

Diary Dates for events around the parish in March & April 2012

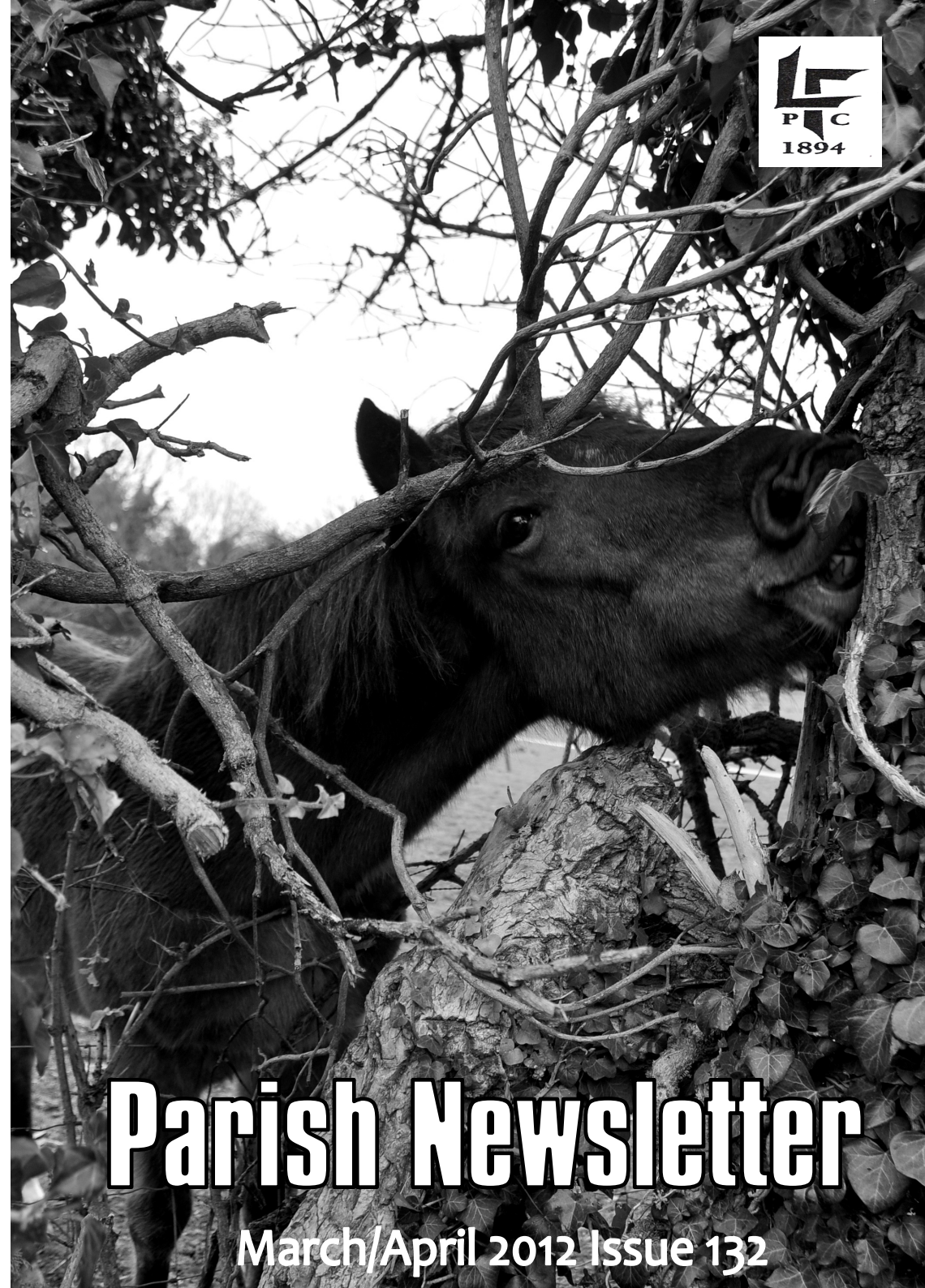
March

- Thurs 1st** BFRA committee meeting, 7.30pm
- Sun 4th** Vintage Sunday, vintage aircraft at Old Sarum Airfield—all day
- Tues 6th** Book Club at Pennys Place, upstairs at OSCR 7.30pm **
- Mon 5th** Laverstock & Ford Parish Council meets, St Andrews School 7pm
- Thurs 8th** Sarum Live open mic night, The Duck Inn, Laverstock 7.30pm
- Mon 12th** Laverstock Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 8pm
'The Dog Behind the Collar' with Jack Leeming
- Tues 13th** Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church at 7.30pm
- Thurs 15th** Salisbury Area Board, Sarum Academy, Bemerton Heath, 6.30pm
- Sun 18th** Salisbury Mini Club, the Duck Inn, Laverstock 6.30pm
- Mon 26th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm
Garden Design with Helen Elks-Smith
- Weds 28th** Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church 2.15pm

April

- Sun 1st** Vintage Sunday, vintage aircraft at Old Sarum Airfield—all day
Palm Sunday Procession from St. Josephs school to St. Andrews Ch. 10am
- Mon 9th** Laverstock & Ford Parish Council meets, St. Andrews School 7pm
- Tues 10th** Mothers' Union Evening Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church at 7.30pm
- Fri 13th** Laverstock Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 8pm
Skittles evening with ploughman's supper
- Mon 16th** Laverstock & District WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.45pm
Take a Letter, Miss Jones! talk by Mrs Jenny Lane
- Mon 23rd** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm
New styles of gardening with grasses and perennials by Lynn Miles
- Weds 25th** Mothers' Union Afternoon Group, Curtis Room, St Andrews Church 2.15pm
- Sat 28th** Gig Night with 'Not Dead Yet' The Duck Inn, Laverstock, 8.30pm

**There was a first meeting of the childrens book club on February 28th at the old Sarum Community Rooms contact Penny Joyce for more details*



Parish Newsletter

March/April 2012 Issue 132

Deadline for the next newsletter Issue no. 133 covering May/June 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) **Fri 23rd March 2012**

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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.

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

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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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*IF YOU HAVE A SPACE available to hire for meetings, parties or events within the parish do get in touch to advertise here:
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Welcome to issue no 132 and a happy Easter to you all. Inside this issue you may notice some changes. Over the past year we have been struggling to accommodate the growing number of local news articles from the numerous and diverse groups, organisations and individuals existing within the Parish. Occasionally the newsletter has been stretched to 76 pages but with obvious cost implications.

Ever responsive, the Parish Council have agreed that the parish minutes rather than being printed as a summary here, will be made available in full on the Parish Website and via request to Steve Hannath, the Parish Clerk and Steve will provide relevant updates in a much shortened version as a regular column 'from the Clerks Desk ...'. plus all the usual reports from Parish Council committees and task groups. It is hoped this will make for a more vibrant, community newsletter produced on your behalf by the Parish Council - let us know your thoughts!

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 Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter is a bi-monthly Newsletter produced by the Parish Council, distributed free of charge to over 2,850 households and local businesses, providing news, information and items of local interest for the Parish including Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park, Bishopdown Farm and Old Sarum.

From the Clerk's desk...

Flooding at the end of School Lane – following persistent requests to WC from one of the Parish Councillors, it seems that the flooding problems at the end of School Lane have been resolved. Wiltshire Highways have cleaned the drains and gulleys in the lane and promised to keep them clear and working in order that in heavy rain much of School Lane does not finish up on Church Rd! Water levels in our River Bourne are not high; in fact the river system needs more water but we do not wish for more rain! The Bourne level is as follows (see also pg 10):

The river level at Laverstock is 0.17 metres. This measurement was recorded at 04:00 on 20/01/2012. The typical river level range for this location is between 0.10 metres and 0.57 metres. The highest river level recorded at this location is 1.00 metres. The river level reached 0.65 metres on 12/03/2007.

Dog Orders – The PC has opted to take out a dog order requesting that all dogs be on a lead along the area of the boardwalk between the spinney and the river in order that they may not run off and chase wildlife. Dogs are free to run around on the main grass area. We trust that residents will appreciate the PC's intent and support this move.

Pilgrims Way adoption This is, finally, moving towards completion. The map of legal transfer included several anomalies of roads, driveways and pavements for which the PC did not request responsibility. Once the new map has been agreed then the lawyers can carry out the legal transfer and the PC will be then responsible for grass cutting, hedge and tree maintenance and for the Tiny Tots play area. The play area was closed for some time whilst the contractors carried out repairs and maintenance identified in the PC's own RoSPA report.

Whitebridge At the time of writing the repairs are nearly complete. It has taken much longer than expected. The new powder coated railings look great and will remain in good condition for much longer than the old iron ones. Repairs to the undercut left bank have been completed with no charge to the parish in exchange for the contractor's use of PC land for storage etc.

Grass cutting A new season of grass cutting is nearly upon us and the PC is minded to change our contractors due the level of service given last year. The PC pays for grass cutting on all its own land. The grass verges and road splays will remain the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and their contractors. We have no control over this but any missed and uncut areas should be reported to the Clerk. The PC wished to take over this responsibility from WC but, alas, the amount of money on offer to be devolved to pay for the work would in no way cover the costs. WC is able to exercise the advantage of size when negotiating prices.

Police	Non-Urgent Crime	0845 408 7000
Rosemary Conley	Susanne Rawle	320339
St. Andrews - Head	Karen Walker	503590
St. Andrews - FRIENDS - Chair	Ali Andrews	07403 774307
St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Emily Sharps	07841 907987
St. Edmunds - Head	Miss Sarah Busby	328565
St. Edmunds - FRIENDS	Kate Fry (Secretary)	via 328565
St. Josephs - Head	Mr P Hughes	335380
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TA Centre—Old Sarum	Capt Dave Oliver	438300
Tai Chi	Cheryl Beeney	337870
The Duck Inn	Becki & Tim	327678
Village Hall Secretary (L/stock & Ford)	Ian Haldane	320879
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Contacts around the Parish

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Bishopdown Pavilion	Sharon Safe	07833 515001
Bonsai	Graham Alexander	320517
Laverstock Brownies	Pauline Giles	01725 519216
Laverstock Cubs	Kate Knight	01980 622495
Deliveries - NEWSLETTER	Parish Clerk	326714
Environment Agency	Emergency Help Line	0800 807 060
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Fitness League	Sheelagh Browne	324202
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
Laverstock WI	Thelma Green	320179
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Mother's Union	Jan Seaman	413433
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Old Sarum Flying School		322525
Old Sarum Community Room		329693
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce	329693
Parkwood Health & Fitness Centre	Mr G. Sheppard	416245
Pilates	Sandra Walgrove	412749

30mph Bin Stickers All residents on a 30mph main road in the parish should now have 30 mph stickers for two bins. These were paid for by the South Wiltshire Area Board. We very much hope that all those who received them will wish to use them in the hope of impacting positively on reducing traffic speed. Should you not wish to use your stickers then please return to the Parish Clerk at 83 Church Rd, Laverstock for re-use by another parish.

Sensory Garden at Old Sarum Primary School The PC has allocated planning gain money (R2 funds) available for Old Sarum to provide a sensory garden at Old Sarum Primary School. This will be a lovely resource for the school and the wider community who will have access to it.

Do You Have the X Factor? Wiltshire Council have produced a short DVD to encourage people to get involved with their community. If you think you could be tempted it may be viewed on YouTube and the link is to be found on the parish website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Well done to Wiltshire Council The recent high winds brought down a number of trees in Ford East but WC was swift to respond and has done a very good job at clearing them away. The resident, whose property was damaged by the fallen trees has also expressed his gratitude for the prompt and professional response*.

Old Sarum It has come to our notice that Persimmon are working on plans for further housing in any remaining space at Old Sarum. We also envisage City Brisk coming in with a scheme at some stage. Any new housing would mean our new school would eventually be oversubscribed and facilities, such as the Community Centre, may be too small as a result. This proposal would appear to be outside of the recently agreed new Core Strategy which is supposed to protect communities from this sort of expansion. Needless to say, Wiltshire Council and Persimmon have been given a forthright view which the PC supports, by our own WC Councillor

Community Farm The PC is delighted to be able to use planning gain funds to pay for disabled access and parking at the Community Farm.

Graphic Designer Would David Liversage kindly contact the Clerk.

**The emergency out-of-hours number for highways issues (trees down, floods, wires down etc) is the Clarence hotline 0800 232323. After hours the call is put through to another active agency who respond.*

For a full report on all the business of the Parish Council and on wider parish affairs do please log on to the parish website which is a great resource. www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Your Precept + Your Neighbourhood = Localism

The Parish Council held a special meeting to decide on its budget for next year which will determine the precept i.e. the amount of money raised through your Council Tax which will enable the Parish Council to function. When Pilgrim's way was built there was a sum of money (known as R2) which was set aside to provide for local facilities under planning gain. The rules for spending R2 are quite constrained - it is certainly not an open cheque book and this money 'expires' in 2012 so if it is not spent then it will be lost. Using that money we hope, among other things, for the Parish Council to have its own office and meeting room. The building will be located at the Community Farm on land owned by the Parish Council. This room will be available for community and farm use and known as the Jubilee Room. Whilst the basic building will be paid for with R2 funds, there will be lots of other sundry expenses which will have to fall on the precept. Last year the precept for the year for a band D home was £10.78 and this year that will rise to £ 12.45 (about 3p extra per week). Last year, whilst the precept sum remained unchanged, the actual contribution per dwelling fell. This is because the parish is growing and if more homes are paying for a fixed sum then the individual contributions will reduce. We hope that you will understand the need for a small rise this year given the unusual opportunity that has arisen. PS. if you move across the parish boundary into the City, you will have to pay over £80 per year for a band D home.

Back in 2009 a Parish Plan was produced, many of the aspirations expressed in this have been implemented or are in planning stage and continue to develop, such as the establishing of safer bike lanes and improvements to footpaths and bike routes and expanded recycling facilities. The new Localism Bill having received Royal assent in 2011 is now, slowly beginning to permeate into actions. It will be a while yet before we have evidence of its effectiveness. One key feature of this Bill is the Neighbourhood Plan which will, also, contain the aspirations of us as a community, in terms of how we wish to see our Parish grow and develop. Ours, is one of the fastest growing parishes in South Wiltshire and it is therefore important that we all think about how we would wish to see it, as the Localism Bill allows that you will all have some say in how your community develops in the future. The Parish Council is awaiting more details on constructing a Neighbourhood Plan through local consultation but perhaps as spring arrives and our thoughts are of new beginnings and growth, now is a good time for us all to consider what we need and want for our community in the years to come?

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Parish Website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk
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Bishopdown Farm Pre-School www.bishopdownfarmpreschool.co.uk
Bishopdown Surgery www.newstreetsurgery.co.uk
CLARENCE clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk
Greentrees Primary School www.greentrees-school.com
Old Sarum Community Rooms <https://sites.google.com/site/oldsarumcr/>
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St. Andrews Primary School www.standrews.primary.uk.net
St. Michaels Church, Winterbourne Dauntsey www.stmichaelswe.org.uk
Salisbury Gig Guide www.salisburygigguide.co.uk
St. Edmunds CE Girls School www.school-portal.co.uk
The Pavilion, Hampton Park www.hamptonparkpavilion.co.uk
The Unit (for young people) www.unit-space.co.uk
Wyvern College www.wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk
Wiltshire Police www.wiltshirepolice.uk
Wiltshire Council www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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Waste collections are changing

Fortnightly household waste collections starting soon

Following the introduction of plastic bottle and cardboard collections in north, west and east Wiltshire, household waste will be collected fortnightly in the north and south from March 2012. This will bring collections in line with those in the east and west of the county where fortnightly collections already occur. It is hoped that this, along with the extension of the recycling and composting services, will enable the council to reach 50% recycling.

Residents will be sent a leaflet explaining the changes, and a collection calendar setting out on which day each of their bins will be emptied, several weeks before the introduction of fortnightly collections (also available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/collections.)

Waste collection days to change for some residents in south Wiltshire:

Some residents in south Wiltshire will receive a change to their scheduled household waste, black box, plastic bottle and cardboard and garden waste collection days. All residents will be sent a collection calendar detailing their collection days. Residents whose collection days will be changing will also receive a letter informing them of the changes. This will be sent a week before their collection calendar.

New garden waste collection service: A non chargeable garden waste collection service will be introduced in March 2012 for residents in east, north and south Wiltshire who have requested it. Residents in west Wiltshire already receive this service.

This is an optional service and you have to sign up to receive a green lidded bin only if you don't already have one. These bins will be delivered during February and March to all those who signed up to receive this service last year.

Missed the deadline? If you didn't sign up to receive this free service last year, you can still sign up to receive a bin in the second round of deliveries this summer. You can sign up now online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or by contacting the council on 0300 456 0102

INSIGHTS: Why is it called Laverstock & Ford Parish?

From time to time this question is asked by some residents. After all, we also have a small piece of 'Milford Without' at the Southern end of the Parish and have Old Sarum and Hampton Park in the North and North West.

Well a picture paints a thousand words, so you need look no further than the map of the parish, as extracted from the Wiltshire Council website. It shows Winterbourne Ford in the north and south of the A30, Laverstock. Both settlements date back to when playing with stones was popular and long before New Sarum was at the end of an arrow.

'Ford' rather than Winterbourne Ford** has been commonly used since 1605, although its full name is the most descriptive. The Parish of Laverstock & Ford was formed under the 1894 Local Government Act, when 14000 Civil Parishes were created with their own elected representatives. Our small slice of Milford joined us ten years later, although the name was not changed to Laverstock, Ford & a small slice of Milford Without, as a consequence!

The only change to the boundary has been the extraction of the first 300 dwellings at Bishopdown Farm into the city. This was accepted at the time, by the Parish Council, on the advice of Salisbury District Council and has probably been regretted ever since. The next attempt to hive off Hampton Park and Old Sarum was thwarted when the residents from every community of Laverstock & Ford Parish voted, unanimously to remain as one. Our vote led Salisbury District Council to, "leave things alone for now".

In 1917 a section of Ford Farm was "selected" to become a training air-field for the rapidly expanding Royal Flying Corp. It was simply called Ford Farm at first but to cement its own identity, took the name Old Sarum, as this was the sighting landmark used by the planes.

Since the 1930's, the large houses of Laverstock, with all their accompanying land, have been sold and large housing development built. In Ford, the original farm and military dwellings have been added to, with modern additions and closes. However, no facilities have been provided, as the desire has been to retain a small rural community. That has not stopped its farm fields from being developed though and Bishopdown (now city), Bishopdown Farm (now City), Hampton Park, Sarum Ridge and "Old Sarum" have all (bar the old Bishopdown Estate) been developed since the 1990's with more promised at Hampton Park extension and Long-hedge in the far North.

Laverstock Gardening Club



Programme of meetings 2012-2013

Club meetings Laverstock Village Hall at 7.30pm

Annual Membership subscription £5 March - February

Monthly admission: £1.50 member £2.50 visitors

Monday 26 March 2012 <i>Garden design</i> Helen Elks-Smith	Monday 23 July 2012 <i>"Lady's smocks and bachelor's buttons"</i> Gerald Ponting	Monday 26 November 2012 <i>Shrubs throughout the year</i> Andrew McIndoe
Monday 23 April 2012 <i>New styles of gardening with grasses and perennials</i> Lynn Miles	Monday 27 August 2012 INTER-MEMBER ANNUAL SHOW	Monday 24 December 2012 NO MEETING
Monday 28 May 2012 To be arranged	Monday 24 September 2012 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Monday 28 January 2013 NEW YEAR PARTY
Monday 25 June 2012 EVENING VISIT ANDREW McINDOE'S GARDEN	Monday 22 October 2012 <i>Dahlias for pleasure and exhibition and Chrysanthemums for all seasons</i> Bryan Madders	Monday 25 February 2013 <i>Cultivated orchids - the basics and the truth!</i> Roger Grier



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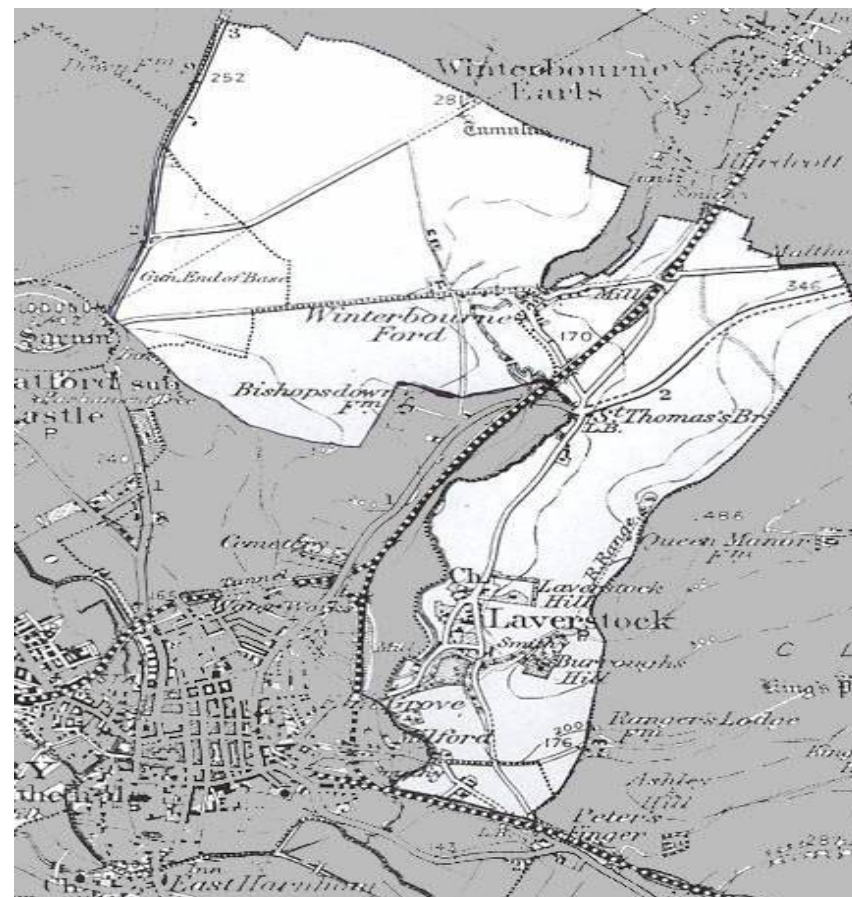
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Apart from the two parish area names i.e Laverstock & Ford, the housing developments have often taken the Farm Names upon which they were built, or the developers/Military invented names, as in Old Sarum, Hampton Park (Sarum Ridge got lost in time) and Pilgrims Way (aka Duck Lane Development).

A new year offers an opportunity to take stock and be proud of our rural heritage and rejoice in the historic names of Laverstock & Ford. A Parish Map is below for you to study and see where the developments fit.

From Ian McLennan



****Some of the residents at the lower end of Ford—ie the hamlet of houses around The Mill, Spire View and by Boswells still use the term Winterbourne Ford— cut off as they are from the main body of Ford by the river and 'winter bourne'—Editor.**

2011 Fish Survey : River Bourne (Bourne at Laverstock)

On the 8th of September 2011 we carried out an electric fishing survey on the Bourne at Laverstock which is a site located on the river Bourne. We carried out a 97m survey between stop nets which prevent fish escaping and allow us to capture the fish within the section of river. Using electric fishing equipment we fished the site 3 times and recorded the depletion in the catch between the runs. This gives us our catch efficiency and allows us to estimate the population density of the fish species within the section, allowing us to gain an understanding of fish status within the river.

Table 1: A table to show the numbers and estimated densities of fish caught during the 2011 fish survey on the Bourne at Laverstock.

Species Name	Number	smallest fish (mm)	largest fish (mm)	Density estimate (no's/100m2)
Brown / sea trout	45	62	258	6.91
European eel	7	208	602	1.07
Sum:	52			7.98

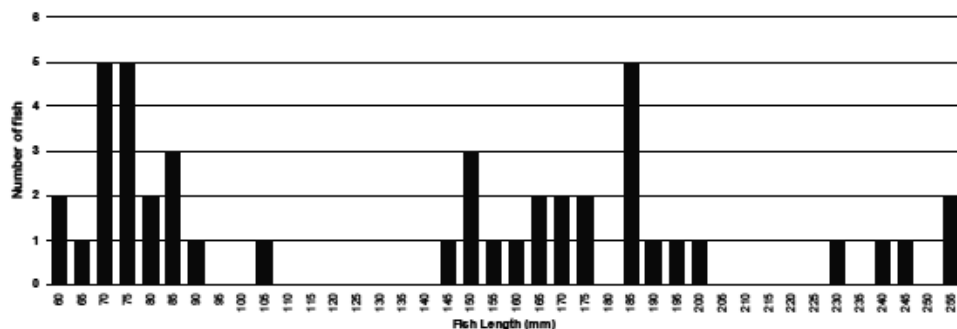


Figure 1: A length frequency distribution graph for brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) caught during the 2011 fish survey on the Bourne at Laverstock.

We also found minor species including bullhead (*Cottus gobio*) and minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*).

Thank you for your co-operation and allowing us to carry out the electric fishing survey. We look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Kind Regards

Eddie Stevens
Environmental Monitoring Officer
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Tasking Group for the Environment (TGE)

The group met on Wed 18th January and continued its work as the Laverstock watchdog/proactive group for environmental issues. Several updates on various topics were given (all found elsewhere in this newsletter) and the main issues discussed were plans for Whitebridge and the developing local Trails under the aegis of the Community Farm.

A pond/wetland area with a boardwalk spur for access is planned using R2 funds (planning gain money) from the Duck Lane development. An interpretation board is planned for the boardwalk area which, hopefully, could include contributions from local students. The trails are moving forward with three trails already prepared of the four planned. Any resident interested in developing the planned trail at Old Sarum should get in touch with Kat Hill or David Burton at the Community Farm.

The dog mess problem is not resolved at Murphy's factory with many bags of dog poop still in evidence which, sadly, gets all dog owners a bad name. The group is delighted to hear that Wyvern College plan to have a litter collection on land around and beyond the school fields. We will report further when this has been carried out.

Dates to note:

Village Clean Up Day – Saturday May 12th – 10.30 – 12.00

followed by a BBQ at the Community Farm.

Laverstock Best Kept Village competition this summer the judging is in June.

The next meeting of the TGE will be held on Wed 18th April at 7.30pm at St Andrew's School. All welcome.

LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH PLAN LOCAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TASK GROUP 1 (TG1)

The following notes summarize TG1's recent and projected activity.

Lorry Watch. In the period from July 2011 to the end of December a total of 45 reports on Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using Milford Mill Road in contravention of the weight limit were sent to Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards department. Each report was investigated and, where appropriate, referred to DVLA for action. In some cases, in particular where large articulated trucks have become stuck under the Petersfinger railway arch, Wiltshire Police have been involved and action taken against the offending drivers and operators. There is growing evidence that the vigilance and reporting activity by residents, coupled with improved warning signs in the area, are having a good effect as the number of sightings seems to be decreasing.

Milford Mill Road (MMR) Traffic. Wiltshire Council's Highways and Engineer staffs have agreed to a site meeting with LFPC and Milford Preservation Group members on 30th January 2012. The purposes of the meeting will be to review the MMR traffic situation and to discuss what further measures are feasible to regulate the volume and speed of traffic using the rural road. In addition, WC will conduct further counts on MMR in order to determine the trends in traffic levels. TG1 will meet in March, to review the results of the 30 January meeting and subsequent traffic data in order to prepare proposals for remedial measures. These will be presented to LFPC for endorsement and referral to WC. The issue of speeding on MMR has been raised with the South Wiltshire Area Board (SWAB) in the form of a bid to be included in the Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme.

Traffic Speed on Roman Road, Ford. Residents of Ford have used the CSW scheme in the past, with varying degrees of success in reducing traffic speed on Roman Road. A bid to introduce longer term measures has been lodged as an issue with SWAB, and this will be pursued by TG1.

Milford Mill Bridge. The hazards for pedestrians crossing Milford Mill Bridge, due to the lack of a proper footway on the approaches to the bridge and poor demarcation of the footway across it, have been raised as an issue with the Salisbury Area Board.

Next Meeting. As stated above, TG1 will next meet in March, date and venue to be announced in due course.

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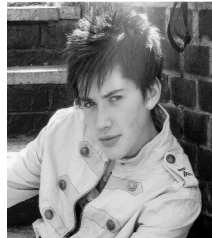
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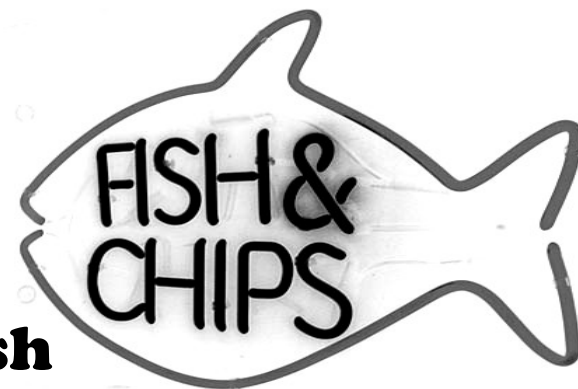
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Full details in the next Parish Newsletter

The Rose Gale Trust (for young people)

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The Rose Gale Trust is an organisation for the benefit of young people in and around South Wiltshire. It has been set up to honour the memory of **Rose Gale**, who worked with, supported and inspired very many young people during her life.

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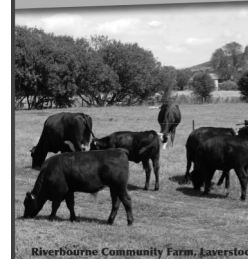
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At our January meeting, back in the village hall once again, it has become traditional to start the year with sausage rolls and shortbread with our cup of tea instead of the usual scones and cakes, and very enjoyable too! Members enjoyed a Bingo session and as always, a good chat!

At our meeting in June this year, we will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with a party, just as we did for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; during the party we hope to have a good old fashioned sing-a-long, however we are in need of an accompanist, if any reader can help please contact Jill on the number below.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Laverstock Village Hall at 2.30pm. All over 60's resident in Laverstock, Ford and Bishop-down are eligible to join as members (membership still only £7)

Simply come along to any of the monthly meetings or contact Jill Kay on 01722 323407.

CHURCH NEWS

God's Bunch and Little Angels

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St Michael and All Angels Church are running 'Little Angels' for primary school age children on the second, third and fourth Sunday of the month. Little Angels meet in the church at the start of the service. For more information contact Dorothy Morgan on 01980 611203.

Lent & Easter

St. Andrews

Sun 1 Apr PALM SUNDAY 0945 - Process from St Joseph's School to Church

Thu 5 Apr MAUNDAY THURSDAY 1930 - Eucharist of The Last Supper

Fri 6 Apr GOOD FRIDAY 1400 - An Hours Devotion at The Cross

Sun 8 Apr EASTER SUNDAY 1000 - Easter Eucharist

St. Michaels & all Angels

Lent Study Groups: Handing on the Torch: These began in February but it's not too late to join in, please get in touch with Rev'd Peter Ostli-East as soon as possible. Three groups are running, 7.00pm on Tuesday evenings at Porton Baptist Church, 2.30pm on Thursday afternoons at BV Methodist Church and 10.00am on Friday mornings at St Nicholas Church, Porton. The material we will study is provided by York Courses, course booklets (£5.00 each) can be ordered for anyone who would like one, even if you're not able to join one of the groups.

Soup lunches are offered throughout Lent, to provide opportunities for fellowship and to raise funds for Alderbury Deanery's annual Mission Project - check our website www.stmichaelswe.org.uk or contact Rev'd Peter Ostli-East by phone or email for more information on the above item from St Michaels and All Angels.

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BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS JAN 2012

The BFRA AGM was held at the beginning of February 2012. There will be a full report on the website and in the next Parish Newsletter. However, we wish to take this opportunity to thank Tim Duggan for his work with the BFRA Committee. Following a PC meeting attended by the BFRA, the PC agreed to start holding their monthly meetings at different venues around our very large Parish. The aim is to try and involve people more in the events that directly affect you and your spending. The Pavilion may be one of the venues so why not go along to a local meeting and see what happens at YOUR Parish Council.

HP2/Core Strategy:

Very little news is coming out of Wiltshire Council. When we hear anything further on the 'legal challenge' to the Secretary of State's decision we will post it on the website.

The Pavilion:

The Pavilion kept us busy with the new user contracts and discussion with Wiltshire Council about the ownership and running of the property. WC managed to find the old paperwork from the days of Salisbury District Council and it appears that under a s106 agreement the property can be transferred from the owner (Mr Pearce) and we do not have to wait for it to be gifted as part of HP2. Both the PC and WC were unaware of this and we have asked WC to treat as a matter of urgency the transfer of ownership to themselves. This will then regularise the situation where what is effectively a village hall is privately owned and run with an extended management lease to a group of public spirited individuals who have since all left the area.

Windy Litter!

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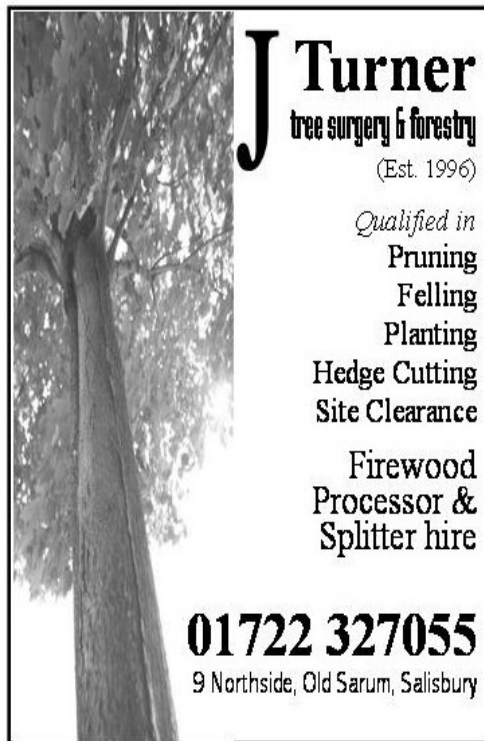
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There appear to be many cyclists who are not aware of and/or do not care about the dangers of cycling on the road - especially in the dark. How many parents do you see cycling with their children and only the children are wearing helmets? Are the parents more concerned about their coiffure than wearing a helmet which can prevent death or serious injury? Does this sound familiar to you? How would your family cope if you received a bang on the head which caused brain damage or worse? Do you let your children out on the roads with any training? Are they the ones who have no idea of the rules of the road and happily cycle in the dark wearing dark clothes with no lights or helmet? How would you feel if you were the unlucky motorist who collided with one of these unseen children? Apologies for sounding so dramatic but this is something we all see every day.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on. Our web master strives to keep the site up to date and there are a number of useful links to other sites. Communicate with your Committee at:

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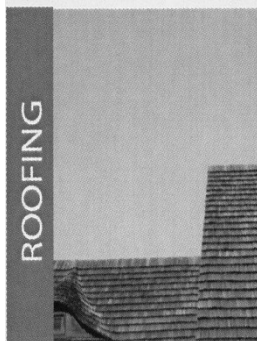
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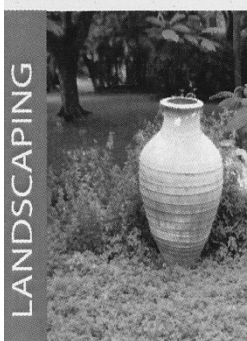
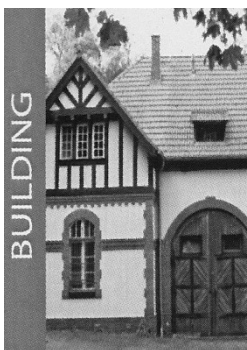
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News from River Bourne Community Farm

Straw Bale Classroom Opening



Ron Champion (Chairman of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council) and Salisbury City Council Mayor, Cllr John Abbott, jointly cut the ribbon to officially open the recently completed straw-bale classroom, assisted by (l-r) Sir Christopher Benson (patron of the farm), Emma Leyfield of Natural England (sponsors of the project) and David Boyden, classroom builder.

The classroom is built with straw bales, held together with hazel staking which has come from a coppice in Winterslow. The straw bales have been rendered outside with a lime and horsehair render and the roof tiled with cedar wood shingles. Insulation material produced from recycled plastic bottles lines the roof space making the building warm and very environmentally friendly.



Already in use for BTEC courses which the farm runs, the classroom helps provide one of the most important reasons for the farm's existence, as an educational base for land-based studies and visits by schools from a wide area.

Over 75 visits from school and community groups will utilise the classroom this year alone. Many visiting groups walk to the farm because of its close proximity to Salisbury.

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Forthcoming Events

In the hope that the weather will be better than last year, we are holding our Open Farm Sunday event on 17th June 10am – 4pm. Planning is already in hand to ensure that there will be lots to do and see on the day. Plenty of exhibitors, live music, demonstrations and of course, locally produced food to try and buy. We value the support that we receive from the local community and in exchange, both entrance and car parking will be free. Make a note in your diaries for what promises to be a great day.

- ⊙ 6 May – 23 September 3pm – 5pm - Cream Teas (alternate Sundays excl 3rd June – Jubilee)
- ⊙ Saturday 26 May 7pm for 7.30pm – Dun Valley Singers Fundraising Concert – Venue TBC
- ⊙ Sunday 17 June 10am – 4pm – Open Farm Sunday
- ⊙ Saturday 4 August 7pm for 7.30pm – Salisbury Big Band at the Farm
- ⊙ Sunday 7 October 1pm – 3pm – Harvest Lunch at the farm
- ⊙ Saturday 27 October – Spooky Saturday at the farm (Halloween)
- ⊙ Sunday 2 December 10am – 4pm – Christmas Fayre

Trails

With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, we now have three trails up and running, Hampton Park Trail, Farm & Meadows Trail and Pilgrim's Way and Laverstock Downs Trails. Trail maps with a description of the routes are available on our website www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk

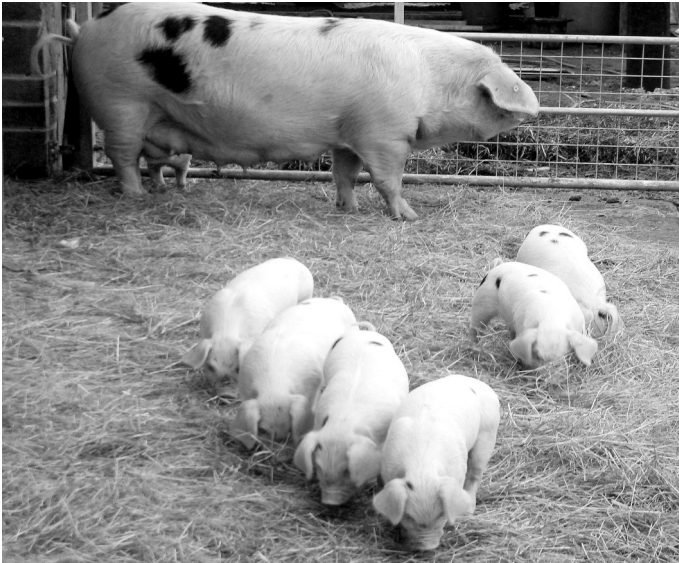
If you've already visited any of our trails please complete our survey on the Trails page which will help us in the design and maintenance of the trails. A fourth trail, centred on Old Sarum, is our next project.

Animal News

Rosie, our Gloucester Old Spot sow has successfully raised thirteen piglets in our purpose-built farrowing sty. Around a half of these will be sold as weaners with the rest being raised here on the farm.

Our Oxford Sandy & Black sow, Elsie, is due to give birth in April by which time the current occupants of the sty will be out in the pig paddocks.

Our small flock of Wiltshire Horn ewes are due to lamb in March along with nine cows which are due to calve at around the same time. Spring will certainly herald an explosion of new life on the farm.



CUTE ALERT!

Aaah, if you haven't seen it already, do check out Rosie and her newborn piglets starring in a short you tube video here

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OLD SARUM NEWS



Old Sarum Primary School official opening

The new primary school at Old Sarum was formally opened on Monday 23rd January by Dr Phil Harding of TV archaeology fame. Representatives of Wiltshire Council, the school Governors, the builders, parents, the PC and other friends were welcomed by the Head, Mr John Jones, and entertained by the pupils in an enthusiastic endorsement of the school's future. Phil Harding reminded all that Old Sarum has a very long history indeed and that prehistoric burial pots had been unearthed from the school site during building operations.

The pupils left the assembly hall to enjoy their own parties back in the classrooms whilst some of those persons who had made the school possible and ensured its opening on time were acknowledged with thanks and mementos.

The Parish Council wishes every success to this new school which is at the heart of a growing community at Old Sarum.



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Old Sarum Community Room

Sadly, Suz Vickerys time as OSCR co-ordinator has ended and she will be sadly missed—not least in showing people how to work the photocopier and in dotting the many i's and crossing the many t's that needed close attention in both launching and getting the OSCR going.

Penny Joyce is continuing to grow her offer of groups and activities based at the Old Sarum Community Room and Penny's Place (upstairs). The adults Book Club attracted quite a few parents, so Penny has now started a Children's Book Club in response to requests. February also saw the first 'Meet your Neighbours' lunch for the over 50s at the café alongside Sarum Airfield and Penny hopes these will become regular events.

For more info contact Penny (also if you would like any more information about hiring the Old Sarum Community Room) on 01722 329693 or email oldsarumcr@gmail.com

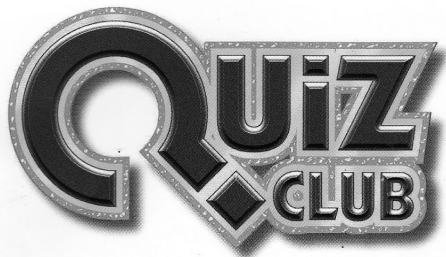
Cliff O'Sullivan has been busy developing the OSCR newsletter which is downloadable from the website Cliff also looks after here:

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

The website contains links to other local sites and all sorts of handy local info, including comprehensive listings for the many regular club and activities run at the community room plus information for potential hirers**

(**my daughter had a very lovely birthday party there last year in this light, bright, 'easy to clean afterwards' space—room to run around in and handy toilet facilities!—Ed.)

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Simon Hammond and his wife on the birth of their new baby. Simon of Spire Weather is our local weather guru and you will note he's having a well earned rest during this issue. Normal service will be resumed in issue 133. Here's to all the 'magic' new babies bring!



Congratulations to the two teams from Greentrees primary school who won their way through to the next area heat of the inter-school championship of Quiz Club. Deputy Head Roy Picton welcomed teams from All Cannings—Devizes, Woodford Valley, and Winterbourne Earls to Greentrees on January 17th where twelve teams (two from each school) containing representatives for yrs 3,4,5 and 6 answered a total of 40 questions on general knowledge posed by Quizmaster Simon who quite rightly reminded everyone present that general knowledge isn't just learned in school but by experiencing the world around us and beyond the school environment. The winning team achieved 80% correct answers overall. Do you know what these letters 'SPQR' used by the Romans mean? Do you know who wrote the theme music for the Indiana Jones films? Or which country's flag has a white cross on a red background? Or which famous Victorian had the middle names 'John Huffam'?

Whilst parents sat puzzling over many of the questions, the reserve teams furiously scribbled away their answers whilst the teams pressed their remote hand sets to answer a wide range of questions on a variety of topics which then showed up on a big screen in front of everybody.

"Hello I'm Lydia, I'm in year 1 I was a member of Winterbourne Earls team 1, at the start of the quiz I was nervous but a kind girl in year six helped me get through the questions. Each member of the team could choose an answer. It took us a long time to understand that we could be 'tactical' by giving different answers, in case we all got it wrong. I thought that the Quizmaster Simon was very nice but he talked a lot. On a scale of 1-10 I liked the quiz 8. Greentrees school was very nice and welcoming, and gave us all biscuits and squash. Although our team came last I enjoyed doing the quiz and now I know what it's like I want to do another one!"

Let's hope Greentrees get through to the finals in Oxford—best of luck to them all!

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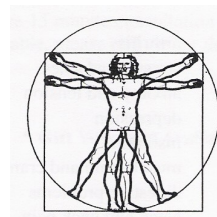
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