

Diary Dates for events around the parish in May & June 2012

MAY

- Weds 2** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Sun 6** Wiltshire Flyers Old Warden, Old Sarum Airfield during day
Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm
- Tues 8** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
'Mothers' Union Social Policy' a talk by Gillian Mackenzie
- Mon 14** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm
African Safari with John Gidley
- Sun 20** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3--5pm
- Mon 21** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
Topical Issues with Entertainment
- Thurs 24** Coffee Morning in aid of Laverstock Evergreen Club, 15 Napier Crescent, 10am
- Mon 28** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Weds 23** Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
'Sudan' a talk by Bridget Trump
- Fri 25** Opening Event, Salisbury International Arts Festival

JUNE

- Fri 1** Riverbourne Community Farm, Festival Event, Partridge Way, Old Sarum ,3-7pm
- Sat 2** Time Travellers Go Roman, English Heritage event at Old Sarum during day
- Sun 03** Laverstock & Ford Sports Club, Queens Jubilee Parish Celebration from 10am
Time Travellers Go Roman, English Heritage event at Old Sarum during day
- Weds 6** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Mon 11** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm
Milford Street Bridge project with George Fleming
- Tues 12** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
'Street Pastors' a talk by Mary Fisher
- June 17** Riverbourne Community Farm, Open Farm Day 10—4pm
- Mon 18** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and our 23rd Birthday Party
- Mon 25** Laverstock Gardening Club, Club Visit to Andrew McIndoe's Garden, 7.30pm
- Weds 27** Mothers' Union Afternoon Grp – 25 Elm Close, 2.15pm
Garden Party, Bring & Buy Sale and Raffle



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Jubilee**

Parish Newsletter

May/June 2012 Issue 133

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Welcome to issue no 133

Welcome to the Diamond Jubilee edition of our Parish Newsletter, to mark this special occasion, the Laverstock & Ford Sports Club are organising a 'Queen's Diamond Jubilee Parish Celebration' in the Sports Club grounds (opposite the One Stop shop in Church Road) which the Parish Council has, in part, financially supported. The day includes a whole host of displays, stalls and fun things for people to try, buy and do and is a chance for us all to come together and celebrate, see page 9 for more details.

Enclosed with this newsletter are a book of raffle tickets and you are invited to buy as many as you can to support the Parish Jubilee Celebrations and help to make it a memorable day. If you wish to buy raffle tickets, just complete the ticket stubs and return them, along with the monies to the address shown on the envelope. Whether you are able to buy just one ticket or a whole booklet, all proceeds will help to support this fun day out. We hope to see you there!

Due to an editor work/life imbalance in January there were some omissions to the diary entries for issue no. 132, therefore you will find some timetables of our regular groups and organizations contained within, by way of apology, these are also to be found on our parish website. If you are a local club, society or organization and would like your regular meetings and events on our website see pg. 69 for our webmasters contact details.

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.

The front cover features 10-year-old Katherine Dewar's design for the Jubilee emblem which was chosen after a national competition.

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.

From the Clerk's desk...

We have, at last, signed the legal papers for the **transfer of land at Pilgrims Way** to the Parish Council. They are now with Bloor's solicitors and we hope that this will be concluded in the near future. There are still a few jobs left to be completed by Bloor Homes before the handover. Thereafter, please keep an eye on 'your' land and let us know of any issues that need to be addressed.

The **wildlife pond** by the boardwalk will be dug in August when the nesting birds have flown and if the trial holes do, in fact, fill with water. If the pond becomes a reality then there will be a spur to the existing boardwalk to allow easy access to see the wildlife.

The PC hopes that you will all turn out to enjoy the **Sports Club Jubilee celebrations** on the sports field – (see pg 9). The PC has supported this venture financially and wishes it every success.

The **cost of advertising** in this newsletter has risen by about 6% - the first rise in at least 5 years. All of our costs have risen steeply in the past few years including the cost of paper. We hope that our advertisers will still consider it good value as nearly 3000 copies are distributed throughout the parish. It is the intention of the PC that the newsletter should be cost neutral. Please remember that it is the adverts that allow us to publish the newsletter so please do check our adverts section when looking for a particular service.

The PC is in conversation with a number of organisations in the hope that a more sustainable model can be found for the proposed '**Country Park**' should HP2 go ahead. That proposed by the developer is more suited to an urban area and involves a huge expense each year just in grass management. The area is currently countryside and it is our wish to keep it as natural as possible whilst allowing public access.

Major work will begin soon on **Broken Cross Bridge**. The PC is working to ensure that the diversions used will not cause anxiety and inconvenience for local residents.

The PC visited the public exhibition on '**Salisbury Gateway**' at Salisbury College. It is a nice idea but in the wrong place! Whilst any improvement to the eyesore called Southampton Rd is to be welcomed, further expansion of supermarket provision on that road will add further to the traffic through this parish. The problems along Milford Mill Road are considerable and challenging enough already. Housing development is to the north of Salisbury and that is where supermarket provision should be located.

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Old Sarum Community Room		329693
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce	329693
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Pilates	Sandra Walgrove	412749

The PC will be objecting to any application submitted for the proposed scheme. Alas, our plans for a **Jubilee Room** for PC and community use have been scuppered. The funds to build the room were to come from planning gain money (R2) but a recent review of the R2 criteria suggest that the project would not now qualify. The PC is not minded to find the required funds from your precept. As there is still the need for the PC to have a base we are looking at alternative options.

The future of the **Hampton Park Pavilion** is still not settled. Wiltshire Council has been very flexible and helpful in keeping the facility open for use. There are legal issues of lease and ownership to be resolved which could take time. The PC certainly wants to see this valued community asset remain open and used by the local residents and will do all it can to ensure that happens.

The May meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting. There is no special agenda but, as usual, you are invited to come along and see what happens at a PC meeting and to ask any question at the beginning of the meeting before the meeting proper starts. **7.00pm on Monday 21st May at St Andrew's School.**

June PC meeting is at Old Sarum Primary School – 7.00pm and the July meeting will be at Greentrees School, Hampton Park. By moving the venue of our meetings around the Parish we hope to see some new faces in attendance.

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

Parish Council Meetings

contact Steve Hannath, the Parish Clerk on 01722 326714
for more details

Next Parish Council Meetings:

Monday May 14th At 7pm

St Andrews Primary School, Church Road, Laverstock

Monday June 18th at 7pm

Old Sarum Primary School, Pheasant Way

Monday 16th July at 7pm

Green Trees Primary School, Hampton Park



At last the Whitebridge is complete and looking good. Whilst it ran well over time (we don't know about budget!) and caused lots of frustrations, the results are excellent. We have been assured that the powder coated aluminium railings will look good and last longer than the old steel railings that they replaced.

Salisbury Greenspace Initiative

I thought GI was Glycemic Index, a measure of the effects of carbohydrates on blood sugar levels and healthy eating but at the first meeting of the Salisbury Greenspace Initiative we learnt that GI also means **Green Infrastructure**.

Representatives from a wide range of groups interested in the environment (including the PC) met to see if there is a need for a local group to 'join up the dots' of all the local green space in the Salisbury area in order to manage it better. The good attendance of over fifty people demonstrated that there is a strong interest in this concept. The notion of GI is just over a decade old as agencies, including governments, realise that access to Greenspace, increased biodiversity and a better managed green landscape can bring economic and health benefits to us all. The GI is a life support system and should be seen as an asset. Following useful input on the idea from an expert on the subject and an update of where Wiltshire is with its own green agenda, workshops, debate and discussion followed as to if and how the Salisbury area could move this idea forward. Remarkably, there was no shortage of interested persons prepared to join a steering group and start to bring about the undoubted advantages of GI.

For more information do have a look at the Landscape Institute's website www.landscapeinstitute.org/gi

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Bishopdown Surgery www.newstreetsurgery.co.uk
Greentrees Primary School www.greentrees-school.com
Old Sarum Community Rooms <https://sites.google.com/site/oldsarumcr/>
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Old Sarum Primary School www.oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk
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The Pavilion, Hampton Park www.hamptonparkpavilion.co.uk
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The village of Laverstock will again be entered into CPRE's
annual Best Kept Village Competition. We have had a first and
two seconds in our three years. Please pull out all the stops
and do your best to make ALL the village look great.

Judging will be in May/June.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY

Can you spare an hour or two cleaning up Laverstock in time
for the Best Kept Village competition? Meet at either Murphy's
Factory or the Community Farm at **10.30 on Sat May 12th**. We
have a limited number of litter pickers so please try to bring
your own gloves – plastic sacks will be provided. Then join us
at 12.00 for a BBQ at the Community Farm for your reward
along with the satisfaction that comes with working on a com-
munity activity. Hope to see you there.

St. Andrews School

Church Road, Laverstock

Summer Fete Saturday 7th July 2—4pm



FREE ENTRY

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We shortly say farewell to **Kim Weston** our **PCSO** (Police Community Support Officer). She explained that she would soon be leaving the team to take up training as a police officer. She introduced Rachel Gunn who was not her replacement but the replacement for Bill who had left some time ago. Kim's replacement – Stephanie Dutton - will be in post in April.

The Parish Council is delighted to be able to make **the following grants** to local organisations:

- £1600 to the Old Sarum Community Room for the purchase of some computer equipment in order that local residents and groups may improve their IT skills and develop their interests.
- Up to £500 to the Laverstock & Ford Sports Club to support the Jubilee Celebrations to take place on the sports field on Sunday June 3rd. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)
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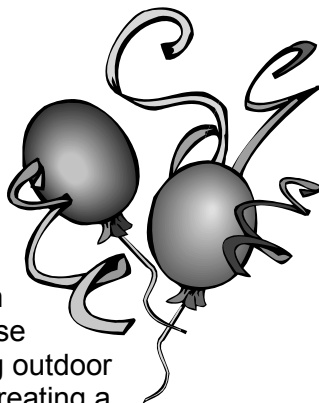
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COME ALONG WITH THE FAMILY AND ENJOY A FUN DAY OUT

GREENTREES SCHOOL IS TEN

Greentrees School first opened its doors in 2002, so this year we have planned a number of activities to celebrate our special birthday. We are organising a music festival, mounting an exhibition of art work and archive materials that will take us on a trip down Memory Lane. We have decided to develop the copse at the bottom of our school field to create an exciting outdoor learning environment and in December, we will be creating a time capsule. This is just a sample of the activities that we have planned. We would love to hear from our former pupils and their families or from friends and neighbours of the school. We are collecting anecdotes, photos and other archive materials that will help us to 'plot' the history of the school and these items will contribute to the exhibition that we plan to mount in September. If you have any material that may be of interest to the school, including information about the planning and building of the school, please do let us know.

Contact Jan Bennett (Headteacher) head@greentrees.wilts.sch.uk or phone the school office: 01722 340596



60 years of The Queen's reign

Another celebration this year is The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2 June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The first British monarch to mark 50 years on the throne in a significant way was George III the only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897

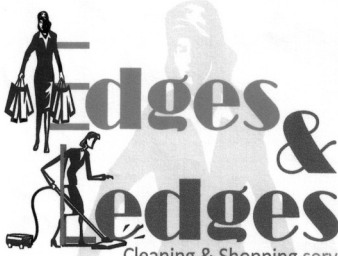
To mark 60 years of The Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June. Here in Salisbury we look forward to her visit to Salisbury Cathedral on May 1st.

Find out what is being planned to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and how you can take part on page 31.

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ST ANDREW'S AND ST MARK'S MOTHERS' UNION 2012 DIARY

AFTERNOON GROUP:

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm in the Curtis Room at St. Andrews' Church, Church Rd, Laverstock

- May 23:** 'Sudan' a talk by Bridget Trump
June 27: Garden Party at 25 Elm Close, Bring & Buy Sale & Raffle
July 25: 'China, an update' by Doreen Amos
August 22: 'Mothers' Union Social Policy' talk by Gillian Mackenzie
September 26: A Quiz led by Jan Seaman
October 24: 'Exmouth Holiday' a talk by Sue Gallagher
November 28: Compline led by Hugh Montgomerie
December: No meeting



EVENING GROUP:

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Curtis Room at St. Andrews Church, Laverstock

- May 8:** 'Mothers' Union Social Policy' a talk by Gillian Mackenzie
June 12: 'Street Pastors' a talk by Mary Fisher
July 10: 'A Quiz' led by Joyce Williams
August 14: Supper at Jan's
September 11: 'Schools Chaplain' a talk by Asa Humphries
October 9: 'Meditation through Spinning' a talk by Carol Baker
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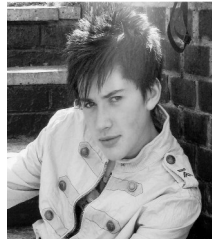
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ZUMBA GOLD TASTER SESSIONS IN LAVERSTOCK



As from 20 April there will be taster sessions of Zumba Gold at Laverstock Village Hall at half past three every Friday for four weeks. If sufficient numbers attend and enjoy it then it will be a permanent fixture on the Laverstock programme of events.

What is Zumba Gold and who is it for?

Zumba Gold takes the Zumba formula and modifies the moves and pacing so it is suitable for beginners, older participants, for those out of the habit of exercise, as well as those who are new to exercise and want to increase their fitness levels gradually. Zumba is known for: the zesty Latin music, like salsa, merengue, cumbia and rhumba; the exhilarating, easy-to-follow moves; and the invigorating, party-like atmosphere. Zumba Gold is low impact (no jumping) and each individual can modify the moves to suit themselves and work at their own pace. It is a dance-fitness class that feels friendly, and most of all, fun.

Who leads the session?

Sheelagh, who is a trained fitness instructor, and also runs Fitness League and Extend classes in and around Salisbury.

When does it start?

Zumba Gold taster sessions will be for 4 weeks starting at 1530 as from Friday 20 April, and will follow the Fitness League class which runs from 1400 to 1515. Why not give it a go? You can try Fitness League which is a very varied programme and focuses on all areas of the body through movement and exercise to music or you can try Zumba Gold or why not try both!!



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INSIGHTS: THE UNIT

What happen happens at 17 Endless Street?

Some of you may have noticed the large windowed red shop that has popped up next to Gala Bingo, on Endless Street. The Unit, as their website states, "is an independent, non-political social enterprise broadly aiming to use creative approaches to empower and nurture a sense of agency in young people; i.e. encourage young people to take action and change/influence/be responsible for / be involved in the world they live in." After experiencing this first hand, I have come to the conclusion that it is much, much more.

The Unit is an open armed youth hub, situated in town but used by young people from the wider area of 'Salisbury and District'. Staff are friendly, and understanding. It intertwines itself in the closely knit creative network that the Arts Centre, City Hall, Playhouse and many other establishments have draped over the city. It's large variety of workshops, projects and extra curricular groups have pulled out the otherwise hidden talent in many young people, and I think that that's great.

I first found out about The Unit when they held an assembly at my school, Wyvern College. After returning home I investigated their website. An article on the film making workshop they were holding caught my eye. I am an aspiring director, and this was something I would really enjoy. Upon arrival they were extremely friendly, and the workshop was fantastic.

I am currently attending work experience there, and it is a great opportunity. I am working towards my bronze Arts Award, a qualification that The Unit offer, and for this I am organising a screenplay writing workshop; other young people are also going for their Arts Awards. There is also a young committee, a Young Reviewers Club, and The Unit has their own record label 'Unit Records' which is run by Kenny, a volunteer on a gap year from Uni.

They have several projects. They vary from 'Cafe Marshmallow', a cafe run by and for young people, to yarn bombing (google it), all the way over to the Young Reviewers Club, in which teenagers are given the chance to go to events and gigs for free, in return for reviewing it.

Daisy, who is 22, volunteers to help with craft workshops. She has this to say: "I met a young person in late 2011 at the Arts Centre, reviewing a film for the Young Reviewers Club and I got chatting to this person about The Unit. She mentioned that The Unit need craft volunteers, and I was down there the next day volunteering my craft skills to lead projects.

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It's open and very friendly, also it's open to new ideas. The Unit's manager Heather, has been tirelessly working to find sufficient funds to keep this vibrant service for young people up and operational, and this is why I have decided to volunteer."

Alice, 15, who takes part in Unit projects and is a member of the Youth Committee said: "I've made loads of friends through The Unit. They also put on loads of different activities but also if you put a new idea forward they actually make it happen. One of my ideas (musical workshops) was actually made into a real project. I love The Unit!"

Brad, 17 is a young rapper: "The Unit has a welcoming atmosphere and portrays a niche ambience, and is a safe and fun environment. I came to The Unit to ask if we could put on more hip-hop events in Salisbury to expand the music scene – I've put on one hip-hop show called Wordplay at The Music Box in town."

It seems obvious that The Unit is a place that the young people really enjoy. Please pop in to 17 Endless Street (opposite the bus station), or give them a shout on facebook if you're interested in becoming part of an ever growing community.

Written by Tom Garrett,
Old Sarum

The Unit is financially supported by local charities, church groups, individuals and Wiltshire Council. It currently employs two paid members of staff and relies on a handful of people with professional expertise in working with children and young people and/or youth arts, who donate their time and expertise voluntarily to manage and oversee the many projects and ideas happening at The Unit please visit their website www.unitspace.org.uk. They are an Arts Award Welcome centre and currently among the first organisations in the UK to run a Social Enterprise project offering an accredited qualification for young people.



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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TASK GROUP 1 (TG1)

TG1 met on 13 March 2012 with Alan Hotchkiss in the chair and attended by four Parish Councillors plus nine local residents. The following notes summarize the Group's discussion.

Milford Mill Road (MMR) Traffic

The problems associated with the volume and speed of traffic using MMR dominated the Group's agenda. There exists growing frustration that, after years of meetings with Wiltshire Council and Salisbury council officials, very little has been done to alleviate the hazards to residents caused by increasing levels of traffic using the rural road as a 'rat run' by-pass round the city. In addition, the proposed Salisbury Gateway development in the Bourne Retail Park area, plus the projected residential developments to the Northeast of Salisbury, will lead inevitably to further increases in traffic levels on MMR.

It was noted that following the introduction of the Lorry Watch scheme there has been a slight reduction in the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) that use MMR in contravention of the 7.5 tonne weight limit. However, the number of such incidents is still too high, and continued vigilance by local residents is required, despite a new directive that demands more detailed information to be provided in our observers' reports.

A bid has been made with the S Wiltshire Area Board (SWAB) for residents to take part in the Community Speed Watch scheme, and further details will be published in due course. The meeting agreed that the data acquired from recent and projected traffic 'tube counts' on MMR will be demanded by the Parish Council. These, together with data to be gathered from a traffic count to be made by the Milford Preservation Group (MPG), will be used to prepare further proposals for remedial measures to be applied to MMR. These would include a request for imposition of traffic turning restrictions at the A36/Park & Ride junction to deter traffic from using MMR.

Traffic Speed on Roman Road, Ford

It was noted that an Issue (No 1724) had been raised with SWAB on the subject. In addition, SWAB has included the road in its allocation of Speed Indicator Devices (SID) in a further attempt to reduce traffic speed in the residential area. TG1 will continue its efforts to introduce other traffic calming measures to achieve the same effect.

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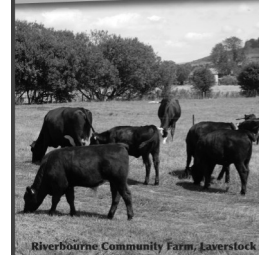
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Pedestrian Hazards

The Group noted that the hazards experienced by pedestrians crossing Milford Mill Bridge, with its inadequate footways and the perilous road junction of MMR and Queen Manor Road, had been raised as an Issue with South Wiltshire Area Board.

It was also noted that Wiltshire Police, recognising the dangers experienced by staff of and visitors to Milford House Care Home, had provided high-visibility waistcoats for their use. In progressing this issue the Group would include proposals to have better road markings installed at the bridge, also to have the traffic signal sequencing adjusted so as to allow pedestrians to cross the bridge and road junction safely. Another issue, the danger to pedestrians crossing the road at the junction of Shady Bower and Manor Farm Road had been raised with Salisbury Area Board.

Parking Problems.

The Group noted that the problems of vehicles parking on the Eastern part of Shady Bower had been referred as an issue to Salisbury AB. In addition, the Parish Council would further discuss the problems with vehicle parking on Church Road in the schools' vicinity with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Planning Application.

It was noted that Planning Application S/2011/1873, for change of use of land adjacent to the Granary, Milford had been refused. The Group would need to monitor the future of this application should it go to appeal.

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OLD SARUM NEWS

The Old Sarum Mobile Library service has been under threat, but after listening to feedback from residents and councillors Wiltshire Council has agreed to trial a 'reprieve'.

From Wednesday 14th March the mobile library stop will relocate from Partridge Way to **Pheasant Drive visiting fortnightly until the end of June from 9.30 – 10.15am. Visit dates will be 14th, 28th March, 11th, 25th April, 9th, 23rd May, 6th, 20th June.**

The Outreach services manager from Wiltshire Council writes "With regard to the mobile route review proposal to withdraw the stop from the end of June we now propose, instead of withdrawing the service, we continue the stop for a period of 6 months (from July until December 2012) when we can look again at usage levels. As a result of this change to the original route review proposals we will need to amend the time of the stop at **Pheasant Drive slightly so when the new timetable starts in July the stop will be 10.00 – 10.45am.** It will also mean we are unable to provide the new stop planned for Stratford Sub Castle Village Hall, however the existing stop at Castle Keep will remain."

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Old Sarum Nursery Blossoms!

Nothing to do with plants and seedlings and everything to do with nurturing the offspring of Old Sarum residents to maximise their potential! The Old Sarum Nursery, within the Primary School building in Pheasant Drive opened each morning, as planned, after the February school holiday.



A great start with an experienced and keen to succeed management team – Angela & Gemma, backed by a management committee who had beaten all the odds to complete the project in just three months, which included Christmas. Ofsted Pre-Inspection was passed with flying colours and the Inspector commented how well everyone worked as a team and that the purpose built space was fantastic.

Thirteen children on roll and the speedy opening ensured the maximum Wiltshire Council grant was received. As a result, the nursery is already on a sound financial footing. The professional approach of the staff is already being noticed. So much so, that many more parents have put their children on the waiting list.

Expansion

'Full School Day' coverage (9-3) will commence after Easter and already, just by word of mouth, 24 children are enrolled. There are spaces for more and recruitment is ongoing, for additional qualified Early Years team members. Old Sarum Children aged 2-4 are welcome with Government funding for up to 15 hours per week, for 3-4 year olds. Additional hours for 3-4 year olds are £3.60 (£10.80 per 3 hour session) and places for two year olds are £3.90 per hour (£11.70 per 3 hour session). Visit Angela between 12 and 12.30 to discuss your child's needs and book your sessions. (Ratios Staff: Children are 1:8 for 3 and 4 Y/O and 1:4 for 2Y/O). Everyone from Southside to Ramsbury Drive can walk to the Nursery and school. What could be better? *From A. Councillor*



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Please note for those non golfers who would like to support our event, there is an opportunity to sponsor a hole or a trophy.

MAN THE LIFEBOATS!

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Fundraising Branch in Salisbury is looking for volunteers to support its House to House collection in June. Could you help by collecting in a few streets in your area between **Monday 11 and Saturday 24 June?**



To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Graham Candlish tel: 02038 661136 e-mail: grahamcandlish@btinternet.com or Lesley Smith (tel: 01722 334580 e-mail: lesleymary@tiscali.co.uk).

Contact Graham or Lesley too if you would like to help with other RNLI fundraising activities in Salisbury, including a charity collection at Tesco (Castle Street & Southampton Road) on **Friday 18 & Saturday 19 May** and the RNLI's city centre Flag Day on Saturday 8 September

What A Waste!

It seems that every edition of the Parish Newsletter includes information on waste collections but, following the attendance of Andy Conn, a senior Wiltshire Council officer to its February PC meeting, we feel that the following questions and their answers might be helpful to residents.

REDUCE < REUSE < RECYCLE

What should we do with shredded paper?

Shredded paper and brown paper can now be placed in the blue lidded bin. Because the cardboard is sold as "mixed card" some paper can be included. (We can't take these products in the black box, because the paper collected by that service goes to newsprint production. Also, shredded paper is a potential litter nightmare if the wind blows off black box lids.)

How can residents contribute to the Waste to Energy initiative?

Non recycled waste in the grey / black bin is in part sent to the Lakeside waste to energy plant. Normally all the non recycled waste from south Wiltshire goes via the Thorny Down transfer station on the A30 to Lakeside. Therefore, residents are already contributing. Also (on a smaller scale) wood waste taken to any of our household recycling centres is used for energy production.

Are ALL plastic bottles welcome in the blue top bin – including non food?

Yes we can take empty plastic bottles, used for cleaning products for example. However, bottles need to be empty.

Coping with fortnightly waste collections (info from Wiltshire Council)

Fortnightly collections of household waste have now been introduced in north and south Wiltshire bringing your waste collections in line with those in the east and west of the county.

It is intended that this change, along with the extension of the recycling and composting services, will enable us to increase recycling to over 50% and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill to less than 25% by 2014. Last year Wiltshire sent 37% of waste to landfill and recycled 41% of household waste.

We need to recycle more and landfill less because the amount we pay in Landfill Tax is rapidly increasing from £56 per tonne to £80 per tonne by 2014. Last year Wiltshire Council spent £3.9 million on Landfill Tax.

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More than half of all household waste can be recycled or composted and now that the council has introduced kerbside collections of plastic bottles and cardboard and a free garden waste collection service across Wiltshire, it is even easier to recycle. Don't forget every household can also have up to two black recycling boxes to recycle paper, envelopes, magazines, junk mail, glass bottles and jars, food tins, drinks cans, foil, clothes and paired shoes. The little remaining waste that cannot be recycled at the kerbside should then fit into your household waste bin.

If you are struggling to fit all your waste into your bin and have a household of five or more, a medical condition, or more than one child in nappies you can contact the council for help. A waste officer will contact you or come out and visit you to discuss your situation and offer advice. Where appropriate, they will also issue a larger bin.

More information about waste and recycling services is available online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling. You can also check your collection dates.

Sign up now for free garden waste collections

A new free garden waste collection service is now available to residents in east, north and south Wiltshire who request it. Residents in west Wiltshire already receive this service.

This is an optional service and residents have to sign up to receive a garden waste bin, if they don't already have one. Those people who signed up to receive this service last year have already received their garden waste bins, but it is not too late to sign up to receive a bin this summer.

You can sign up online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste or by contacting the council on 0300 456 0102.

Residents in west Wiltshire who currently receive this service and residents in east, north and south Wiltshire who already have a garden waste bin do not need to sign up again.

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BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS MARCH 2012

The BFRA have been unexpectedly busy since the last newsletter. Following the AGM we have had most of our time consumed by The Pavilion – see below. We are also planning the first of two car boot sales for this year (we are holding 2 sales following positive feedback). Make a note for your diaries now – **CAR BOOT SALE, Sunday 27th May, Hampton Park Green, 0900 for sellers, 0930 buyers.** Note that we also have the honour of a visit to Salisbury by HM The Queen in May.

BFRA AGM: We were delighted to welcome our MP John Glen who made time for us in his very busy schedule and was prepared to answer questions on any aspect of Government business. Also present was WCIlr Bill Moss and a strong contingent from our Parish Council. It was noticeable that the residents in attendance were mostly the usual faces and there was a distinct lack of representation from the younger age groups. This is disappointing when you consider that we were discussing matters that have a direct affect on everybody and you have an MP who is prepared to raise matters at the highest level if needed. The minutes of the AGM are available on the BFRA website.

The Pavilion: Those living in Hampton Park/Bishopdown Farm may have seen a leaflet from WCIlr Bill Moss concerning The Pavilion, we would just like to clarify that the BFRA do NOT have a solicitor and have not paid for legal advice regarding The Pavilion. This leaflet followed on from our concerns over the ownership and management as expressed in the last newsletter. WC legal provided confirmation of the status of the Pavilion: privately owned, leased to WC, who held a management agreement with 3 named individuals who stopped having anything to do with the Pavilion several years ago. WC legal suggested the BFRA seek legal advice even though WC are responsible for the Pavilion! Fortunately, we were able to obtain a free legal opinion which said that in the very unlikely event that a Pavilion user were to sue then they could sue each member of the BFRA Committee as individuals for an unlimited amount.

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Naturally, in these days of parasitic lawyers and the sickening compensation culture we had no choice but to, reluctantly and immediately, cease any responsibility for running The Pavilion.

This was at the same time that we were arranging for internal redecoration and the replacement of the boiler which had finally expired! WC were quick off the mark and we held a meeting with them and Wiltshire and Parish Councillors to decide the way ahead.

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort assisting WC with their temporary ownership and management of the Pavilion whilst WCLlr Moss sought out a new management committee and the paperwork to make them an incorporated body. By the time you receive this newsletter the matter hopefully should have been resolved. In the meantime, WC are approving the continued use of the Pavilion under their auspices.

HP2/Core Strategy: The only news is an invitation for final comment on the Core Strategy. As the grounds for allowing comment are all technical we have not responded. Of interest, it does appear that the s106 agreements that were made behind the backs of your Parish Council and the BFRA should contain more than we expected.

Policing/Steetwatch: PCSO Nicola Clark represented our local policing team at the AGM. She introduced representatives from the Bemerton Heath Street watch who gave us an insight into what they do. Although it would seem that Hampton Park does not currently need a Streetwatch system you could still volunteer to take part. It may be a different matter in the future when HP2 is completed.

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 strives to keep the site up to date and there are a number of useful links to other sites. Communicate with your Committee at: www.thebfra.co.uk.

From Celine Le Boedec-Hughes

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Wiltshire Police said they have specific crime prevention information for sheds and garden equipment on their website (www.wiltshire.police.uk under the 'information' heading) which they would urge people to follow.

Don't become a victim of vehicle crime

Don't leave anything on view in your car. Thieves are opportunists and it only takes a moment to break in. Remember that even an empty bag or a coat left on the back seat of a locked car can be sufficiently tempting for a thief to smash a window.

Remember:

- Remove Sat Navs and clean suction marks on the window. Make sure car doors, windows and sun roofs are properly closed and locked.
- Remove your stereo if you can. Mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't.
- Don't leave valuables like laptops, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards, cheque books or vehicle documents in your car. If it is unavoidable—place them in the boot and ensure equipment is completely switched off.

From Jen Bailey-Hobbs, NPT Sergeant, Salisbury



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Better Carer's Service

Are you a carer or do you know someone who is? In April we attended a workshop to find out ways in which we can do more to understand and support our carers. A scheme has been developed in Wiltshire by local Carers which we want to support, check our website to keep updated.



New Premises Update

We are pleased to announce that our plans were submitted to the Planning Department for their approval at the latest on 6th April. An update on the decision will be on our website, as this was not known when going to press. The next phase will be to appoint a builder to start the works, which we hope will be this summer. In preparation for the move to our new surgery premises the New Street, Bishopdown Farm and Grove House Surgeries merged their business functions from 1st April. The practices will continue to operate as separate Surgeries from their existing premises until the new building is completed.

Patient care will not be affected by this change as all patients will continue to be seen by their usual doctors and nurses at their respective surgeries.

Surgery Closure

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News from River Bourne Community Farm

By David Law

Animal news

This year's lambing went well, helped by the mild weather and our team of volunteers who made checks throughout the day and night. Most births were twins with one set of triplets plus a number of singles. The twins pictured are one-day-old.



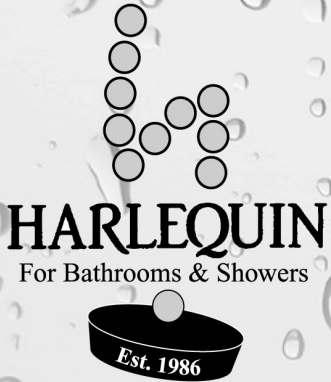
By the time that you read this Elsie, our Oxford Sandy & Black sow, should have produced her next litter of piglets, whilst Rosie, our Gloucester Olds Spot sow, is due to farrow around the middle of June, hopefully in time for our Open Day. Our cattle herd should also be calving through April to May so plenty of new life to be seen on the farm.

Walking Trails

We currently have three walking trails, all of which are proving to be very popular with local residents who enjoy making the most of the countryside where they live. We have a Farm & Meadows Trail, Pilgrims Way & Laverstock Down Trail and Hampton Park Trail. A fourth trail based on Old Sarum is at the planning stage.

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Enjoy a delicious home-made cream tea (kindly provided by Laverstock & District Evening W.I.), this year featuring clotted cream teas at only £3.

The next dates are 6th & 20th May, June 17th, (June 3rd we are at the Laverstock Sports Club for Jubilee celebrations), July 1st & 15th, and on through to September.



Salisbury International Arts Festival Event

Partridge Way, Old Sarum

Friday 1 June, 3pm-7pm

Explore the Partridge Way, Old Sarum Trail while learning about River Bourne Community Farm, its other local trails and trying some delicious farm snacks. Along the trail look out for our art in nature creations by local artist Charlotte Moreton, local community groups and volunteers. This event is also part of the River Bourne Community Farm Meadows & Down Trails Project. This event is part of the Festival's Nature of Art in Wessex project and is supported by Natural England & Big Lottery Fund.



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Simon's SpireWeather Winter Review www.spireweather.co.uk November 2011 – February 2012

November-December 2011 could not have been more different from the intense cold of the previous year, when snow and freezing temperatures brought chaos to South Wiltshire from late November until Christmas. Boxing Day 2010 brought us a minimum temperature of -10.5°C (13.1°F), still SpireWeather's record low temperature, and temperatures remained below freezing during the day. In contrast temperatures over the Christmas 2011 period were some 20°C higher with a maximum of 11.6°C (52.9°F) on Christmas Day and a balmy minimum of 9.2°C (48.6°F). In fact Christmas 2011 was the mildest Christmas for 90 years!

November 2011 produced a very mild end to a very mild meteorological autumn (September –November), with a maximum temperature of 16.2°C (61.2°F) on the 3rd and a minimum of -2.8°C (27°F) on the 28th. Interestingly the 3rd was also the wettest November day with 10.2mm (0.4"), but the total monthly rainfall of 45.8mm (1.8") was below average for November. This compares with a maximum of 17.8°C (64°F), a minimum of -6.7°C (19.9°F) and a total monthly rainfall of 63mm (2.5") in November 2010. November 2011 was the second warmest in the UK in over 100 years, second only to 1994.

The official winter of 2011-2012 (December-February) continued on a mild note, but December as a whole was only slightly warmer than the seasonal average. Rainfall was closer to average but frosts were unusually scarce. December's maximum temperature of 12.5°C (54.5°F) was recorded on the last day of the month and the minimum of -2.4°C (27.7°F) was recorded on the 10th. The 11th-16th was especially wet, windy, and unsettled. The 12th was a particularly wet day with 17.4mm (0.7") rainfall recorded in Laverstock [27mm (1.1") at Boscombe Down], and strong winds in the early hours of the 13th produced a maximum gust of 26.5mph. Remember that SpireWeather is sheltered from strong winds, so this compares to a gust of 43mph recorded the same night at Boscombe Down. A deep depression on the 16th brought the lowest pressure in Salisbury since July 2009, and the monthly rainfall total of 74.8mm (2.9") was significantly higher than the previous snowy year's 22mm (0.9").

So all in all 2011 produced some fascinating weather - from record-breaking heat at Easter, a lacklustre summer was followed by further record-breaking heat in early October, and the mild weather continued into 2012. In fact, in spite of what felt like a cool summer, 2011 was the second warmest year on record in the UK, and for the global warming sceptics amongst you seven out of ten of the UK's warmest years have been in the past decade!



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Whilst 2012 began on a mild note, the first two weeks of February brought southern and eastern parts of the UK some exceptionally cold weather. What has made this year so interesting thus far is that short-term forecasting has been unusually difficult, as the computer-generated 'weather models' have been so unpredictable. For anyone interested, some of these weather model charts can now be found under the "Charts" section of the SpireWeather website.

January 2012 was much milder than those of 2009-2011 and drier than average but also the 4th sunniest January since 1929. Laverstock's highest temperature of 12.4°C (54.3°F) was recorded on the 21st, and the minimum of -4.1°C (24.6°F) in the early hours of the 14th. The beginning of the month was stormy across the UK with SpireWeather's record high average wind speed of 16.9mph and record gust of 36mph (58mph at Boscombe Down) recorded on the morning of the 3rd. The 3rd was January's wettest day in Laverstock with 12.2mm (0.5"), there was just 41mm (1.6") rainfall for the month as a whole, compared to 90mm (3.5") in January 2011. A prolonged cold spell was looking increasingly unlikely after the very mild first two months of winter and spring bulbs flowering widely but high pressure building over Scandinavia and Russia from the 27th brought the beginnings of cold easterly winds that lasted well into February...

This cold weather caused many problems for the weather models, as a battle began to take place between the cold, dry continental air in the east and the warmer, moist Atlantic air in the west. Saturday 4th brought our first snowfall of the winter. After the coldest night of the winter that morning when temperatures fell to -9.4°C (15.1°F), 2cm of snow fell in Laverstock that evening, turning to rain and largely melting by morning. Rain and melting snow resulted in February's wettest day with 5mm (0.2") rainfall being recorded on the 5th. A further 2cm snow fell overnight on the 9th followed by three exceptionally cold nights with -8.7°C (16.3°F) recorded on the 11th. Parts of Lincolnshire fell to -15.6°C (3.9°F) that night! On the 23rd, Laverstock's warmest February temperature of 14.6°C (58.3°F - a SpireWeather February record) was recorded, whilst 18.7°C (65.7°F) was recorded in Birmingham, making it a month of extremes. You may have noticed that in spite of early February's cold temperatures, very little frost was visible in the mornings - this is because the continental air was very dry, meaning that the dew points were very low. A dew point of -10.8°C (12.6°F) was recorded on the 4th. The vast high pressure system that brought February's cold weather extended from the UK in the west to Japan in the east, and produced SpireWeather's record high pressure of 1043.8mb (30.82") on the 7th. Yet again February has been exceptionally dry with only 12.8mm (0.5") rainfall, which compares with 53mm (2.1") last year.

At the time of writing an Azores High is dominating our weather bringing warm air from the tropics with rainfall well below average. This pattern looks set to continue for the foreseeable future, another dry spring following the dry winter could pose serious drought problems across England this year, as the country has not been able to recover from the dry conditions of 2011. Find out about Laverstock's Spring 2012 weather in the July/August Issue 134 to be delivered in June.

For more local weather information visit spireweather.co.uk but remember to check official sources of weather data where life or property may be at risk.



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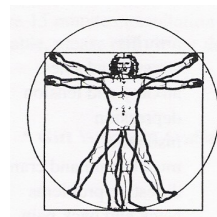
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