

Diary Dates for events around the parish in January and February 2012

January

- Sun 1st Old Sarum Airfield, Vintage Sundays see website or call 01722 322525 for more info
- Tues 3rd Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church at 8pm
- Weds 4th Evergreen Club, Laverstock Village Hall at 2.30pm
- Fri 6th The Duck Inn, Laverstock, Lucys Day Out—Charity Event
See www.theduckatlaverstock.co.uk for more details
- Tues 10th Mothers' Union Evening Group, 17 Vanessa Avenue at 7.30pm
GM and discussion followed by a Shared Supper
- Sat 14th The Duck Inn, Laverstock Gig Night—Polarity at 8.30pm
- Mon 16th Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.45pm
Quick & Easy Cookery with Judith Long
Parish Council Meeting at St Andrews school at 7pm
- Wed 18th Parish Plan tasking group for Traffic & Transport, St Andrew's School, 7.30pm
- Fri 20th Job Club, Old Sarum Community Rooms, 1—3pm
- Sat 21st The Duck Inn, Laverstock Gig Night—Drop the Fish at 8.30pm
- Mon 23rd Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm
Members' New Year Party
- Weds 25 Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church at 2pm
AGM and talk by Deidre Milhench – 'Your gift, discover and celebrate'
- Sat 28th The Duck Inn, Laverstock Gig Night—Jon Walsh Blues Band at 8.30pm

February

- Weds 1st Evergreen Club, Laverstock Village Hall at 2.30pm
- Thurs 2nd Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting, Winterslow Village Hall, 7—9pm
- Sat 4th The Duck Inn, Laverstock Gig Night—Spiderpig at 8.30pm
- Sun 5th Old Sarum Airfield, Vintage Sundays see website or call 01722 322525 for more info
- Mon 6th Old Sarum CR Committee meet, Old Sarum Community Rooms, 6.30—9pm
- Mon 11—Fri 15th HALF TERM
- Sat 9th—Sun 19th English Heritage FAMILY FUN TRAIL at Old Sarum
- Tues 14th Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room at 12.15pm
Soup & Bread Lunch, Gardening in the Churchyard
- Mon 20th Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7pm
A walk in the rainforest with Rosemary Legrand
Parish Council Meeting at St Andrews school at 7pm
- Wed 22nd Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church at 2.15pm
Lent Lunch, bring a mug for your soup.
- Mon 27th Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm
Rosemary Le Grand on 'Captivating Gardens of England'



Parish Newsletter

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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.

Deadline for the next newsletter Issue no. 132 covering March/April 2012 information/articles, reports, local events and fundraising activities, new advertisements and amendments to adverts to be with the editor NO LATER THAN (preferably before) Friday 20th January 2012

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Taking a walk on the wild side...

A brief update for the Downs and Meadow Trails project

A new prototype trails bench has been made by farm volunteers from local oak and polished with beeswax from the bee hives on the farm. It is now positioned on the developing River Bourne Trail with a great view over the water meadows. We are planning to have at least one bench in each trail location by Easter next year.

Art made by local children, groups and volunteers has been installed on the River Bourne trail including a wooden cow sculpture and woven willow animals. Two activity days have been held for people to walk the trails and identify and record flora, fauna and wildlife found.

Three new kissing gates have been installed along the trails to help with traditional grazing management and make the trails more wheel-chair and buggy friendly. A hectare of wildflower meadow has been spread with hay rich in wildflower seed next to the Pilgrims Way Trail.

Trails activities to get involved in over the coming year include:

- A programme of guided walks and talks about the environment, plants, animals and insects, traditional agriculture, animal welfare & art around the trails.
- Work parties (see diary dates and website) with a range of tasks including making insect hotels, bird/bat boxes, maintaining hedge-rows and wild flower meadows and installing benches and other trail infrastructure.
- Routine checks and litter picking to keep trail paths clear

Social Events: there will be Easter Social Events at Partridge Way and Pilgrims Ways on the 8th April 2012 around those trails. The Trails will also have art and social activities during the Salisbury International Arts Festival in May.

Look out on the farm's web-site for work party dates on the Hampton Park and Partridge Way Trails early in the New Year.

To join the Trail teams and to find out more about the project:

Contact: David Burton or Kat Hill at River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Laverstock SP1 2SR:

Email: wessextrails@gmail.com Phone: 01722 330667

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St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Emily Sharps	07841 907987
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St. Edmunds - FRIENDS	Kate Fry (Secretary)	via 328565
St. Josephs - Head	Mr P Hughes	335380
St. Josephs - FRIENDS	Mr Barry	504775
TA Centre—Old Sarum	Capt Dave Oliver	438300
Tai Chi	Cheryl Beeney	337870
The Duck	Becki & Tim	327678
Village Hall Secretary (L/stock & Ford)	Ian Haldane	320879
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Work Party Dates for River Bourne Trail & Pilgrims Way Down Trail Sundays 10am – 12pm

River Bourne Trail	Pilgrims Way Trail
Meet point: Outside farm office (bungalow) at 9.55am	Meet point: first kissing gate on RHS to arable field from St Andrews school end track at 9.55am
8 th January	12 th February
11 th March	8 th April (Easter Event instead of work party)
13 th May	10 th June (prep for Open Farm Sunday)
8 th July	12 th August
9 th September	14 th October
11 th November	9 th December

Welcome to the first Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter for 2012 and wishing you all a Happy New Year. This year sees the Olympics arrive in the UK with the Olympic torch passing through Salisbury in July, if you are doing something special to celebrate or take part in the Olympics we'd love to hear about it.

In other news, the Inspector has reported on the Revised Core Strategy for South Wiltshire which will determine where homes are built for the next twenty years or so. The Parish Council is very unhappy with the way that the locations for development were selected and the numbers allocated to each. Below is the kernel of a letter sent to Wiltshire Council and to the Journal to express the PC's views.

Wiltshire Council should not take any pleasure in the Inspector finding the revised Core Strategy for South Wiltshire, to be 'sound'. Reference to Chamber's Dictionary will show that, by definition, the Core Strategy is not 'well-founded'; 'well grounded'; 'trustworthy' and 'of the right way of thinking.' The views of the parish of Laverstock and Ford were wholly ignored in regards to the numbers appropriate for the development known as Hampton Park 2 and Wiltshire Council got itself into a position of opposing a planning development of 500 homes on the site in front of one inspector whilst supporting the 500 homes on the same site in the Core Strategy in front of another. It really is an insult to local views to spin a press release which says:

'...we took the decision to move forward, work with local people and submit a revised plan – we were determined to have a clear plan in place which allows appropriate growth where it is needed. We shall continue to work with communities to support businesses, help create jobs and provide homes, ensuring development is managed so Wiltshire's beautiful countryside is protected.'

This parish feels very let down by Wiltshire Council – but that was not in the press release.

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

**the front cover features a winter view from the bridge opposite Whitegates, at the turning towards Ford Mill*

INSIGHTS: Southern Wiltshire Area Board (SWAB)

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board is made up of five councillors one of whom is our Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan, these are the voting members representing an area from Landford to Laverstock. The manager Tom Bray is an officer from Wiltshire Council and he works alongside the councillors representing their particular divisions. Tom is an excellent manager and I would go as far to say the best in Wiltshire, the Chairman is Councillor Richard Britton. The Parish Councils' and the other partner members such as Police, Ambulance Service and Fire Service make up the rest. Anyone can attend a meeting to speak about an issue and take part in the debates.

What has been achieved for us so far?

Approximately £5000 was granted to the Old Sarum Community Room for start up costs and to secure the initial rent after being brought before the Board by our Wiltshire Councillor who together with one of our Parish Councillors saw an opportunity to enhance a much needed facility to an area starved of anything except a bus shelter.

Tom Bray worked on a project to receive government funding securing the services of two community workers for Old Sarum under the scheme **"Getting young people back to work"** they needed to have been out of employment for a least six months. He went on to obtain Wiltshire Council funding for a further community worker to work on projects involving training and events helping to build a new community.

Job Clubs have been set up enabling local people to come together to support each other and receive help and expertise to improve their chances of obtaining employment. This emanated from a partner discussion and vote at one of the Area Board meetings, as did Speed Watch and Lorry Watch, which has been embraced in Ford and Milford Mill Road.

Our Community Farm has been granted monies to help with their continued successes. Firstly a grant of £2300 to replace a fence of commercial wire link fencing with traditional oak posts and riven railings which enhanced the front area and opened up hitherto views of the countryside. This demonstrated the Community Farm's intentions to further open up and transform neglected countryside to the public.

Secondly £2455 towards enhancement of the farm yard which improved security and increased community access particularly in respect of the disabled via walkways and car parking.

Contacts around the Parish

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Evergreen Club	Sandy Small	711129
Fitness League	Sheelagh Browne	324202
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Flora Mundi	Mrs D Stevens	335770
Laverstock Gardening Club	Mr Stuart Dennis	320522
Greentrees Primary - Head	Mrs Jan Bennett	340596
Hampton Park Cricket Club	Mr Martyn Nokes	01980 611494
Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	330077
Laverstock History/Archaeology	Bryan Evans	320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Sue Mason	322990
Laverstock Beaver Scouts	Jane Waspe	421287
Laverstock Scouts	Dave Waspe	421287
Laverstock Sports Club	Mr Dave Marriott (Sec)	331726
L&F Watermeadows Trust	Naomi King	334337
Laverstock WI	Thelma Green	320179
Line Dancing	Mike Sainsbury	717800
Mother's Union	Jan Seaman	413433
Old Sarum Primary School	Mr John Jones: head@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk	
Old Sarum Flying School		322525
Old Sarum Community Room	Suz Vickery	329693
Old Sarum Newsletter	Cliff O'Sullivan (as above)	
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce (as above)	
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The Issue System.

This is a system which enables any member of the public to report an issue in the Community Area.

With the help of the Parish Council and our Wiltshire Councillor through the issue system the flooding and resurfacing of Ford Lane has been sorted. The Area Board has supported the Parish Council by working with us and the schools in a positive way to find solutions in preventing the huge amounts of litter which is generated during term time.

There is support for the on going problem of congestion and parking at school times in Laverstock.

The most recent scheme which has been funded is 30 MPH wheelie bin stickers for residents who live on the main road through Laverstock and Ford. This resulted from issues raised from all over our Community Area about speeding.

Meetings.

There are six meetings a year held all over our Community Area, the next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February in Winterslow Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. If you require any information concerning Area Boards then contact me or our Parish Clerk Steve Hannath.

Virginia McLennan

Vice Chair and SWAB representative
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

NB. Hampton Park is represented by the Salisbury Area Board and their Wiltshire Councillor is Bill Moss.

An Olympic year ahead

A concert for 20,000 people is being planned in Salisbury to tie in with the Olympic torch passing through the city in July 2012. According to the BBC Wiltshire news website, Wiltshire Council is organising the event at Hudson's Field planned to take place during both the day and evening of July 11th featuring local acts and a "nationally-known" performer to headline the event. After the torch visits Salisbury it will travel to Weymouth and Portland.

The Olympic flame is set to arrive in the UK from Greece on 18 May 2012. It will leave Land's End, Cornwall, the following morning before travelling 8,000 miles (12,874 km) around the UK.

Updates and info from Parish Clerk

Whitebridge repairs

We are all frustrated by the length of time taken on the Whitebridge repairs which seem to drag on with, often, no operatives being on site. Wiltshire Council's bridge engineer sent the following explanation in late October as to the reasons for the delays.

'The works themselves, as you may have guessed, are running frustratingly slowly. We have suffered very badly at the hands of the various utility companies and without them doing their works there is very little we can do. This is not the only site in Wiltshire that has been affected like this and we will be taking this further with the parties concerned.'

As of yesterday the works were about five weeks behind, meaning they will finished in the run up to Christmas for which we are very sorry and will make every attempt to try and claw back some of the lost time. Our hands are slightly tied in that it is a small site and we can only work on one side at a time, once concrete is poured for example we have to allow that to cure for a few days and there isn't really anything else we can be getting on with in the meantime hence there will be days when it appears that nothing is being done on site.

Let's hope that they are completed by the time you get to read this in January.

Wheelie Bin Stickers—stick to 30 MPH

The South Wiltshire Area Board and Parish Council have combined to provide 30mph wheelie bin stickers for all those parish residents living on a main 30mph road where speeding traffic is an issue. We hope that those in receipt will attach the stickers and display them on their bins for maximum impact. We hope that the constant reminder, will have a positive impact on traffic speed. If you did not receive any stickers and believe that you are entitled to one then please contact the Clerk.

HP2 – not yet quite over

One way of slowing down the development of HP2 concerns the Inspector's Condition 21 in his findings on the appeal. Before any residents move in to the new homes, Pearce Way has to have its speed reduced from 40mph to 30 mph. This is achieved through a Traffic Regulation Order or TRO. This condition (21) within the Inspector's report is known as the Grampian Condition (presumably on the basis of a previous decision in Grampian) and must be implemented before any home is moved into. Wiltshire Council will, presumably, issue a TRO to this effect but must consult first with local residents. If residents resist the speed reduction then it would go to the Cabinet member with this responsibility for a decision. It is believed that the Cabinet Member would not make a decision that ran counter to the overwhelming view of the local residents. IT WILL BE VITAL, THEREFORE, FOR RESIDENTS TO RESPOND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND REQUEST NO CHANGE TO THE 40MPH SPEED LIMIT.

We will inform you when that is necessary and give further details.

Cow Lane allotments

To clarify the situation we would inform you that Salisbury City Council has been accepting, on a first come first serve basis, requests from any resident of Laverstock parish to go on the waiting list for the site. All they ask is a Laverstock parish address. There is currently a waiting list for Cow Lane Allotment sites of around 40, and of those about 30% are Laverstock residents. Of the 40 on the list, some are on more than one site list so the wait, whilst quite long, isn't as bad as it first appears.

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Land Gains at Pilgrim's Way

The legal transfer process of this land, passing from Bloor Homes to the Parish Council, continues slowly towards completion. It has been further delayed as the report by RoSPA company Playsafety (commissioned by the PC), revealed a number of problems with the Tiny Tots play area including dangers from broken safety matting (now replaced). Once the playground is deemed safe and sound the process can be completed.

Hampton Park 2 – A challenge to the decision of the Secretary of State

The following is some information and timescales about the legal process for the above matter from a Wiltshire Council solicitor. On the basis of counsel's advice and to preserve Wiltshire Council's position, a legal challenge was issued in the High Court against the decision of the Secretary of State. The procedure is not, as generally believed, a judicial review, but a statutory challenge under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, against the appeal decision.

The Council served its statement on the Secretary of State in the second week of November. The next steps are that the Secretary of State has 21 days to file any witness statement if he opposes the Council's application and wishes to submit evidence. A hearing date will not be set until at least a further two weeks from the end of that 21 day period. The solicitor states, 'I should however emphasise that the council will continue to take counsel's advice as to the strength of the case and whether it pursues the matter.' It is not, therefore, clear that this definitely will be challenged but we certainly hope that is the case and that reason will prevail and that the development, as currently presented, will be refused. **Watch this space!**

Summary Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on Oct. 17th 2011

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

During the public session

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and invited Penny Joyce and Suz Vicary to make their presentation for a grant on behalf of Old Sarum Community Room. Both introduced themselves and stated the case for the grant being given. The application was in three separate sections:

- For £400 for Fire Safety and PAT testing at the OSCR
- For £1600 for the purchase of 6 no. reconditioned laptop computers
- For £300 for toddler toys and the development of Story Sacks.

Each grant was explained and supported with enthusiasm and detail and questions from the PC members were answered. The Chair requested up-to-date finance figures and an income forecast for the future. The pros and cons of each bid were discussed with the general point that all this money would help to build the community at Old Sarum and the computers, particularly, would add 'infrastructure'. cont...

The laptops would be kept off site for security reasons. It was noted that City Brisk had been supportive but that now there is a formal lease agreement, there were major financial commitments. The chair explained that a decision would be taken later in the meeting and thanked both visitors for their interest and attendance.

Keith Noble from the L&F Sports Club then talked to his grant application to support the planned Queen's Jubilee event, planned for next year. He hoped that it could become an annual event and outlined some of the likely expenses to be covered by the £2000 requested. The completed grant request form had very little detail and the Chair said that, given the grant was for a sizeable sum, more details would be required. It was agreed that Mr Noble and Cllr Houston would meet to discuss the detail and to bring them to the next PC meeting.

The meeting proper commenced at 7.24pm.

The Clerk asked that he be allowed to interrupt the meeting for an exceptional reason. He read out a letter, received anonymously, explaining a gift made to the Parish Council. The gift was in a presentation case and was, in fact, a Chairman's Chain of Office for the Parish Council. This was displayed to the assembled company and was received to much acclamation and applause. It was the wish of the donor that the Chairman should be identifiable at such events as the recent funerals attended and would be worn at the forthcoming War Memorial rededication service. The Clerk will undertake to insure the chain using 'Google' to get an estimate of its value. A motion to accept the chain was put: Prop Cllr McLennan, Sec Cllr S Champion and carried all in favour. It proved to be an exciting and welcome start to the meeting

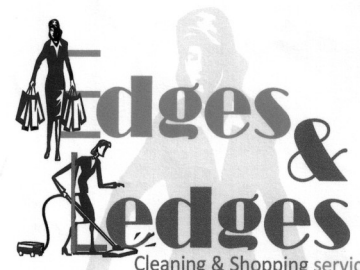
Matters Arising

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way The Clerk explained that there are anomalies and peculiarities in the map of land to be legally transferred and that these would be shared with a representative of Bloor Homes, on site, on Wednesday.

It would also be an opportunity to examine the recent repairs to the matting in the play area and to consider other issues raised in our RoSPA report.

War Memorial It was reported that the memorial had, in fact, been over-subscribed and that any excess would go to the Church for future maintenance and repair. The PC owes £75 which it has received in donations.

Accepting more responsibilities The Clerk indicated that the outlook for taking over the responsibility for grass cutting was not looking good. The Parish has c16000 sq. m. of grass and the current cost to WC is 12p per sq.m. – a price we could not hope to match if we received just £1920!



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Replacement Councillor for HP2 Mr Vic Bussereau has shown an interest in joining the PC. The Clerk will email him the appropriate form for prospective new councillors and, all things being equal, the details will be circulated to members and a decision may be made at the next PC meeting.

Parked vehicle in Ford –resolved.

Planning Matters

Old Sarum The design for the planned Community Centre has changed with showers etc being removed in favour of more meeting rooms with flexible use achieved with sliding doors. There were no comments against these changes and WClr McLennan had responded positively to the developers/planners. The changes would, hopefully, not have a negative impact on cost but there would be some legal fees to amend the S106 legal agreement.

Salisbury Retail Park WClr McLennan indicated that the outcome of the redevelopment of The Maltings might have retail impact on what is actually built at SRP. SRP is considered 'important' but not 'strategic' to The Maltings development.

HP2 Agreeing boundaries and responsibilities for the proposed Country Park will be a challenge.

Core Strategy Inspection This has now been decided but the Chair read out WClr McLennan's motions to be placed before the full Wiltshire Council meeting which address issues that WC appear to be changing against previous decisions:

1. South Wiltshire Core Strategy - Old Sarum Airfield Core Policy 9

Members note that the Inspector has removed our amendment from Annex 1, in which we sought to remove the proposed development site at the southern end of the Airfield, in close proximity to Ford. We also note the Inspector's comment, "*If the Council were to decide that development in this area was acceptable then it would do so under the terms of Core Policy 9*". We wish to reaffirm our democratic decision that development of the southern site is unacceptable.

2. South Wiltshire Core Strategy – Old Sarum Airfield – Core Policy 9

Members note the suggestion by the Inspector, that the historic WW1 runway could be resited in conjunction with other development proposals. However, after 100 years of aviation, we choose to leave the existing runway in place.

3. South Wiltshire Core Strategy – Proposed extension at Hampton Park, Laverstock & Ford Parish

Members note the Inspectors deletion of Con/45, our requirement to retain a significant strategic gap between Ford and Hampton Park and the setting up of a community forum. We reaffirm the democratic vote of this council to impose Con/45 and restate our intention to establish a significant strategic gap and to set up the local community forum, as stated **The full Core Strategy will be voted upon by WC in Feb 2012.**

WClr Moss emphasised that the strategic gap includes the equestrian business in Ford but this is unacceptable.

Salisbury Vision Clr Law reported on the last meeting of Salisbury Area Board which was very well attended where the three applications for the Market Place (voted on at the previous PC meeting) were withdrawn. A committee will be formed to discuss the various issues of the Market Square, now under the aegis of the SAB. Alas, the first meeting of that committee clashed with this PC meeting but Clr Law has asked for representation for L&FPC as the decisions would impact greatly on residents of this parish. It was reported that most of the trees in the Market Place still have 40 years of life in them. Clr Law offered to represent the PC on the new committee and this was accepted; Prop Clr McLennan, Sec Clr Hayes, caif. It was noted that the Salisbury City Council came out badly on the basis of consultation with the people of Salisbury.

HP2 Appeal The PC registered its dismay that the measured decision of the planning inspector had been overturned by the Secretary of State. There had been a huge amount of email traffic on this subject involving the PC, the Wiltshire Councillors, BFRA, John Glen etc.

Clr McLennan explained his focus on the Traffic Regulation Order required to bring the speed of traffic down on Pearce Way from 40mph to 30 mph. This condition (21) within the Inspector's report is known as the Grampian Condition (presumably on the basis of a previous decision in Grampian) and must be implemented before any home is moved into. Wiltshire Council will, presumably, issue a TRO to this effect but must consult first with local residents. If residents resist the speed reduction then it would go to the Cabinet member with this responsibility for a decision. Jane Scott, the leader, is looking into this and, if there is no decision, Barratts could go to the SoS to have the condition rescinded.



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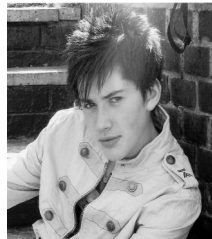
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Clr Hayes did not believe that this would or could stop the development in its tracks and it was not known if this had occurred before. IT WILL BE VITAL, THEREFORE, TO INFORM RESIDENTS OF THIS POSSIBLE WAY FORWARD VIA THE PARISH NEWSLETTER AND TO ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS RESPOND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

Regards whether or not WC go for a judicial review within the statutory 6 weeks, WClr Moss thought it unlikely. Whilst the Planners are all saying it is a done deal, it has gone to the Legal Dept for an opinion. It appears that Eric Pickles is unhappy at John Glen's questions in the House and has offered our MP a private meeting.

Allotments Following some discussion it was agreed that, as a general point of principle, any PC allotments should be set up on a self governing basis by the users although the PC would retain overall control including who is given an allotment so as to ensure fair procedures are followed.

Parish Handyperson Following discussion it was agreed to review the work of the PH. Clrs S Champion and Hayes agreed to do this and to report back to the next PC meeting. In the mean time the Clerk would ask the PH not to collect any litter that was not on PC owned land as this is deemed to be the responsibility of WC/Housing Associations. Regarding any litter problems at O/S, these would be reported to the different Housing Associations and WC for action.

At this point the Chairman asked that the Old Sarum grants be considered. Following discussion and on the condition that a business plan be submitted:

Grant 1 – Awarded

Grant 2 – Awarded –subject to the condition that the computers come with a year's guarantee and are insured. (Since the meeting the Chairman has also suggested that, in the event of any termination of the proposed activities, the computers will revert to PC ownership.

Grant 3 – Declined and referred back. It was suggested that OSCR first ask the MOD and Housing Associations for a grant after first forming a properly constituted group with officers. If those overtures fail the group could re-apply for a pump priming grant.

CHURCH NEWS

St Andrews Church—War Memorial Rededication

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

On Sunday 30th October, a service of rededication was held in St Andrew's following the commissioning and installation of a memorial to the men of this parish who lost their lives in the Second World War, plus the names of two men from the First World War missing from that memorial. The service, conducted by Major Hugh Montgomerie and the Bishop's Chaplain, Revd Jonathan Ball, was attended by representatives of the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Royal British Legion, Scouts, Parish Council and families of the men honoured. The service took the form of a full act of remembrance and wreaths were laid. Thanks are due to the War Memorial Committee that has worked so hard over the last year to design, commission and raise the funds that made this memorial possible.

The following men are honoured on the new memorial

Ford JT, Private MGC, 1917	Holmes G, Private DCLI, 1918
1939 – 45	
Burden AL, Private 7 th Para Bn AAC	Sanders AE, Sergeant RA
Godwin JW, Sergeant RE	Grace CJ, Driver RASC
Osborne RGH, Petty Officer Steward RN	Turner BEV, Sergeant RAF VR
Hammill RLA, Flying Officer RAF	Hoskins OJH, Pilot officer RAF
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**see also page 33 for war memorial committee report*

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Churchwardens - Bryan Evans - 01722 320129

Sue Gallagher - 01722 332619 sjgall@aol.com

Parish Office Mrs Margaret Burbeck— 01722 503123 / 322579

Regular services

Sundays - 8 am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays).

2nd and 4th Sunday services are held at St Martin's. There is no 8 am service on the 5th Sunday. 10am sung Eucharist (Family Service on the 1st Sundays) Sunday School (Pathfinders). 6.30 pm Evensong.

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Church Office 01722 340368 Sun 10.30am Family Service inc. Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays - Term time young people's groups

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Wed 9.00am Holy Communion at Barrington Centre (Bishopdown)

St. Mary's - Winterbourne Gunner - Service at 9.30am except 5th Sunday

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Team Vicar - Rev. Peter Ostli-East - 01980 611350

Associate Priest Rev David Coates - Bourne Valley Team

Associate Priest: Rev'd Penny Joyce - 07808 181885

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SpireWeather Review – September-October 2011

What a rollercoaster year 2011 has been weather-wise! After the record-breaking cold snap in December 2010, spring 2011 brought us the record-breaking heat of April. Summer 2011 was notably cool and wet, yet we have been rewarded by a record-breaking warm autumn. I wonder whether this oscillating pattern will bring us another cold winter...

Early September continued this summer's unsettled theme, but for most of England it was fairly dry with only a third of August's rainfall recorded locally – 34mm (1.3") compared with 93mm (3.7") the previous month. The month began on a warm note with 25.7°C (78.3°F) recorded in Laverstock on the 2nd, but becoming increasingly unsettled thereafter. The 6th was a very windy day with a gust of 20.7mph – this compares to 40mph recorded at Boscombe Down and 87mph on the Isle of Wight. The 12th brought the remnants of Hurricane Katia to Scotland after its journey across the Atlantic from the US east coast, but although it was a windy day, media hype in southern England proved to be unfounded. September's lowest temperature of 4.2°C (39.6°F) was recorded early on the 15th and the month's wettest day was the 17th with 6.6mm (0.3") rainfall.

The autumn's big news began as temperatures started to soar from September 27th with an unseasonably warm and settled period with almost unbroken sunshine into October. September's highest temperature of 26.8°C (80.2°F) was recorded in Laverstock on the 29th, a SpireWeather September record and the warmest day since 3rd August, and UK daily records were broken on four consecutive days from the 28th. The warm spell peaked on 1st October with 27.4°C (81.3°F) recorded in Laverstock and continued until the 3rd. October records were broken across the UK on the 1st with Gravesend in Kent setting a new UK October record of 29.9°C (85.8°F). Many places further north recorded their highest temperatures of the year.

The rest of October was more unsettled but still warmer than average. The 26th was particularly wet and windy with heavy thundery showers bringing 13.2mm (0.5") rainfall, whilst October's strongest gust of 23mph was recorded in Laverstock on the 10th, another SpireWeather record. Temperatures fell to just 0.4°C (32.7°F) early on the 20th, the autumn's only significant ground frost at the time of writing.

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Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2011 of the Parish Plan Tasking Group for the Environment

Present: Pat Hendy, Penny Theobald, Sue Wight, Virginia McLennan, Paul Howland and Steve Hannath.

Apologies: Karen Croker, David Burton and Steve Pooler (WC)

SH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes of 20th July 2011

HP2 The Chairman outlined the situation with regard to the planning appeal which, whilst dismissed by the Inspector, was overturned by Eric Pickles. We wait to see if Wiltshire Council decides to go to a Judicial Review. Watch this space.

Boardwalk sign Whilst no suggestions have yet been received from the schools, it is hoped that St Edmund's and St Andrew's/Old Sarum Primary School (working together) will be able to produce suitable artwork/ideas for the board.

Bio-Blitz ('An intensive 24/48 hour biological inventory attempting to identify all species of living organisms in a given area.')

PH reported that a second successful event had taken place and identified new species.

Whitebridge SH reported that all rear hedges to Becket Way seems to have been trimmed by the owners following a request from the PC in view of repair and maintenance work that WC intends to carry out to the asphalt path, (date unknown).

SW asked if the stump of the felled Chestnut tree, opposite her home, needed to stay. PH undertook to take a look at it. **Action:PH**

It is hoped to plant at least one substantial tree at Whitebridge to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

BKV & VCU day Whilst SH reported that he could not now be in Laverstock for the VCU day on May 12th 2012, it would stay in the diary as Scouts etc had co-ordinated it with their 'Bob-a-job' week.

PH reported that the **electrical sub-station** fencing on the eastern boundary has not yet been completed.

The meeting then continued with the agenda as distributed.

Issues at Whitebridge – SH outlined the possibility of creating a wetland pond area in what is currently a large area of stinging nettles at the Riverbourne Rd end of the boardwalk, if R2 funds could be secured.

LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH PLAN

LOCAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TASK GROUP 1

Task Group 1 (TG1) met on 7th November with Alan Hotchkiss in the chair and five members present. A summary of the discussion is as follows.

The Schools Travel Project. WCllr McLennan had updated LFPC on the project; further progress hinged on a formal planning application yet to be made by the property developer.

Petersfinger Road/Milford Mill Road (MMR) Traffic. It was agreed that pressure should continue to be made on WC for introduction of measures to reduce the volume and speed of traffic using this rural road. Chairman LFPC would raise the issue at PC with a view to writing to WC Dave Bullock, reiterating the PC and MPG proposals. He would also invite Tom Gardner to meet with PC and TG1 members to discuss the feasibility of measures such as 'pinch points', Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) that would restrict the use of MMR at peak periods, or the creation of one-way traffic on the route.

Speed Watch. Laverstock and Milford were still waiting for inclusion in the Wiltshire Community Speed Watch (CSW) programme. The matter was being dealt with through the South Wilts Area Board (SWAB) who were evaluating the level and speed of traffic using MMR.

Lorry Watch. Milford residents were now actively involved in the Lorry Watch scheme, and reports on HGVs contravening the weight limits at Milford Bridge and MMR were regularly being sent to WC Trading Standards for their action. It was noted that eight reports of HGV sightings in the period 27-28 October had been sent to WC.

Roman Road Traffic. The effectiveness of the CSW scheme in the Roman Road area of Ford was discussed, and additional measures such as 'speed humps' or the imposition of a 40mph speed limit on the section not already covered by the 30mph limit. If the LFPC agrees, these proposals should be raised with the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and two Area Boards concerned (SWAB and Salisbury AB).

Whitebridge delays The Chairman had contacted Wiltshire Council Bridges Dept who had responded with a report on delays experienced with the work being done at Laverstock's Whitebridge on Riverside Road. A number of problems had been encountered, including delay with procurement of concrete bridge sections, difficulty in removal of hazardous asbestos material, difficulty in refurbishment of a gas main and routeing of a water main. Having overcome these issues work on the North side of the parapet was about to start, and these would be carried out without the delays experienced on the South side. He was confident that work would be completed by 'Christmas'.

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Other Business. Chairman LFPC briefed the Group on the Core Strategy aspects of the proposed Hampton Park 2 (HP2) development; this was to be discussed at Salisbury Council Full Meeting on 8 November. He also referred to the monitoring of access and right-of-way developments on Green Lane, Ford.

Next Meeting. TG1 will meet next in March 2012, exact date and venue to be notified in due course.

The new war memorial

About a year ago a brief item in the Newsletter highlighted the fact that although Laverstock's First World War dead were commemorated on a brass plaque on the wall of St Andrew's church, there was no memorial for those who had died in the Second World War. We wished to put this right, and people who were interested in helping with the project were asked to make contact. As a result of this, a group of eight or nine people came together for a first meeting last December.

We met regularly over the next few months, to discuss the researching of names, the design and costing of a brass plaque, and the application for a Faculty (Diocesan planning permission). We were able to verify details of nine Second World War dead who had Laverstock links (some with relatives still living in Laverstock or Salisbury). We also had two names to add to the First World War list. These two men came from Clarendon Park, once a royal hunting preserve and not in anyone's parish.

In 2006 Salisbury diocese shared out pastoral responsibility for this area. In Laverstock's patch there are just three dwellings, but from these had come two war dead.

On Sunday, October 30th more than 180 people crowded into St Andrew's for the dedication of the memorial (see church news for more info).

Many people have helped with the project over the past few months. Through the Newsletter we want to thank those who have encouraged us, those who came forward with information, and those who have given generously to cover the cost of the project.

Bryan Evans, for the War Memorial Group

Surprise gift amazes the Parish Council

The Clerk had to interrupt proceedings of the October Parish Council meeting to announce the receipt of an anonymous gift to the Council.

A letter was delivered to the Clerk's door, along with a very smart brief case, by an unknown person. The letter stated that the donor enjoyed living



in Laverstock, was grateful for the work of the Parish Council and was keen that the Chairman should be recognised as such when representing the PC at official functions. At the recent reception of several Mayors and Chairmen at an official Salisbury City Council function, we were conscious of that very omission on the part of L&FPC for the briefcase contained a beautiful silver gilt Chain of Office, incorporating the Parish Council logo, for the Chairman and subsequent holders of the post.

The PC members were delighted to be able to accept this very generous gift which, after 117 years of service to the parish, provides a splendid mark of recognition. The Parish Council is most grateful to the anonymous donor.

Chairman Ron Champion wears new chain for War Memorial re-dedication service

Farm Trails Get Into Full Stride

The River Bourne Community Farm Down and Meadows Trails Project is getting into full stride.

Volunteer leaders met in October and agreed a plan of activities for 2012 along the four trails - Partridge Way, Pilgrims Way, River Bourne (Cow Lane) and Hampton Park.

The activities are designed for all to enjoy. We are keen to hear more ideas about how we can make the trails special places where everyone can enjoy our countryside and wildlife - so come along to one of the social events, drop us a line - and enjoy the trails! Trail maps are being worked up as the project progresses and can be found in the farm shop or download them from the website. For more info: phone 01722 330667 or visit www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk

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The AGM in May was unique in that the business was concluded quickly enabling members to celebrate the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with a fun afternoon; Christine Haynes provided the music for a great sing-a-long when she played tunes through the alphabet, and members enjoyed the tea, sandwiches and cake.

The fundraising over the previous year allowed us to stretch a bit in June, and our members thoroughly enjoyed an excellent Birthday lunch at the Grasmere Hotel, where we really enjoyed the riverside setting.

Mr Steve Williams presented "Life in the Trenches" at the July meeting and had lots of feedback from the appreciative audience.

In August, our committee's charity stall in the Maltings raised £458.43 for club funds. The August meeting moved out of the village hall once again, this time to the lovely garden of Nancy and Maurice Joyce, the weather was very kind and everyone enjoyed their tea, sandwiches, strawberries and shortbread in the garden.

In September, the Ploughman's lunch was held in the marquee at the Community Farm, due to very inclement weather and the club is very grateful for their co-operation, £213.50 was raised for club funds. Jill Kay finally managed to provide, along with the committee and helpers, a Cream Tea in her garden on the 15th, which raised £106.00. The entertainment at the monthly meeting was provided by the ever popular Peter Daniels, who gave a talk and showed slides on "Old Salisbury", followed by excellent tea, scones and cakes.

In October, Mr Chris Usher entertained us with "Music Down Memory Lane" and in November we had the welcome return of Janet Newman, showing us her floral decorations followed by a very successful "Autumn Fayre" in the Village Hall, we had an excellent turnout and raised a magnificent £333 for club funds.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 2.30pm.

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.

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LAVERSTOCK & FORD DOWNLAND & WATERMEADOWS TRUST

After much discussion and consideration the Committee has agreed to dissolve Laverstock & Ford Downland & Watermeadows Trust [LFDWT] as it believed its time has run out. The Riverbourne Community Farm and the Parish Council Tasking Group for the Environment [TGE] are now the prime movers in fulfilling the aims and objectives of the Trust and the Community Farm is now the hub of environmental activities in the Parish with the means and facilities to further the LFDWT original cause. Members of LFDWT committee are now heavily involved in volunteering at the Farm, serve on the TGE and are involved with the Salisbury Festival Nature of Art project and feel that much more can be achieved by these means.

It was therefore agreed that LFDWT should cease activities and transfer the remaining funds of £125 to Riverbourne Community Farm with the proviso that the money be ring fenced for the purpose of pump priming the setting up of a Young Farmers' Club [YFC], an aim of Riverbourne Community Farm, with special focus on furthering interest and education in the local environment, particularly downland and watermeadows. One of the aims of the Parish Plan was to establish a Youth Club which has not been possible so establishing a Young Farmers' Club, open to all young people, would fulfil a need for the Parish.

We hope to get the YFC up and running early next year and in the meantime would like to hear from any ex YFC members who can share experience or guidance or anyone who would be interested in helping with this venture. Please contact David Burton [Tel:01722 330667 or david.burton82@btinternet.com] if you can help.

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 16th JANUARY 7pm

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 7pm

Summary Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 21st Nov. 2011

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

During the public session

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and invited members of the public to address council.

Mr Angus Beale reported that there has been a 'mini crime spree' at Old Sarum airfield. There have been two burglaries, one in the offices of the bus company and one in the club bar plus 400 litres of oil being recently taken. The thefts are believed to be un-related and the police are involved.

Mr Alan Hotchkiss (Chair of TG1) spoke on two items:

Traffic in Milford Mill Rd – He reported that, whilst the figures given in the last traffic count cannot be disputed, the way that they were derived leaves questions unanswered – conducted in school holidays and whilst the road works on Whitebridge were taking place.

Heavy Goods vehicles – The LorryWatch scheme had reported 36 sightings to Trading Standards at WC.

The meeting proper commenced at 7.08 pm.

Co-option of Mr Vic Bussereau Following the distribution of details and an opportunity for the PC to raise questions, Mr Vic Bussereau was unanimously co-opted to the PC. The Chairman welcomed him to the council and informed him that, as a co-optee, he was a Full member of Council. Cllr Bussereau signed the Declaration of Acceptance form.

Matters Arising

Extra Parking in Duck Lane This would now fall from the Agenda as there will be no S106 funds left over from the Cycle way to fund it. Any remaining funds will be used on the real time readouts for the bus service.

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way The Clerk explained that this is slowly progressing and we now wait for Bloor Homes to produce new drawings which remove the anomalies in the transfer and to complete all the outstanding work to get the asset in an acceptable condition for transfer.

Accepting more responsibilities The Clerk reported that some data had been received from English Landscapes and that other figures would follow. He indicated that the service received from the contractor was not of a good standard and the PC should consider going out to tender for the grass cutting next year. This was agreed. Proposed Cllr Hayes, seconded Cllr McLennan, carried in full [caif].

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Sensory Garden at Old Sarum Primary School The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the Headteacher who had promised to return in due course the completed R2 forms along with quotations.

Parish Handyperson Hours Cllr Hayes reported that the small committee had produced a pro-forma of locations and jobs done which the PH would complete and return each month. This would demonstrate greater accountability on the part of the PC.

Planning Matters

The applications as listed on the agenda were accepted with the addition of:

PC recommendations

1723SRP Application to extend the time for development. Cllr Law argued that as there is no retail on the east side of Salisbury traffic through the parish to access stores on the Southampton Road has greatly increased. This was discussed in Council and the prevailing view was that it could be worth supporting food retail provision on the SRP site in order to address the above issue. The view given was Object to the extension of time, but add some positive comments regarding provision of food retail. Cllr Law agreed to complete the planning form and return to the Clerk.

1724Renewal of the temporary planning permission of an existing modular classroom at Wyvern College. The PC has always objected to this type of application as it would prefer to see the removal of all temporary classrooms, to be replaced with more fit-for-purpose permanent buildings. This policy would continue, so the planning return would state Object.

WC decisions

1452Extension to front of garage etc at 14 Green Lane, Ford AP-PROVED

The Chair then referred to WCllr McLennan's four motions regarding the Core Strategy. The Chair attended this full Council meeting at City Hall and stated that the residents of Ford had not been consulted on this issue. Alas WC, whilst claiming sympathy, would not accept WCllr McLennan's motion as it was thought to compromise the Core Strategy. WCllr McLennan's other proposals were likewise rejected, including the setting up of a democratic forum to oversee the HP2 Strategic Gap issue which was originally agreed at the County Hall meeting attended by a number of council. The only positive outcome was the proposal to have the airfield "listed" which would afford it some future protection from development.

It was stated that Barratt Homes are now back and talking to the planners, as HP2 is now officially subject to a judicial review (in spite of information received from the planners as recently distributed by email). It was noted that BFRA meet on Thursday (which Cllr Flynn and WClr Moss will attend) when, in the light of a possible transfer of the asset to a public body, the issue of the future of the pavilion should be discussed.

R2 Monies

The Chair raised the issue of R2 funds referring members to the distributed email "R2 Money – How Shall We Spend It. The Clerk indicated that there were some additional items not included on that sheet:

- Whitebridge pond and boardwalk spur.
- Car parking with disabled access at the Community Farm – c £24K
- Lean-to to Dutch barn for teaching engineering at Community Farm – c£9.5K

Purchase of land on righthand side of Riverbourne opposite Whitebridge play area. This is estimated to be about 4 acres at a cost of c £5K per acre = c £20K

The Clerk informed PC that a specific application for R2 money had been received from the Community Farm that day to provide funds for the provision of hardwood flooring to the straw classroom. The cost was put at £5,820 including VAT. This issue was discussed. Whilst the PC is very sympathetic and supportive, it did not feel that R2 funds could be used for this purpose. It was strongly suggested that the Community Farm make an application to the SW Area Board (and SAB) for the required funds as the end of the financial year is not too far away and unspent funds might be available.

Clr Sainsbury asked how big the Community Farm will become in terms of its buildings, barns etc. Clr Law indicated that it will be at about its current size and described the one or two proposed buildings yet to be constructed. The Chair then proposed that a small committee be set up to look at the issue of how to spend the available R2 funds. This group would consist of Clrs Flynn, Hayes and Bussereau plus the Clerk who would set up the first meeting.

Clr Hayes requested that members should submit any other projects for consideration to the committee.

Clr Flynn asked if there were any R2 funds available for Hampton Park. The provision of some extra benches to oversee children's activities were particularly sought. The Clerk agreed to contact the WC officer to enquire as to the remaining funds available to Hampton Park.



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Climate Change/Biodiversity

The Clerk reported on the decision to wind up the Laverstock & Ford Downland & Watermeadow Trust. The organising committee felt that it had run its course and the issues of protecting the downland and water meadows are now being covered by the Tasking Group for the Environment and the Community Farm (*see page 19 for more detail*). On the issue of transport, Cllr Maffey informed the meeting that there is a problem with buses not stopping at all bus stops. He cited the experience of one resident whose bus would not stop opposite the bus stop outside the school. It is understood that buses will stop opposite a bus stop, where an actual bus stop sign may not exist. The Clerk was asked to write to Wilts & Dorset Bus Co to establish the facts.

Boundaries Issue

WCllr McLennan distributed a paper "Laverstock & Ford Parish – The Way Ahead". He stated that, with the parish growing at a very fast rate, we need to address the questions, 'Where do we go from here and what should the Parish Council look like in the future?' It was agreed to set up a sub-committee (representing all communities in the parish) to take this issue forward, comprising Cllrs Flynn, Dean, Vincent, Hayes, R Champion plus WCllrs Moss and McLennan.

Correspondence

Regarding the grant request to support The Winterslow Play Day, the Chair reported that it was impossible to say how many people from the parish had attended. It was reported that a similar day had also been held at the Community Farm. It was suggested that this PC support the day at the Community Farm and the Area Board be asked to support Winterslow. A proposal to give financial support received no votes at all. The Clerk was asked to write explaining our position.

Following contact from Wimpey Homes regarding road naming at Old Sarum, it was agreed to request that new roads be named after deceased and living members of the community who had given valued service to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Reports

Cllr McLennan stated that 134no. 30mph stickers had been funded by the South Wiltshire Area Board. She proposed that we order some extra to give 4 stickers per household so that 2 could be placed on the grey bin and 2 on the blue bin to accommodate the fortnightly collection and point both ways. The cost for this would be £122.20. Proposed Cllr McLennan, seconded Cllr Law, caif.

Clr Law He informed the meeting that the Olympic Flame will be coming very close to the parish, although the route from St Thomas's Roundabout is not yet known. He had received a folder on the Olympic Flame event which included a section on the Diamond Jubilee.

Regarding the traffic survey, *Clr Law* expressed concern that the metrocam in Petersfinger Road had been collecting data at the same time as the Whitebridge road works and the school holidays. This would be followed up by the tasking group for traffic and transport. On a more positive note, he felt that the new HGV signs had resulted in a fall in lorry traffic through the village.

Clr Law indicated that an anomaly had arisen in regard to planning applications for the farm. The farm had expected that plans submitted would come before the PC, but as it is agricultural land this does not currently happen but would be addressed in the future. The latest Community Farm Newsletter is now available and well worth a look. The work on the trails was moving forward following the HLF grant. *Clr Law* distributed some posters for the Hampton Park Trail launch and encouraged all to try to attend the Christmas Fair on 3 December between 12 noon and 4pm.

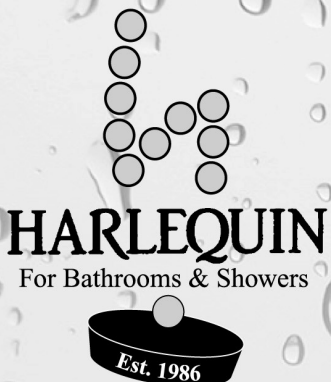
Clr Maffey expressed concerns that the retaining wall just downstream of the Whitebridge appeared to show signs of being undermined. The Clerk indicated that this would be addressed as part of the bridge works in exchange for the use of PC land by the contractors.

Clr Sainsbury has continued to be in touch with WC regarding the flooding at the end of School Lane. He reported that the drain had been cleared, was now visible and should be working.

Clr Bussereau reported that he had complained about overhanging vegetation in Ford, had complained to Clarence and could state that the work had now been done.

Clr Flynn stated that there are problems with disabled access to the pavilion play area at Hampton Park. He indicated that there is also no seating provision for adults to supervise children playing. The Clerk will enquire as to R2 funds available for HP and the possibility of provision for the above. *Clr Flynn* then reported that broken bottles are now a problem on The Green and there is wear and tear to the sleeping policemen designed to calm traffic. He further reported that articulated lorries are over-nighting at the end of Pearce Way, so the Chair suggested he contact the police.

Clr S Champion reported that the bus stop at the junction of Merrifield and Roman Road had received a cursory cleanup from Clarence but that it required a little more tlc. The Clerk undertook to request the parish handyperson to address that issue.



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Clr Vincent reported that the Old Sarum Community Room financial group meeting (which she could not attend) had taken place last week but as yet no minutes had been received.

Clr R Champion regarding the provision of a Parish office, informed the meeting that the committee recommends a Parish office in principle using S106 money and that the preferred option is to site the office at the Community Farm. The Parish office would, in fact, be a multi-use community building in order to qualify for those funds. This recommendation was accepted.

Regarding the requested financial figures from the Old Sarum Community Room, he reported that unfortunately nothing had yet been received. *Clr R Champion* insisted that proper accounts be produced as per the previous Parish Council motion.

WClr Moss raised the issue of allotments and the Clerk explained the current situation regarding Parish residents having access to the SCC allotments in Cow Lane. *WClr Moss* then informed the meeting that, with regards to the Olympic Flame, he was dealing with the historical side and was taking advice from the Salisbury Museum.

WClr McLennan reported that he and Tom Bray had attended the Finance Meeting at OSCR last week. He stated that the finances look reasonably good, in spite of a forecast deficit, as this could be worked through. *WClr McLennan* explained that Tom Bray works very hard on behalf of Old Sarum and that the OSCR should not need to make any further major call on PC funds. Finally he reported that he is working on setting up a nursery school at Old Sarum Primary School, which will be open every morning until the afternoons also become viable.



Sophie is no e-scapegoat!

Fans of Riverbourne Community Farm may be wondering where Sophie, the farms adult Golden Guernsey Goat has gone. She can't be housed with Andrew and Clara, the goat kids, since she has horns and they don't and it's not permissible for them to be together. However, Sophie now has the free run of

the field next to the allotments where she has the company of one or more of the farms Wiltshire Horn lambs.

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS NOVEMBER 2011

The community Halloween event at The Pavilion once again proved a great success. We would particularly like to thank Matthew Barton and Radian Housing for their support. We should also take this opportunity to point out an error on the Halloween flyer (delivered to every household) in that Shaftesbury Housing decided that they were unable to support the event. As some of the ghouls and ghosts were still in nappies while others were decidedly more mature we will probably start next year's party with the younger age groups before opening up to the older children. This will not only help the toddlers but also allow the entertainer to target his audience even better.

BFRA AGM: It would seem that very few residents air their views to us via email so if you prefer to have your say at a meeting then the BFRA AGM will be held on 3rd February 2012 at 7.30 pm in Greentrees School. We have moved back to a Friday as holding it on a Thursday did not generate an improvement in attendance. We look forward to seeing many of you on that evening.

HP2/Core Strategy: Unfortunately there is no real news on HP2 despite the best efforts of your MP John Glen and local Councillors. Although Wiltshire Council has appeared very quiet they have issued a 'legal challenge' to the Secretary of State's decision as explained elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Pavilion: The lights in the main hall of The Pavilion have now been replaced and have made a noticeable improvement. There continues to be a busy programme of events which shows that there is a considerable demand for this type of facility. We have taken a close look at the Pavilion charges with a view to spread the costs more fairly and to ensure that we maintain a contingency fund for the more expensive maintenance items (such as the new lights). Pavilion user groups have been informed of this review as well as provided with new, and hopefully clearer, Terms & Conditions. One of our main aims with the new Terms and Conditions is to ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities and to dispel any thoughts that The Pavilion is council run or charitable or has paid employees.



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GAS LEAKS: The BFRA have been alerted to gas leaks which have occurred in some of the older properties on the estate. In these properties the gas pipe enters the house on an outside wall and the pipe is rusting underneath the protective covering. The design appears to be very poor with rust commencing where the pipe is not protected then eating its way underneath the protection (which naturally stays damp). The gas authorities are not able to take any action unless there is a confirmed gas leak as the damaged pipework belongs to the householder. This is despite one of their employees having suggested that there may be other such leaks currently going undetected on the estate. There is a photo on the BFRA website of one such case showing the inadequacy of the plastic outer cover that has been partly removed to show the rusted leaking pipe.

Litter: We make no apology for continuing the reminder about litter. While it is not currently a major problem (partly due to Summer being over) we do need to keep on top of it and we should all set a good example.

Policing: By the time you read this, the Neighbourhood Policing Team will have held their public meeting in the Pavilion. Our policing team (PC Sam Dutton and PCSO Nicola Clark) are pro-active and looking for opportunities to interact with the residents (indeed they were present at the Halloween party – albeit dressed in Police uniform!). They are also trying to push the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) system again. Remember that insurance companies generally look favourably on households which are part of NHW. The Street Watch system which was advertised earlier this year is another initiative which aims to encourage residents to become empowered to take back ownership of their open spaces and to set standards for others.

Further information can be obtained from www.wiltshire.police.uk or via email: salisburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

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: www.thebfra.co.uk.

SEE PAGE 31 FOR DETAILS OF BFRA AGM

From Colin Froude

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM

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Greentrees Primary School, Bishopdown Farm

This is your opportunity to be involved in what is happening in your area.

All residents of Bishopdown Farm
are welcome to attend the AGM



Horsing Around!

Hi, my name is Holly, I'm thirteen and have lived in Ford my whole life. Now, I have never really been a massive fan of horses, especially not when I was six and got thrown off an evil Shetland Pony called Zorro. It knocked my confidence and I never went near a horse again until very recently.

A few months ago, my mum and I started riding lessons at Grovely Riding Stables. I was really scared at first, but soon got my confidence back, and that's when I dared to go and see Zorro again. By this time, the owners, Alan and Bron had brought two new Icelandic ponies called Freya and Lifting. I got to know them very well and I offered to help groom and muck them out in the mornings over the summer holidays. I really enjoyed this, the horses were so good... well at least two of them were.

Zorro still hasn't changed his ways, I was picking out his hooves one morning when he bit me right on the bum! He is such a greedy little pony that he has to go in a starvation paddock for most of the day so that he doesn't get too big! Anyway, I love them all (even Zorro if you can believe that!). It gets me out on the weekends and holidays and I really enjoy helping to look after them. This has shown me that even though there may be things you are not confident about, or don't really want to do, you need to give them a go, because you never know, you might enjoy them. That's certainly what happened to me.

www.grovely.info www.ukhorseriderguide.com

By Holly Allaway

VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock and Ford Village Hall

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For details of regular events see www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Old Sarum Community Rooms

The space is available to hire for residents use and business use, community groups, fitness classes etc., There is a main hall, a meeting room, downstairs WC, small kitchen, disabled access and two parking spaces.

Contact Suz Vickery: Community Room Co-ordinator, Tel 01722 329693 or email oldsarumcr@gmail.com

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

The Pavilion, Hampton Park

The Pavilion is located on Ash Crescent at Hampton Park. It offers excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport, as well as a meeting place for a variety of groups and organisations. It is in use every day and most evenings but there are a limited number of periods available for hire during the week and Saturdays outside of the cricket season and most Sundays all the year. For the latest info on availability and to hire the Pavilion for a party or meeting, please check the website: www.thebfra.co.uk and 'click' on Hire the Pavilion and follow the simple instructions

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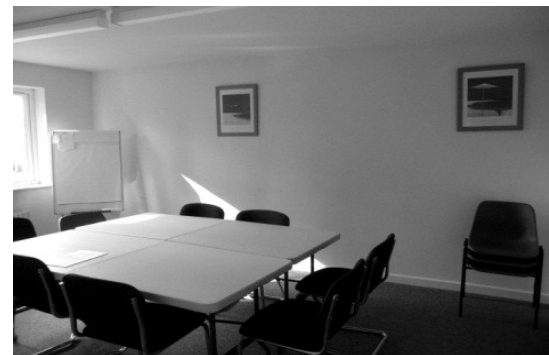
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Wiltshire Council www.wiltshire.gov.uk
The Unit (for young people) www.unit-space.co.uk

The Rose Gale trust (for young people) www.rosegaletrust.org

The aim of the charity is to raise funds to provide small but meaningful grants to young people who might otherwise slip through the net of support from other charities or public funds. Rose Gale Trust also recognises that sometimes funds need to be made available quickly, because not all young people can wait months for the result of an application. The trustees aim to keep the criteria as wide as possible so as not to exclude young people because of their particular individual need, situation, or idea.

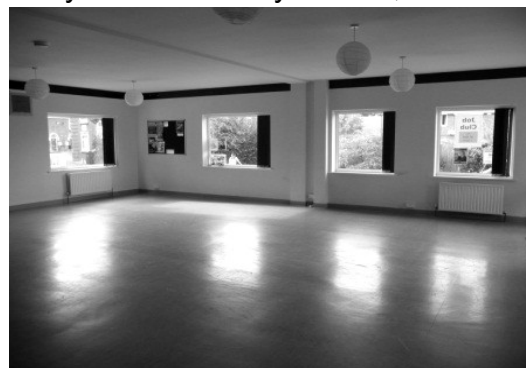
OLD SARUM SPARKLES!

A new year sees many new things starting at Old Sarum, after an action packed 2011. We sparkled at the Sparkle party on November 5th with 48 children and their parents attending. Then we were crafty at the Christmas Craft morning, and sang lustily at the Carol Service



on the estate. January sees the continuation of the new Book group and a 'Girls Night Out' is planned for Saturday 28th January. A Table Top sale will be happening in January and a yoga class and dog training are also starting.

Just to alert you...the community room is a versatile place to use for your community events, with a large hall seating 30+ and many



more standing. The upstairs rooms offer a table meeting room for 12, a smaller meeting room, and a relaxed informal room for 8. Kitchen facilities are next door...so go on, try it for 2012! It is well used by Toddler groups, Zumba, mini majorettes, the Shine bus and many more.

We are so pleased that we have such a showpiece school on the estate and wish to thank Mr Jones and his staff for all their hard work over the last term.

If you would like any more information about the Old Sarum Community Room booking ring 01722 329693 or email oldsarumcr@gmail.com

From Penny Joyce, Community Enabler, Old Sarum



Laverstock Gardening Club

Can you help?

In the last edition of the Parish Newsletter, you will have seen the article stating that £900 was raised for the charity Greenfingers, which creates and establishes gardens in childrens' hospices. To raise this money, eleven gardens in Laverstock were opened for a total charge of just £5, which also included a cream tea.

Thanks to the publicity, more than 160 visitors came to see the gardens – but many of them were from outside the area. In 2013 we would like to raise a four-figure sum for a worthy charity, and this is why we need some help. We are hoping that many new gardens will be opening in Laverstock and swelling the number available (regrettably, logistics restrict the inclusion of gardens further afield). If you take care over the planning and tending of your garden, why not open it on Sunday 14 July 2013 and give joy to others while raising money for a good cause? Laverstock Gardening Club organise the event. You do not have to be, or become, a member – but of course you would be very welcome!

If you, or a neighbour, have a garden which should be opened and enjoyed by others please contact Stuart Dennis, Chairman of Laverstock Gardening Club (230522).

Remember, Open Gardens Day is in the summer of 2013 so there is plenty of time to prepare.

from Stuart Dennis



Laverstock Explorer Scouts Unit

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www.scouts.org.uk (see help your child to join—section)

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New Premises Update

Progress is being made on our new development details can be seen on line or at both surgeries. The new premises will be called **Salisbury Medical Practice**. It will contain the New Street Surgery, Grove House Surgery, a pharmacy, a dentist, and some private medical services. The Bishopdown branch Surgery will remain open and will form part of Salisbury Medical Practice.

Patient Participation Group

We are very proud to have set up this new group of patient representatives and have been really pleased with your response and interest in joining the group. We will be actively consulting with our patients on the services being run here and in the new practice. If you are interested in joining please look at our website and send us your details. Alternatively you can contact the Surgery.

Practice Information

Flu vaccinations: Thank you to all our eligible patients who have taken up the invitation to have their flu vaccination. If you have not had yours it is not too late to book your vaccination.

New Year Closure: Please plan ahead for your repeat prescriptions. Both surgeries will be closed on 2nd January.

Awareness of our Surgery: we were surprised to hear that some local residents were unaware of our Bishopdown branch Surgery. If you would like to know more about our surgery, please come and see us, next to the Vets or have a look at our website

We would all like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

From Sharon Burgess, Business Manager

WELCOME to Mr Vic Bussereau who has just joined the Parish Council. Vic lives in Ford and his membership brings the PC back up to full strength. We hope that he finds it a rewarding and interesting experience



Dispose of your dog waste by taking it home to dispose of, put it in a bin, or allow it to naturally degrade* if it is not where people walk, or sit. (*like fox, horse, bird poo etc.)



Don't leave it hanging on bush or fence, or drop it on the ground in a non-biodegradable bag for someone else to deal with!



New Year, new you?

Having a turn-out? De-cluttering?

Please don't forget to recycle your **unwanted clothing** in the Wiltshire Air Ambulance recycling bin located at Murphy's factory on Church Rd, Laverstock (the main road through Laverstock—at the Ford end). Thank you.

News from River Bourne Community Farm

New Year

The changes made to the farm in the last 12 months have exceeded even our expectations. The eco toilet block, the straw-bale classroom, the erection of the Dutch barn, the tractor and implement store, pig stys, pig paddocks, the shop, the list goes on. All made possible by our sponsors, donors, friends of the farm and volunteers. To everyone, thank you, we couldn't do it without you.

A happy and peaceful New Year from all at the farm.

Greenhouse

Regular visitors to the farm will have noticed the dismantling of the large greenhouse. Regrettably the greenhouse, which had been out of use for at least 30 years, required many thousands of pounds spent on it in order for it to be made safe to use by volunteers and even more for it to enable our insurers to accept it for use by the public.

We didn't want to see it being demolished for scrap and are pleased to say that it is being dismantled and re-erected in Truro by a gentleman who is restoring an old mill. Initially he will use it to cover the mill whilst the mill is renovated, when it will revert to its use as a smaller greenhouse producing eco fruit and vegetables for the local Truro market.

Straw-bale Classroom

Our straw-bale built classroom is now completed. 550 straw bales within a framework form the walls which have been rendered outside with a lime/horsehair render. The roof is tiled with cedarwood shingles, the roofspace is insulated with a material made from recycled plastic bottles. It will be fully fitted out for community uses. We plan to utilise it fully with activities during the day and in the evenings. The space is suitable for community courses, lettings, events and as a regular meeting place for clubs. Please let us know if you have any skills which you could share with others by leading courses in them with the support of the farm. We would also be interested in ideas you may have for courses at the farm especially if you would be willing to teach or take part in them. By helping in this way, you will help to generate vital revenue which will help to ensure the long term sustainability of the farm.



*Thank
You*

Saturday work parties and trail work parties

Our Saturday work parties have been busy tackling a variety of tasks from rounding up sheep and moving pigs to installing fencing and planting orchard trees. Despite the weather turning colder there is still a good number of volunteers turning out for the two hour stint from 10 to 12 every Saturday. We are also starting up a wider programme of volunteer work parties on the farm trails on Sundays and some weekdays. The trails work includes helping with new benches and access gates as well as coppicing and wildflower meadow creation at each of the four trails across the Parish. Anyone interested in volunteering for the work parties is welcome to join us. To find out more about the trails project see the article in this edition of the Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter or download our trails leaflets from:

www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk/trails.html

What wildlife to look out on the farm as the nights draw in

One consolation as winter draws near is the amazing display of winter wildlife on the farm. We have already heard the first Redwings (pictured) arriving from Scandinavia. Large flocks of this pretty thrush along with the larger, boldly coloured Fieldfare will soon be gathering on the fields and hedgerows of the farm. Our arable field stubble provides a haven for other farmland songbirds during the winter months. Skylarks, Yellowhammers, Linnets and the occasional Corn Bunting and Tree Sparrow can be seen feeding in the stubble and small strip of un-harvested Spring Barley. This provides a vital food supply for these farmland birds which are in decline across much of England.



Young Farmers Club on its way

We plan to launch a new Young Farmer's Club for the Salisbury area early in the New Year. We are on the look-out for adult volunteers to help support the Club which will be led by the Club members. The National Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs are giving us their full support with the project as are past members of the Young Farmers who live in South Wiltshire. The age range for Young Farmers is 11 to 26 years of age and the programme includes national competitions including a Cooking Competition to mark the Olympics as well as local activities. If you know of anyone who might be interested in help us get the Club up and running let us know!



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