. Karen's own stipulation was ... "As long as you don't get in the way!".

At Karen's HQ the camera's arrived to film preparations, repeatedly asking, "just once more for the film". Karen and her team went through the gears and completed the preparation on time including rising to a last minute challenge; "Can you make the pudding exclusively out of ingredients from the Trussell Trust food parcel?". This meant that no fresh produce could be included.

The big day came and the cameras were on hand from 4pm until midnight watching, filming and asking questions throughout, as Karen and her team cooked and served to achieve a roaring success with over £27,000 raised for the Trussell Trust and everyone enjoying the meal and remarking on Karen's special pudding.

So what was that special pudding? It's a secret at present, as Karen can neither say what chefs programme features her pudding nor the ingredients used. Perhaps you can get those cogs going and guess the programme. If you can, then you can watch for yourself in November.

The Parish Magazine hopes to bring you the recipe in a future edition!

Top Line Caterers: www.tlcsalisbury.co.uk Email: tlc@farmersweekly.net

From Ian McClennan

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St. Andrews Primary School: www.standrews.primary.uk.net

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Summary Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 12th Sept 2011

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

During the public session

Mr Vic Bussereau raised the issue of the vehicles parked on verges with for-sale notices in Ford, first in Ashlands and then in Merrifield. The current vehicle has no tax disk. The owner is known, has been requested to remove it but to no avail. Clarence and Planning Enforcement each say it is a police matter. The Chair has also reported the problem to the police. This matter would be pursued with Officer Clissold when he arrived later in the meeting.

Mr Bussereau then asked if horse riders are obliged to pick up after fouling the road. At this point Officer Clissold arrived and indicated that it is not an offence.

The Chairman outlined the problem of the parked for-sale vehicle in Ford. Officer Clissold undertook to look into it, particularly as it has no tax disk and is on the public highway.

Officer Clissold asked about the progress of the Lorry Watch scheme. Cllr Law reported that a number of companies had been fined and, as the amounts can be considerable, are getting concerned and hopefully ensuring that their company lorries are not offending. It was agreed that it is a simple system and it works. Officer Clissold indicated that a number of other parishes have expressed an interest and the Clerk was asked to forward him contact details at WC.

Officer Clissold then reported that a new PCSO replacement is on the horizon and, when appointed, will be introduced at a PC meeting. This is likely from October on with the new officer being active in the parish from the New Year.

Cllr McLennan asked that, given the new school year, a schools traffic check be carried out at the end of the school day. Officer Clissold agreed to action this.

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Matters Arising

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way The draft legal agreement has now been received from our solicitors for acceptance. Three small slivers of land have been indicated as not being shown on the agreement but to which the P C is legally entitled. Our solicitor is not concerned but the Clerk was asked to check them out on the ground before agreeing to proceed.

The Clerk has visited the site and understands the 'anomalies' raised by our lawyer. The strips are either planted areas just outside of private property abutting the footpath for which we would not wish to have responsibility or is a thin strip of land on the Council's side by their car park and separated from our land by a knee rail – again land which we would not wish to own.

War Memorial The anticipated cost of the PC wreath for the rededication service will be £25 which was agreed.

Parish Newsletter The Clerk was pleased to report that Juliet Brain our editor is prepared to take on the responsibilities of the advertising for a trial period.

Whitebridge Trees The Clerk reported that much of the Whitebridge tree work is now complete with some of the tasks being done without charge by our arboriculturalist. The remaining tree logs will be removed as soon as the state of the ground allows it to be done without damage. The Clerk has established that the perimeter asphalt path at Whitebridge is the responsibility of WC and there are plans to have it repaired/renewed in due course.

The Clerk was asked to write to residents of Becket Way requesting that vegetation overhanging and overgrowing the footpath at the end of private gardens is trimmed back so that remedial work may take place.

Accepting more responsibilities The Clerk would be meeting an officer from WC later in the week to discuss the queries with permitted spending of planning gain monies and also to discuss the possibility of taking over the organisation of parish grass cutting from WC.

Planning Matters

It was agreed that the PC would join the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) as this is seen to helpful guidance for the Clerk's work particularly with the developments flowing from the planning changes and the Localism Bill.

HP2 Awaiting outcome appeal.

Core Strategy Inspection Awaiting outcome of the inspection

All other applications were agreed as per the Agenda list with the following additions:

S/2010/1856 Development of new building at DSTL Porton Down.

Clr Wright, who is an employee at DSTL, explained that the development was for a slightly larger replacement building and should not greatly impact on this parish. He said it was a case of getting rid of a building not fit for purpose and replacing it with one that will be. Following discussion, it was agreed that we would submit a "No Objection" comment.

S2011/1320 Repair and repositioning of the Citizens' War Memorial.

Decision – **Object** (For – 1, against – 8).

S2011/1321 Various market place improvements. Decision – **Object** (For – 0, against – 8, abstention – 1).

S2011/1322 New external lights to the Guild Hall. Decision – **Object** (For – 2, against – 6, abstention – 1).

Correspondence

01 Removal of greenhouse at Community Farm. Following receipt of a letter from Ben Parker outlining the reasons why this structure needed to be removed, it was agreed to give permission.

03 Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the SSC. The PC agreed to participate in this special event and Clr Houston agreed to be the representative.

06 It was agreed that the request by the RHS for Laverstock to participate in the Britain in Bloom would be passed to the Laverstock Gardening Club for its consideration.

07 RoSPA. It was agreed to include an inspection of the Tiny Tots Play Area in order to ascertain any problems before legal handover.

15 The invitation to register interest for the 30mph bin stickers would be followed up by the Chair and Vice Chair at the next SWAB meeting.

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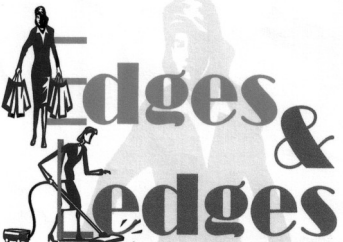


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16 The Clerk was asked to request the Parish Steward to remove the brambles overhanging the walkway by the medieval bridge.

20 The Clerk was asked to inform Tom Bray that the PC's recommended position for the job sign location at Old Sarum should be at the entry to the Business Park.

26 The PC is very happy to adopt the excellent guidelines for adverts and articles as prepared by our Editor.

11 Reports

A number of the members submitted written reports ahead of the meeting and were taken as read.

Clr Sainsbury reported that he had, on a number of occasions, contacted WC regarding flooding at School Lane and had pointed out that the main drain culprit is, in fact, about 10m up the lane and not at the end by the road.

Clr Wright reported on the news from Old Sarum which includes a newsletter from the Community Room and two community BBQs. On 6 September there was the licensing of the Rev Penny Joyce. The Community Room had received advice from an accountant on making the most of its available funds and in this regard the new organiser is considered to be doing a great job. The new primary school opened its doors for the first time with attendance of 58 children on the first day, but concerns were raised that numbers might be affected by children of army personnel moving in and out of the homes at OS acquired by the army.

Clr S Champion asked the Clerk for progress on the repair of the small hole in the Ford notice board. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.

Regarding a price for work to the bridleway (L&F25) at Ford, none was forthcoming from the contractor contacted, so a price would be sought from other contractors.

Clr R Champion Regarding the possible retirement of the Parish Clerk, he indicated that a review post holidays would take place. Costings and brochures had been received for the provision of a log cabin as a possible PC office. The price, not including electrical and communications work, is c £12K. He indicated that the sub group will meet again and thanked Clr Hayes for his excellent document on procedures for replacing the Clerk.

Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP
Secretary of State
Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5SD
26th September 2011

*Text from the letter John Glen wrote to Eric Pickles
regarding The Hampton Park 2 planning decision.*

Dear Eric,

I have been contacted by large numbers of constituents who are both angered and alarmed by your recent decision to overturn the Planning Inspector's ruling and give the go-ahead to Hampton Park 2 - a major suburban development in my constituency.

They are deeply frustrated by the gap between the promises of localism and what they now perceive as a hollow and empty reality.

My constituents are not NIMBYs and are not opposed to all building in the vicinity. Hampton Park is already the site of a substantial housing estate and most of its residents purchased their homes in the full knowledge that the land to the east had been identified as suitable for housing and would, in due course, be developed.

However, when the detailed plans became public, they proposed a dense, urban-style development, completely out of keeping with the existing estate and with an inadequate buffer of green space between the edge of the estate and the rural village of Ford.

The residents worked long and hard to present reasoned and reasonable proposals suggesting a modest reduction in the size of Hampton Park 2 and a re-think of the design of properties in key locations - ideas that the inspector duly agreed with.

I fully appreciate that, in large part, the fault for the current situation lies with Wiltshire Council, who have not yet formally put in place a revised core strategy making additional provision for housing elsewhere in the district.

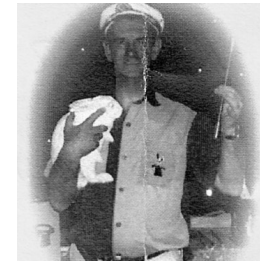
When this government offered localism in place of centrally-driven housing targets, my constituents welcomed the opportunity to influence their future of their community and now feel deeply disappointed that, as they see it, the new government has chosen to uphold a Labour policy rather than respect the wishes of the community.

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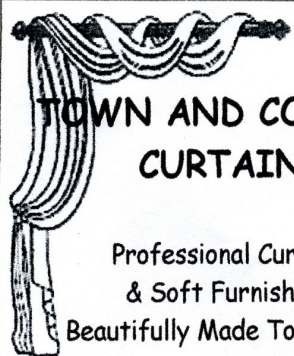
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As the clerk of the neighbouring parish Laverstock and Ford, Steve Hannath, put it to me: "It may be correct in the eyes of the law but it is grossly unfair and against the spirit of localism. We are the active members of society. Once we give up through frustration and cynicism, there is no-one left and the Big Society is dead in the water."

A revised core strategy has long been in development but, until such time as it can be adopted, there is a void that needs to be filled with appropriate guidance - not default to long-outdated targets from the previous administration, something we campaigned against in the last parliament.

I would welcome clarification from you as to how robust local planners would have to be in articulating their thinking before you would be able to take it into account and appear to respond to the views of my constituents.

I support localism, as do the majority of my constituents, who, until last week, were under the impression that they were playing their part in shaping the future of their community. Can you reassure them that they are more than powerless victims of an unfortunate case of bad timing ?

with best regards

John

John Glen MP
Member of Parliament for Salisbury



INSIGHTS: MOVING ON

It's that time again, after a couple of months free from teachers and schooling (or in my case, a whole gap year) to start thinking about (and dreading) going back to school. A new year, new teachers maybe even a new school, or like me a new step up the education ladder—university.

However, for a percentage of young people looking to broaden their horizons and fly the nest..... after the initial joy of the acceptance letter has worn off, it's all about having to juggle moving house, county or sometimes even country! For me it's been about adopting an entirely new mindset to learning, and slogging through paperwork for Student Finance.

Questions such as: will I need a printer? Or a hole punch? What textbooks do I need to buy? Should I bring my guitar? and many more, have been preying on my mind recently and I have to admit that with Freshers week looming so close now, I've got a bit nervous about stepping into an entirely new way of doing things. It's an absolute comfort to know that there's a whole year of us out there in the same boat, and even more comforting to take advice from those already at uni. Their advice has been priceless, and helped stop make little mistakes such as choosing a dorm room without an en suite (no having to wait for the congestion of a communal bathroom to die down on busy days), or whether to apply for a household income based grant from Student Finance.

Who knows? Maybe I'll make life-long friends with someone during Freshers week, maybe uni will be the stepping-stone for fame and glory, or maybe I'll just have a jolly good time there. By the time you read this, Freshers week will be a distant memory and I'll be knuckling down to some serious work (honest mum, I will!) in solidarity with all those getting to grips with a new year at school, new topics, exams looming etc.

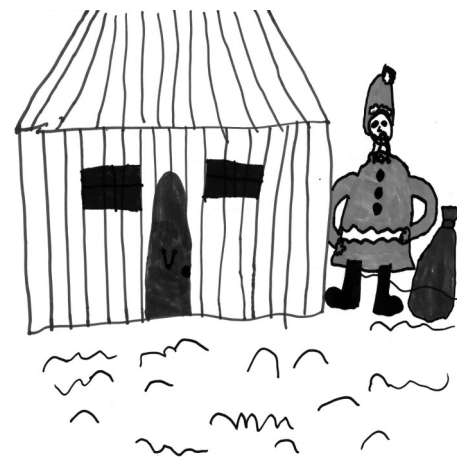
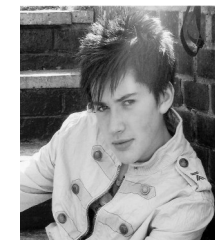
But just a note to all you parents who have children who have left the nest this year, and are already planning on using their room as a study/gym-room/storage space, please remember that we may be gone for a while, but come Christmas, we'll be back. Probably with a tonne of washing, a lot of experience under our belts, and an appetite bigger than the one we left with.... but oh the stories we'll have to tell. My Godfather gave me a small plastic tub for my birthday with my name on it—it was full of change for the launderette—hmmm I guess I'll have found the campus launderette by Christmas...

Merry Christmas to you all— Charlotte Mortimer-Talman



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Editors note:

Charlotte first wrote for the Parish Newsletter as a student at St. Edmunds in 2007, she's off to study multi-platform journalism at Bedford Uni. And we have used her Photograph for our cover this month - from her gap year trip as an 'au pair' for a theatre company to Barakura English Gardens in Japan. See below for Charlottes list of websites offering extra support for students (and parents).

We wish ALL young people experiencing pastures new whether with studies or in the world of work—all the best and hope it turns out to be a great experience.

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/> independent league tables, advice on which companies to use to insure one's stuff, and even links for student cooking! This website has an answer for all aspects of uni life.

http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/What_To_Take_To_University a comprehensive list of everything you could possibly take (that's useful) for university.

<http://www.nus.org.uk/> 'the national voice of students' fantastic for discounts (especially with the NUS Extra card), competitions, and joining campaigns.

<http://www.ecampusnews.com/technologies/10-of-the-best-apps-for-higher-education/> interesting read, 10 apps that might come in handy to help keep the average uni-goer organised and more stress-free when those deadlines come up.

<http://www.educatedbooks.co.za/> an student book exchange, brilliant for hand-me-downs off the reading list, 'specially if the second years are stubbornly clinging to their previous year's textbooks!



Parish Council Meetings

All members of the Public are welcome to attend and also to put questions to the Parish Council prior to the commencement of any meeting. They are held at St. Andrews School, Laverstock. Contact Steve Hannath, the Parish Clerk, on 01722 326714 for more details.

Next Parish Council Meetings:

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 7pm

MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 7pm

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS SEPTEMBER 2011

Did you miss our piece last month? Do you read the Parish Newsletter or just give it a quick glance and throw it in the recycling box? Despite the BFRA's remit to try and improve our community and bring the residents together, we very rarely get any comments via our website or email addresses. Perhaps it is therefore no surprise that when we speak to people directly they are unaware of what is happening in their own backyard. How many of these same people spend hours on Facebook and sending texts? No, the BFRA is not going down the Twitter route! We have had a busy few months with a lot of our efforts being directed towards The Pavilion. We were delighted to see that our bid to have the missing street signs replaced has come to fruition. To continue to improve our community environment we have been discussing the Parish Plan and how the BFRA can assist with seeing it through. A number of ideas are being followed up. In the meantime, we have decided that any issues with the roads, pavements and public spaces need to be centrally co-ordinated to make sure that we speak with one voice to Wiltshire Council and can follow through until action is complete. To this end, Angela Thomas has agreed to be the Bishopdown Farm Public Areas Liaison. If you spot anything which needs repairing or improving, around Bishopdown Farm please contact Angela Thomas via the website or direct using office@thebfra.co.uk.

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HP2/Core Strategy: STOP PRESS!

The Planning Inspector agreed with the PC and BFRA that the planning application should be rejected. However, the Secretary of State has overturned the Inspector and allowed the application. The main grounds appear to be the 'pressing need' for housing – something which has already been refuted and is known to have been generated by Ed Balls and the previous Government. The PC and BFRA are furious and following discussion with John Glen MP he has sent a letter to Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State. At the same time as the HP2 decision Mr Pickles overturned an approved planning application in Winchester because it might 'spoil the area' and there was 'no need' (check the internet for the full story on this one**) Wiltshire Council have thus far (2 weeks in) failed to make any comment and are clearly content to sit back and wait out the 6 weeks available to take it to the High Court. Just note that point – your WC remains totally disinterested in what happens to you. It seems that a combination of politics, incompetence and greed have got us into the mess that is HP2.

The Pavilion: Although now old news, there was, once again, insufficient attendance for a quorum to hold the Pavilion AGM. The BFRA Committee had to formally take over the meeting and close The Pavilion. The BFRA Committee then opened The Pavilion with a slightly revised Constitution. As the quorum requirements of the revised Constitution were met by those present, the AGM business could be conducted. The first requirement was to elect a new committee; fortunately Sharon Safe was prepared to stand as Chairman with Ed Evans as the Treasurer. There being no contact from the previous Secretary, this position remains open. We are grateful to Justin Safe for standing as a Committee member. It is very disappointing that we have a facility which is well used but no-one (except the Treasurer) who benefits from the use of The Pavilion is prepared to give up even a little of their time. The demands are not onerous or time consuming. Sharon and Justin do commit a lot of their own time as do the BFRA Committee in providing support as and when required. It has been said before but must be re-iterated: The Pavilion is run entirely by volunteers in their own time with no financial or other recompense and with such a small committee there is every chance that The Pavilion might have to close at no notice. There are some who believe that it is a charity or somehow run by Wiltshire Council, sadly this is not the case. We are, however, grateful to Ted Cooper from Country Landscapes (one of BFRA's Corporate Members) who kindly lent us his van when the Pavilion and BFRA Committees undertook a big clear-out at the Pavilion one Sunday morning in August.

*Eds note: reference for search is 'Barton Farm', Winchester.
John Glens letter is on page 10*

Litter:

Have you noticed that litter comes and goes? One minute there is fast food packaging scattered on Pearce Way (and other places) then it has gone.



Do you stop to think how this happens? There are no council employees picking up litter although there is an occasional road sweeper. Why should there be someone paid to pick up litter that is dropped/thrown out of car windows by a selfish and ignorant minority? A large part of the litter problem is generated by the younger element in our community who appear to have developed a similar attitude to the 'rioters' on our city streets. They do not understand that they have to take responsibility for their actions nor of the consequences of failing to act as a reasonable member of society. Sadly, there are also some adults who have the same attitude. So where does the litter go? Well there are a number of good Samaritans who regularly go out and pick up other peoples' detritus. One such is Richard Offord who has been picking up litter off the streets of Bishopdown Farm (including Green Lane and the alleyway joining Bishopdown Farm and Bishopdown) for much of the past 15 years. On average he collects 150 items of litter every day and recycles around 300 items a month. Unfortunately, he is no longer as fit as he used to be and is not able to continue this civic service. Those who walk slightly further afield with their dogs will no doubt have come across mounds of litter where youths have had a drinking party and then just walked away. The answer is proper education but that is sadly a long term solution. Asking people to pick up litter they drop risks foul mouthed abuse. So a challenge to parents – get your children to set the right example and we can get on top of this problem. Don't walk past that sweet wrapper – pick it up and put it in the bin, the more of us who do this, the better our environment will be.

Policing:

We have a new beat PC, Sam Dutton. You can meet her and our PCSO, Nicola Clark, at the policing meeting in The Pavilion on 16th December from 6 to 7.30 pm. This is your chance to meet with your local police team and discuss any policing matters.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on. Our web master 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>.

From Colin Froude

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Memorial Bench Found

A memorial bench has been found in the river Bourne by the Community farm. It carries a brass inscription plate 'Presented by the parents of Elaine Mitchell July 1977'.

The farm is eager to see the bench returned to its rightful place. Do you recognise it or know where it may have originated?

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CHURCH NEWS

A new Catholic Congregation on Bishopdown

The Personal Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham is a fresh expression of the Catholic Community in the City and represents another significant milestone in Salisbury's unique history of faith.

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The Group has been welcomed with warmth, generosity and enthusiasm by the vibrant Catholic community within the City. At the same time many strong friendships remain with those who have continued in the Church of England

The Ordinariate holds all of its services at the Holy Redeemer Church, and is led by Fr Keith Robinson, celebrating Mass at 11am every Sunday, and Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. Evensong is sung at 6pm on the second Sunday of every month. We welcome all to worship with us and look forward to meeting you at one of our services.

For anyone wishing to know more, they should contact Father Keith Robinson on 01722 504807 or email him on frkeithssm@yahoo.co.uk.

The Official Website of the Ordinariate - <http://www.ordinariate.org.uk/>

The Ordinariate Portal: <http://ordinariateportal.wordpress.com/>

Salisbury Catholic Churches - <http://www.salisburycatholics.org/>

From John Aisbitt.

Old Sarum Community welcomes new Associate Priest

Tuesday 6th September was a wet, stormy day but fortunately the torrential rain and wind had stopped as over fifty people gathered at 7pm by the 'Axe Head' roundabout in Old Sarum for the licensing of Rev'd Penny Joyce by the Bishop of Sherborne, the Rt Rev'd Graham Kings. Residents from Partridge Way and the former MOD houses, as well as the newly built homes at Old Sarum, came out to support Penny, with members of the churches of St. Francis in Salisbury and St. Michael & All Angels in Winterbourne Earls, together with Penny's family and friends. The Rev'd Penny Joyce was formally welcomed by representatives from the two Deaneries (Alderbury and Salisbury), a governor of the brand new Old

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Sarum Primary school, residents and business representatives. Penny will be working with the local Community Room team, and others, to develop community initiatives as the population expands. She is planning to have a base in the Community Rooms and is looking forward to getting to know, and working with, residents and the business community in Old Sarum. We wish Penny every success in her new work.

The Licensing of the Rev'd Penny Joyce, taken at the Axe Head roundabout at Old Sarum. Others in the picture include the Rt Rev'd Graham Kings, Bishop of Sherborne; Ven. Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum; Rev'd Penny Joyce; the Rev'd Vanda Perrett; Rev'd Paul Taylor & people from the local parish churches and Old Sarum.

From Peter Ostli-East



New bunch at St.Andrews

GOD'S BUNCH: On Sunday 11 Sep we held our first Sunday Group for primary school age children. They decided to call themselves 'God's Bunch'! We meet each Sunday at 10 am and on the first Sunday of the month we have our Family Service also at 10 am. If you would like to join us we would be pleased to see you! For more information please phone 503742 (Liz Bunting) or one of the Churchwardens.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We are holding confirmation classes soon to join with other parishes in the Diocese Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 7 Jan at 6.30 pm for the candidates being confirmed by the Bishop. There will be two classes (adults and children) with six sessions looking at God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Christian Life, the Church and Communion. It is hoped to hold the children's classes on Thursday afternoons and the adults on Tuesday evenings. Dates, times and venues haven't been confirmed (pardon the pun!) but if you would like more information please contact Hugh (see church info page).

NB. Parish Office email c/o Margaret Burbeck Parish Administrator:
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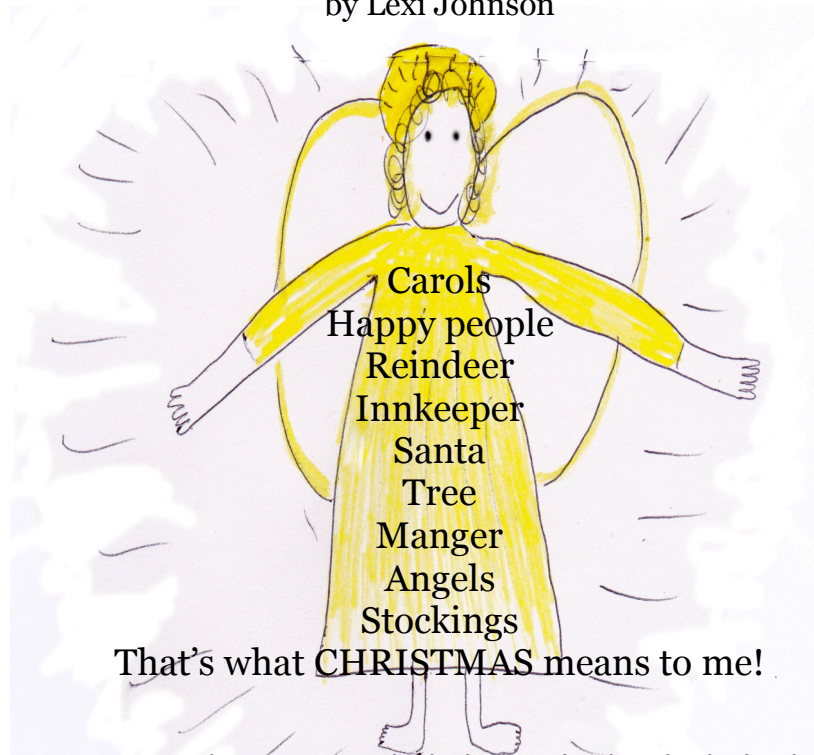
from Hugh Montgomerie

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat...

Lydia and Lexi two seven year olds from Ford think about Christmas in words and pictures (spot Lydias drawings throughout the newsletter).

What does christmas mean to me?

by Lexi Johnson



Christmas is a time when many people think about 'tradition' - the 'traditional' turkey and Christmas pud, 'traditional' Christmas carols, 'traditional' films on TV... Families also often have their own traditions - stockings at the end of children's beds, opening presents around the tree - and not before the Queen's Speech, and so on. The very first Christmas had no such traditions of course, because it had never happened before, and it was only some years after Jesus' death and resurrection that people even thought to celebrate his birth at all. Then people began to remember that there had been some strange events, a special star and shepherds seeing angels, and the gospel writers recorded the bits they knew or were told by others, and so we got the Christmas story we know today. Why not take the opportunity this Christmas to see what's going on at your local church and make that part of your Christmas tradition too?

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Sue Gallagher - 01722 332619 sjgall@aol.com

Parish Office Mrs Margaret Burbeck— 01722 503123 / 322579

Regular services

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(Pathfinders). 6.30 pm Evensong.

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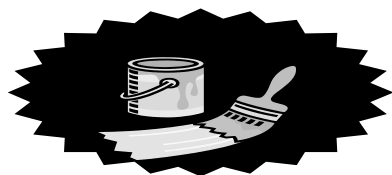
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NEWS FROM OLD SARUM COMMUNITY ROOMS (OSCR) Sept 2011

Activity at the Old Sarum Community rooms continues to build after two successful summer bar-b-ques and the licensing of Penny Joyce (who is now to be found at OSCR or out and about at events and gatherings in Old Sarum getting to know the community). A Job Club has started up, Friday Fun weekly with Clear-bury childrens centre, regular zumba sessions and a burgeoning Foggys Club with people travelling from far and wide to attend.

There are plans for setting up a Credit Union. In September there was a Table Top Sale, (which was well attended despite thunder and lightning), and this promises to become a regular feature. (So young people looking to raise funds for expensive school trips, take note).

Belly dancing, a resident manicurist and much more in the pipeline including plenty of fun events lined up for November and December. The committee are getting to grips with process and policy and Suz has been making contacts and meeting people from around the county in order to get the word out and make sure the most is made of the spaces at the Community Room. They have their first newsletter out and Cliff has been tweaking the website

If you're interested in getting involved, hiring a room or simply want to know more then please visit their website :

<https://sites.google.com/site/oldsarumcr/>

or contact **Suz Vickery** on **01722 329693**



OLD SARUM COMMUNITY ROOMS

Saturday 10th December

10 am—12 noon

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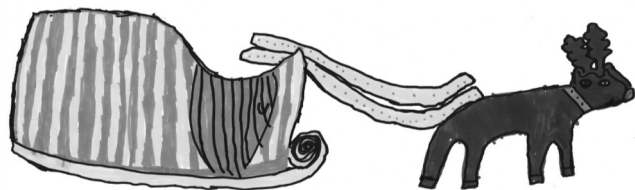
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	1.30-3pm	Messy Mondays Weekly	Getting creative for any under 5's Term time only	Ruth Humphreys ruthkhumphreys@live.co.uk
	7.00-8.00pm	Zumba Weekly	With Karen £4	Karen Goodman 07837 025545 karen-goodman@hotmail.com
	6.30-9pm	OSCR committee	First Monday of the month	Suz Vickery 01722 329693 oldsarumcr@gmail.com www.oldsarumcr.org
Tue				
Wed	9.30-10.15	Library Fortnightly	Mobile library	Library outside the Community Room
	7-8pm	Zumba Weekly	With Annie £3	Annie Scadden 07809 695761 ann.scadden@ntlworld.com
Thu	3.30-4.45pm	Shine Weekly	For reception up to year 4 children Term time only	Alison Butterfield 01722 427123 'Shine' Development Co-ordinator salisbcprojects@btinternet.com
	4.45-6pm	Shine Weekly	For year 4 to 6 primary children Term time only	Alison Butterfield 01722 427123 Shine Development Co-ordinator salisbcprojects@btinternet.com
	6.30-9pm	Youth Club Weekly	For teenagers in the local area	Tony Nye 07775 410523 tony.nye@wiltshire.gov.uk
Fri	10-12noon	Friday Fun Weekly	For pre-school children - includes health visitor on 1 st Friday	Clearbury Childrens Centre 01725 511459 www.clearbury.childrencentre.org

OSCR cont.				
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	7-9pm	Foggys 2 nd Friday of the Month	Support group for people with invisible illnesses – monthly meetings	Deb Davis 01793 324667 deb.davis@salisbury-support.co.uk www.salisbury-support.co.uk



Old Sarum Primary School up and running

September also saw the opening of Old Sarum Primary School, a community school for ages 4—11 yrs and built to a contemporary spec. If you didn't catch the open day, you may not recognize it as a school in passing. Inside there are solar tubes giving extra natural light to all the classrooms and the school is wirelessly networked throughout to meet the needs and demands of pupils, teachers and future technology.

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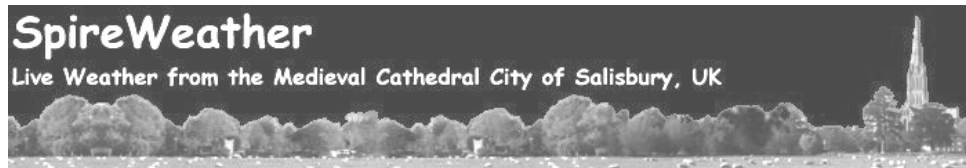
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SpireWeather Review – July-August 2011

After a promising spring, the summer of 2011 has been notable for all the wrong reasons. In fact this summer (June to August) was one of the coolest since 1993.

July, a fairly uneventful month, was the coolest since 2000 with some of the lowest overnight temperatures since 1980. Temperatures in Laverstock fell to just 6.9°C (44°F) on the 14th, and even July's maximum temperature of 25.3°C (78°F) on the 28th was low compared with 33.4°C (92°F) recorded in 2010. However, new equipment installed this summer is less susceptible to local extremes of temperature, so last year's maximum may be exaggerated. Laverstock recorded 32.6mm (1.3") rainfall in July compared with 26mm (1") last year.

August certainly put the new weather station through its paces! It began on a promising note with the month's highest temperature of 27.7°C (82°F) on the 1st. 36.8mm (1.4") rain fell on the morning of August 18th, beating SpireWeather's previous record of 32mm (1.3") in August 2009 - that was more rain in one day than the total for July. The UK's wettest place that day was Reading which recorded 59.5mm (2.3"), closely followed by the Isle of Portland with 58.4mm and Bournemouth also suffered serious flooding. The 18th was also unusually cool for August with a maximum temperature of only 14.1°C (57°F), falling to just 6°C (43°F) the following night. A new UK record for the lowest August daytime *maximum* temperature of only 8°C was recorded at Loch Glas-carnoch in Scotland on the 28th. August was particularly wet with a rainfall total of 92.8mm (3.7"), almost three times July's rainfall, and we experienced only 76% average sunshine amounts.

Spare a thought for the poor people in Japan as Tropical Storm Talas produced 1,652mm (65") rain in just three days - that's three times London's annual rainfall!

At the time of writing September has maintained Augusts' unsettled theme. Will we have an Indian summer? Find out in the New Years newsletter.

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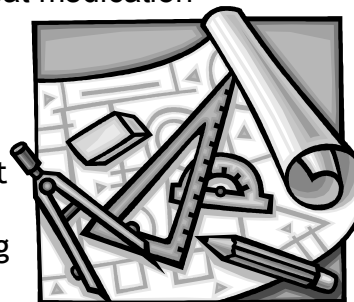
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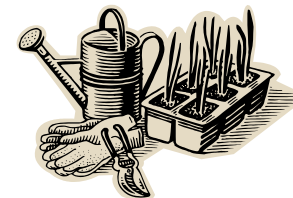
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A distinctly wet and quiet start to the day caused some anxiety, but gradually people began arriving; the rain disappeared and eventually blue sky and sunshine emerged to encourage the hardy trekkers on their way. Many walked the entire length of the village to visit the two 'outliers', whilst others did some parts on foot and the rest by car. Nonetheless, all of our stalwart gardeners were kept busy with a steady stream of viewers throughout the day – 150 were recorded in one garden, whilst another lost count! As one of our number remarked, the visitors had come to look closely and ask questions, not simply glance around and move on. Many lovely comments were received on their return to the Village Hall – one lady wanted to take a particular garden home with her, unless of course there was any chance of living in a certain house..?

The refreshments team were kept busy right until the very end of the day, as were those selling plants.

We sent a magnificent donation of £900 to Greenfingers Charity, to enable children who are life-limited to enjoy time away from the bedside and have fun, non-medical time with their families, experiencing the therapeutic benefits which magical hospice gardens provide.

If you came – thank you so much for your support! If you missed out, we hope to see you in July 2013!

Annual competitions

Inclement weather conditions in the few days just before the Show, at the end of August, caused concern for members entering floral classes, and a number of anxious comments could be heard as exhibits were placed on the tables; fears were unfounded, however, and the judges had some difficult decisions to make, such as the quality of the entries. After the judges had made their decisions we learnt, to our surprise, that for floral entries, buds are counted too and must be removed in order to avoid an exhibit receiving the dreaded 'not according to schedule' card. That's certainly worth remembering in future!

Our grateful thanks to all the judges for their hard work and the helpful comments they gave, and also for their responses to the variety of questions which members had submitted for Gardeners' Questions. Thanks, too, to the stewards who did a sterling job and everyone else who helped in any way on the day.

Hearty congratulations to Julie Dennis for gaining the most points in the show overall and being awarded the Silver Salver.

Section winners were:

Carol Curtis (floral and pot plant classes)	Julie Dennis (flower arranging)
Dick Dolding (fruit and vegetable classes)	John Mesure (cookery)
Sue Cooke (photography)	Julie Dennis (painting)

This years' new Best in Show award went to Mike Gamble for his tomatoes, whilst the 'People's Choice' award went to Margaret Scammel for a flower arrangement. The winner of the Monthly Competitions 2010-2011 was Julie Dennis.

From Dawn & Mark Bell

DIAL 101

New non emergency number for Wiltshire Police

Although 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only half of the public knew which number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non-urgent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Calls to 101 cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long that call may last. This applies to landlines and mobile phones.

People with hearing or speech impairments are able to use the non emergency textphone number 18001 101.

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It does not replace 999, which should be used in an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

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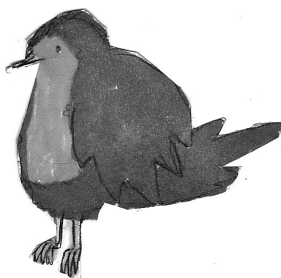
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Hundreds of people have taken the farm tractor-trailer tours which operate on our Cream Tea Sundays but Ben Parker's passengers on an afternoon in September were very different from usual. Over 30 mayors with their mayoresses and consorts, from as far afield as Bath and Bournemouth, many wearing their chains of office, were visiting Salisbury as guests of the Mayor of the City of Salisbury on his civic day. Following a visit to the Constable Exhibition and lunch at the newly refurbished Guildhall, their afternoon was spent at the farm with a farm tour with a commentary by Peter Maffey, a visit to the animals, and finishing their visit with a farm renowned cream tea, provided by Laverstock & District W.I.

Farm Wins Prestigious Award!

The Community Farm has won the Social Enterprise Award in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Awards 2011 in the face of stiff competition.

Social enterprises are businesses that compete to deliver goods and services. The difference is that social and environmental purposes are at the very heart of what they do.

The awards are made by Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire who are keen to acknowledge the contribution made by the Voluntary and Community Sector to the well-being of Wiltshire residents.

Environment

The farm recently played a key role in helping Salisbury clinch the title of Best City Centre in the South and South East region in the South & South East in Bloom awards and winning a Silver Gilt. The judges singled out the farm for praise in their comments, stating that they were impressed by “the very enthusiastic group of people” and highlighting our “good use” of sustainable materials on the farm. We can’t wait until next year’s competition when the farm’s new flower meadows will be blooming and buzzing with life and the straw bale classroom will be full of enthuseastic young folk learning how to farm and thrive.



The farm was an active participant of the Salisbury Food & Drink Festival in September.

Visitors spent a Thursday afternoon on the Downs and Meadow trail which featured art made by local artists and community groups. They explored the meadows and met the animals. The art on this trail was made as part of the Nature of Art in Wessex and the Downs & Meadow Trail projects.

This was followed on Saturday by a Nature Forage, led by Laverstock & Ford Watermeadow Downland Trust, when families captured information about the wildlife and habitat in and around the farm. During the lunch-time break from foraging they enjoyed a farm BBQ .

On the final day of the festival, the farm welcomed many visitors to our two stands at the Food & Drink Market in Salisbury Market Place. We had a stand in the Food Hall and launched our new Friends of the Farm application leaflet. We also sold some rare South Wiltshire potatoes, honey and eggs from the farm, along with locally made craft products. At our Children’s Activities stand we featured our new trails project, inviting children to build a scale model of the farm and give some ideas about which of the wildlife wonders of Laverstock we should feature. We also had an interactive display from our Artist in residence One Thousand Sheep project and our ever popular feely boxes which were themed on “Food Through The Ages.” Children enjoyed the intriguing feel of medlars from our orchard, our spikey barley ears and the crackling sound from the box of long straw wheat – not a mouse!!

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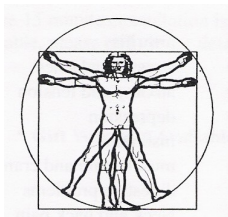
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Traditional Chicks

We are raising a few traditional breed chicks to inhabit the area around our new straw bale classroom. They include a Buff Orpington, Leghorns and a wonderful Golden Laced Wyandotte (pictured). The Wyandotte, a breed from the USA, should start to feel at home in their specially constructed chicken coop, made from an American design. We plan to hatch out some other favourites like Silkies and Sussex over the next few months.



Education



One of the farm's missions is to further the education of young people, particularly in working with animals and gaining land management skills. We have secured the services of a part-time teaching instructor and have started a day-release scheme at the farm which leads to a BTEC Award/Certificate in Workskills. The course has units which cover a range of subjects from self-management skills, working in a team, through to planning and running an enterprise activity in addition to practical farm work. The first eight students from local schools have joined us and will be the first to make use of our straw built classroom which is currently under construction.

Become a Friend of the Farm today!

For less than £2 a month you can become a Friend of the Farm. A couple/family membership is also available. You can join by downloading the application form from www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk or popping down to the farm shop. The more revenue we receive the more we will do to improve community life in Laverstock.



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Mothers' Union founder

Mary Sumner was born on 9 August 1828 and became the founder of the Mothers' Union, which is a worldwide organization. She was born Mary Elizabeth Heywood in Swinton, near Salford, Lancashire, the third of four children.

She married George Sumner on 26 July 1848, eighteen months after George's ordination as an Anglican Cleric. They had three children. In 1851 George was given the living at Old Alresford, Hampshire in his father's diocese. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and helping her husband in his ministry by providing music and Bible Classes.

Mary realised how difficult it is to be a mother, and was inspired to call a meeting of mothers in the parish to support one another, and to see motherhood as a profession. The first meeting held in the rectory Mary was so nervous that her husband had to speak for her. At the next meeting she had gathered enough courage to lead her own meeting.

In 1885 when the Bishop of Newcastle Ernest Wilberforce attended the Congress in Portsmouth Mary gave the address. She talked about national morality, and the importance of women's vocation. Women went back to the parishes to found mothers' meetings.

Mothers' Union spread rapidly to Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle and then throughout the United Kingdom. In 1893 annual general meetings were held, and in 1896 the Mothers' Union Central Council was formed. Mary became president. Queen Victoria became patron giving her stamp of approval. The Queen is the Patron of the Mothers' Union, and there are now 4.1 million members around the world including, of course, here in Laverstock.

From Jan Seaman