

Diary Dates for events around the parish in July & August 2012

JULY

- Sun 1st** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm
- Weds 4th** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Mon 9th** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm
What the Butler Saw! with John Pitman
- Tues 10th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
A Quiz led by Joyce Williams
- Weds 11th** Olympic Torch passes through: 1755 to 1846 Winterbournes, London Road,
- Weds 11th** 2012 Olympic celebration event at Hudsons Field
- Thurs 12th** Olympic Torch continues 0748 – 0849 From Salisbury Cathedral to Wilton
- Sun 15th** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm
- Mon 16th** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
'12 years at Chelsea' a talk by Sue Robinson
- Mon 23rd** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm
Lady's Smock & Batchelor's Buttons with Gerald Ponting
- Weds 25th** Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
'China, an update' by Doreen Amos
- Thurs 26th** Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting at 7pm
- Sun 29th** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm

AUGUST

- Weds 1st** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Sun 5th** Salisbury City FC Family Fun Day in aid of Naomi House
- Sun 12th** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm
- Tues 14th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
Supper at Jan's
- Weds 22nd** Mothers' Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
- Sun 26th** Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas, 3—5pm
- Mon 27th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm
Annual Show
- DON'T FORGET OLD SARUM COMMUNITY ROOMS WILL BE RUNNING A COMMUNITY CAFÉ
every Monday 10 – 12 am



Deadline for the next newsletter Issue no. 135 covering Sept/Oct information/articles, reports, local events and fundraising activities and new advertisements to be with the editor **NO LATER THAN** (preferably before) Friday 20th July, 2012

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VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

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Welcome to issue no 134

Summer is well and truly here and we hope you all have plenty of opportunity to get out and about around the parish and beyond to enjoy our great British countryside on the many trails, walks and cycle ways. From pond dipping and fishing for tiddlers along the river Bourne, plane spotting at Old Sarum Flying Club and adventures in history at Old Sarum Hillfort. Picnic-ing on the green at Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park, live music at the Duck Inn, cream teas at the Community Farm, activities at the Laverstock Sports Club, classes, cafes and clubs at the Old Sarum Community Rooms, The Hampton Park Pavilion and Laverstock & Ford Village Hall there's plenty to do and more. If you're looking for leisure activities check out Wiltshire Councils website or Salisbury Library or The Unit (for the under 25s) in Endless Street for leaflets and info on what's available over the summer.

June 2-4th saw a succession of Jubilee celebrations around the Parish, see pages 27—34 for our Jubilee spectacular.

Also on page 17 you can find details of the Olympic torch route as it passes through our corner of Wiltshire this July.

*The front cover features the Red Devils
parachuting in to Hudsons Field for the Jubilee Celebrations*

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 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...

For some time now the PC has been promoting the **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**. The Police are now much more at arm's length from the scheme but the PC is keen to encourage residents to make it work for their own patch. Several areas of the parish are covered on a less formal basis but if you are able to be involved then please contact the Clerk.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that, after a long and protracted process, the PC is now the legal owner of the **public open space at Pilgrim's Way** including the tiny tots play area. Please do you bit to keep these areas in good order and report any problems to the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council now has an **office** located at the Community Farm. We are grateful to the farm for permission to site the converted Portacabin there. We now have a base for the Clerk and for meetings. For legal reasons we were unable to proceed with the planned Jubilee Room built of straw bales like the farm classroom. Do pop in and have a look if down at the farm.

Parish Council grass is now being cut by our new contractors; we hope that you have noticed an improvement in this regard. We are considering the possibility of taking on responsibility for some high-way verges too but this will depend on the cost to this council. Wiltshire Council, who currently have the responsibility, have huge economies of scale which we might not be able to match.

Efforts for the **Best Kept Village** in Laverstock should please continue as we have not yet been judged. Judging takes place in June and July. Please take care of the place many of us call home by keeping it clean and tidy and well presented.

We do hope that you were able to attend the **Jubilee Celebrations** at the Sports Club on Sunday 3rd June. The PC expresses its thanks to Keith Noble and his committee for all their hard work to make this event possible. ***We are delighted to inform you that the event made a profit and that donations will be made to two local charities; Lucy's Day Out and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.***

Every now and then we have volunteers, who delivered the **Parish Newsletter**, retire. Pleasingly, there always seem to be others

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Laverstock Scouts	Dave Waspe	421287
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who step forward to fill any gaps in our large band of volunteer house deliverers. The Parish Council is most grateful to all those who give up their time to ensure that the Newsletter gets to every residence in the parish. A meeting has taken place to try to resolve the management problems at the **Pavilion in Hampton Park**. It is hoped that a set of Trustees can be established soon within a properly constituted company and a day-to-day management committee. In the meantime the Pavilion continues to be a vital facility for the Bishopdown community.

The **Parish Accounts** for the last financial year have been completed and are available for public inspection via the Clerk.

We will be preparing **next year's budget** around November of this year so if you wish to input into this or have any comments to make on the next budget then please attend the October PC meeting

A **Photography Competition** is to be held for the Laverstock Schools. This initiative arose from the regular Schools/PC liaison meetings and is designed to focus younger minds in a positive way on the place where they live and are educated. The theme is Laverstock Life. The details of this may be found on the parish website.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who took part in the **Village Clean Up** on Saturday May 12th. There are reports from others on the day elsewhere in this newsletter.

The PC is delighted to welcome **Mr David Crockett** to the Council. David lives in Old Sarum and will represent that community. His details can be found on the Parish Contacts page of this Newsletter. We thank Anne Vincent and Alex Wright for their work in the past. We hope to appoint another member for Old Sarum in the very near future and also seek a replacement for Kevin Flynn to represent Hampton Park.

Mr Ron Champion was re-elected as Chairman and **Mrs Virginia McLennan** as Vice- Chairman for the forthcoming year. The various responsibilities of the PC members may be found on the parish website.

HP2 A planning application (S/2012/552) has been received which asks that the original legal S106 agreement to keep the land now known as HP2, for recreational use, be set aside. This was part of the original application for HP1 and some residents bought their homes on the basis that that land would be a golf course or, at least, for recreational use – not 500 homes! The PC has responded to this application as seen below:

1)The PC objects to the application.

2)Wiltshire Council should put aside this application until the result of the judicial review has been completed.

3)The Deed was to protect the land at Hampton Park against further development and was a condition of granting planning permission of the original Hampton Park.

4)The deed is a legal document and should not be signed away by Wiltshire Council until after the outcome of the Judicial Review is known and full public consultation has taken place.

5)The Parish Council do not believe this document was available to the Inspector at the Appeal of the Hampton Park application or to Mr Pickles when he overturned the outcome of the Planning Inspection for HP2 and Wiltshire Council should now ensure that it is brought to the attention of the current Judicial review.

A legal response from Wiltshire Association Local Councils has been received which suggested that, given the original agreement is more than 5 years old, WC could set it aside. However, it was agreed that the PC should continue to challenge this.

Parish Council Meetings

July 16th 7.00pm
at Greenways School,
Hampton Park

August – NO MEETING

September 17th 7.00pm
at the PC office at the Community Farm

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

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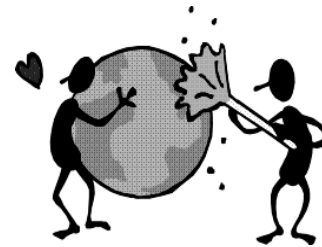
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Bishopdown Surgery www.newstreetsurgery.co.uk
Greentrees Primary School www.greentrees-school.com
Old Sarum Community Rooms <https://sites.google.com/site/oldsarumcr/>
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Old Sarum Primary School www.oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk
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Area of responsibility for each member of the Parish Council may be found on the Parish Website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk



A HUGE 'THANK YOU'

to all who turned out to take part in
VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY
on a sunny Saturday 12 May.

Over 50 people joined forces to sweep through the village filling many sacks of rubbish and collecting large items including a rusty old shopping trolley. The morning ended with a free BBQ, funded by the Parish Council as a thank you, at the Community Farm. Well done to all who helped and improved our chances in the **Best Kept Village** competition. Your efforts are truly appreciated (see also pages 22 & 23).

Easter Sunday saw the official launch of the Laverstock Down Trail, put together under the aegis of the Community Farm, and one of the four planned trails being developed. Trail leaders had organised an Easter Egg Hunt to encourage families to come out, explore the start area of the Trail and to follow the clues to win an Easter egg. Some participants, armed with their map of the Trail explored further and promised to return and walk it all in the future. About 120 people turned out and enjoyed the experience and, pleasingly, there were enough eggs for all. If you wish to enjoy this local walk then the brochure may be found on line (www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk) or get one from the Community Farm shop.



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

Students' Photography Competition

LAVERSTOCK LIFE

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under 12s and 12—16 yrs

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2nd £25 Cash prize

3rd £10 Cash Prize



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You may submit just one photograph, if you attempt to submit more, only the last one submitted will be judged.

You must have obtained your parent or guardian's permission to enter the competition.

The photograph should be taken within the Laverstock & Ford parish.

All subjects are acceptable – after all, it is Laverstock Life.

Your photograph should be emailed as an attachment to:
photo@laverstock-ford.co.uk

The email text must include your name, name of your school, your age and the title of the photo.

By submitting your photo you give the Parish Council permission to publicly display your entry in the Parish Newsletter and Website, on the notice board at the Green and elsewhere.

All photos must reach us by the **30th of September 2012** to be included in the judging.

The photographs will be judged by a professional photographer whose decision is final. The judges will not enter into any correspondence regarding any photo submitted.

The competition is also on **Facebook** – see us at

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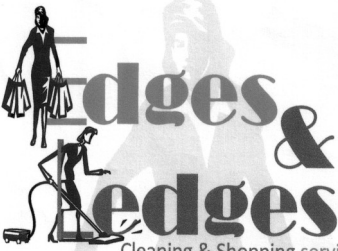
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The Milford Bridge Project (part two)

Local artist Fred Fieber has studied photos and listened to memories from local people and produced designs for a second mural to be painted on the other side of the Milford Bridge. By July a final design will have been decided upon following displays around Salisbury and work will begin. If you want to know more or contribute to the growing archive of memories and photos and literature please contact Clare Christopher, project co-ordinator email: milfordbridgestreetproject@yahoo.co.uk mobile 07941 079920

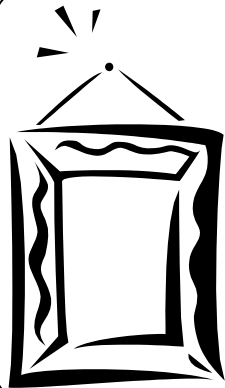
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Want to join a group for bulk buying cheaper oil ? Interested in a good neighbour scheme? Check out the news on Community First's website.

Founded in 1965, Community First is a registered charity and a private company limited by guarantee. With the aim of strengthening communities, growing communities and tackling disadvantage across Wiltshire and Swindon, a team of professional staff provides technical advice, practical support and grant aid to promote local initiatives. Community First also manages countywide programmes bringing benefits to local people, informing and influencing policy makers in the development of rural policies and practices.

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www.communityfirst.org.uk



Art Club

Did you know that there is a regular Art Club at Laverstock and Ford Village Hall?

It runs on Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

contact John Gustard on 01722 326 237 for more info

The Rotary Clubs of Salisbury & Winchester 10th Annual Clarendon Marathon



Sunday 7th October 2012



Please be advised

MINOR DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC FLOW

The Marathon starts from Wyvern College at 10.30am. Approximately 1,500 runners will run from Wyvern College onto Church Road, along to Duck Lane to the road leading onto the Clarendon estate to raise money for good causes.

It will take between 10 and 15 minutes for this number of runners to clear Church Road. This will of course mean some interruption to the flow of traffic for that time.

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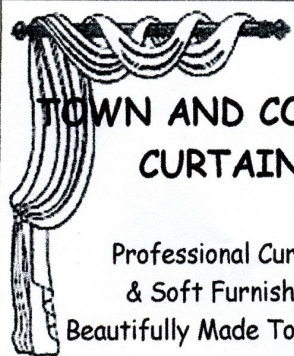
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A decade later, with just over 70 members, Laverstock Gardening Club is thriving and continues to attract new members.

In 2003, the club held its first Competitions evening (now known as the Annual Show). A 'members only' event, this remains the highlight of the calendar as cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and vegetables are exhibited and expertise in flower arranging, cookery, photography and art is demonstrated.

Since 2010, in addition to judging all the exhibits, all the adjudicators have participated in a light-hearted 'Ask the panel', answering a range of questions submitted by members.

We warmly invite you to join us for this year's event on August 27, in the Village Hall, when there will also be the opportunity to view all the exhibits, find out who has been successful and cast your vote for the People's Choice award.

Should you decide to become a member at our meeting in July, whether an experienced gardener or newcomer to the hobby, you will be eligible to enter items in the Annual Show. Members do not have to live in Laverstock!

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24 September: Annual General Meeting and 10th birthday

22 October: Dahlias and Chrysanthemums

26 November: a return visit by Andy McIndoe, who will talk about 'Shrubs throughout the year'

We pride ourselves on being a friendly club where the emphasis is on both gardening and social gatherings. Come and join us!

Don't Forget!

AUGUST 27th Laverstock Gardening Club Annual Show at 7pm

At Laverstock & Ford Village Hall.

SCHOOLS MINI MARATHON

Well done to the 1,300 plus pupils and (some parents!) who ran the schools mini marathon event held at Laverstock on Saturday May 26th. Participants from 33 local schools aged 7—10 yrs ran the distance of 1,900 metres. International runner Simon Plumber was running along the course encouraging the children, many of whom were running the course (or a marathon) for the first time.

A special 'well done' to Maddie Campbell-Steele from St. Andrews coming second in the girls under 9s and Alex Simpson from Winterbourne Earls school for coming first in the under 11s and a big thank you from parents and children alike to all the organisers and all the teachers who helped to prepare them and were there to support and encourage them on the day.



Spire Weather Review www.spireweather.co.uk March - April 2012

This spring has produced some of the most fascinating weather I have ever experienced as an amateur meteorologist. March turned out to be the third warmest and fifth driest March on record, marking the end of an 18-month period of below average rainfall in the UK and prompting drought orders to be imposed across much of southern and southeast England. In complete contrast April was the coldest since 1989 and the wettest on record in the UK with an average temperature *cooler* than March (7.7°C cf. 8.6°C) – this has only happened ten times in the past 100 years, the last being in 1998. In contrast to the warmth of March, and to April 2011, nowhere in the UK reached 20°C on any day in April but the drought continued, seen by many as the coldest and wettest drought in history!

Only 26.8mm (1.1") rainfall fell in March which, although dry, was more than twice that of March 2011 with 11mm (0.4"). March's wettest day was on the 4th with 20.8mm (0.8") rainfall recorded. In fact in the first three months of 2012, Salisbury received around 81mm (3.2") rainfall, compared with 154mm (6.1") in the first three months of 2011. Laverstock's highest March temperature, and indeed the highest of the year (including April), was 22.7°C (72.9°F) on the 28th. The coldest temperature of -1.4°C (29.5°F) was recorded early on the 19th. Overall March was the warmest since 1957, the driest since 1953 and the sunniest since 1929.

In stark contrast to March, we received 126.6mm (5") rainfall in April, almost five times that of March and more than half of the total for 2012 so far. In April 2011 we were basking in record breaking temperatures and received around 1mm (0.04") rainfall in total! April was the second wettest month in Salisbury since we started monitoring the weather in 2009, beaten only by November 2009 with 176mm (6.9"). In the last week of April alone, Laverstock received 78mm (3.1 inches) rainfall – that is more than the total for any *month* in 2011 except August, and almost equal to the total rainfall of January-March 2012 combined! April 29th was 2012's wettest day with 26mm (1") rain, accompanied by strong cold NE winds, whilst the lowest pressure of the year of 976.2mb was recorded on the 18th. The last day of the month produced April's maximum temperature of 17.8°C (64°F) whilst the month's coldest night was on the 6th with a minimum of -2.2°C (28°F).

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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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5th August 2012

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Visitors will be able to meet the players, take a tour around the stadium and the new football kit is being launched and available to view. If you fancy a taste of keeping fit, there will be classes throughout the day for you to try.

Special appearances will be made by Scooby Doo and the Mystery Machine, along with the Knight Rider car – KITT. Unfortunately David Haselhoff will not be driving! There will be a bouncy castle, face-painting, circus skills, grand raffle, toy tombola, stalls and fete games for all ages. Hot and cold food will be available all day.

It all kicks off from 10am, with the Kit launch at 11am and all the fun and games will be available from the start. We hope to have Spire FM attending to round off the event.

More details will be available on the Salisbury City FC website, or on the Naomi House website: www.naomihouse.org.uk. Please contact Pam Bacon at Naomi House for more information on 01962 843513.

We hope to see you there.



*The Queen's visit to Salisbury on Tuesday 1st May
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News from River Bourne Community Farm

By David Laws

Farm features in Royal Visit

The farm was honoured to be asked to represent Laverstock at the recent Royal Jubilee visit. In the Southern Wiltshire Community Area tent we provided a display of pictures and details about the farm. We also had with us two orphaned lambs which were a popular attraction. Ben Parker explained the educational aspects of the farm to HRH Prince Philip.



Cattle



Our cows have completed their calving so we have a number of calves, with their mothers, on the water meadows. Our small herd is a suckler herd, the calves suckling from their mothers naturally. We have taken in two British Blue cross Jersey calves which are being hand fed at present but are due to go onto the water meadows in the next two weeks.

New building

Our newly-built feed store pole-barn is now in use and is now the centre for the preparation of livestock feeding. We've fixed a House Martin nestbox to the roof apex and have noticed that Swallows are already starting to take an interest the barn. Swallows have obviously nested for many years in our main barn, so this additional nesting site will be ideal for them.



Organised Visits to the Farm

One of the main criteria for the creation of the farm was education. Over 2,000 children from local schools have taken an organised tour of the farm, with classes of 20 to 30 visiting on most weekday mornings. The farm is still able to offer a number these visits, free of charge, to groups of this size. We cater for ages from three to teenage and can arrange a tour suited to specific age groups. If your school would like details of how to arrange a tour, contact Jane on 01722 330667.

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During the next school year we will have four courses taking place at the farm and possibly a fifth. The farm is gearing up to be able to deliver the same high level of quality education provision with four courses as it has this year with one. It will be good to see the classroom fully utilised throughout the year! That does of course leave the classroom space available after school and during the evenings. Enquiries for lettings and ideas for workshops which we could provide would be welcome.

Tarmac Paths

With the aim of making the farm accessible to all our visitors, there is now a tarmac path linking the toilets, classroom, Long Barn and the marquee proving disabled access to these locations.

Our next project along these lines will be to improve the car parking area. This is a large expanse and will be an expensive upgrade but one which needs to be done. As this goes to press, the main car park area has been excavated ready to receive the installation of parking areas and pathways to complete suitable disability access.

Bee Hotel

We have installed a bee hotel on the farm Meadows & Spinney Trail. Bees are one probably the most important pollinators of crops and other plants.

Worryingly, many bee species are in decline, largely because of the loss of feeding (flowers) and nesting habitats. Not all bees live in hives. Many bee species nest in tiny spaces ranging from hollow plant stems to holes in deadwood or bare ground. Bee hotels consist of a number of hollow tubes. They mimic the conditions suitable for bees that nest above ground in stems and holes.



Cream Tea Sundays

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OLD SARUM NEWS

OLD SARUM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IS FORMED!

On Thursday 24th May over 60 residents of the established and new parts of the Old Sarum estate, met to discuss issues related to living in a growing area. All those present were given the most recent plan of how the estate is likely to look at the end of the building phase. They were introduced to their new parish councillors David Crockett (elected) and Simon Byers (to be elected in June) .

Penny Joyce, Old Sarum Community Enabler gave a short update on the building issues and then questions were asked. People were particularly concerned about play areas and were glad to hear that 3 will be built, but seemingly quite a long time hence. The same applied to a retail out let (a shop) needed urgently because of the distance to get to a shop for even a pint of milk! Residents were keen to contact local retail chains to ask if anyone was interested in the option at Old Sarum. A lack of green spaces for walking and play, was a disappointment for the residents.

They were told about the new Community Centre and employment opportunities via light industry, and the issue of the planned 'Soft Play facility' was touched on. The potential 120 bed Care Home was identified, as well as the Mormon Meeting House soon to be built. By unanimous agreement a resolution to start an 'Old Sarum Residents Association' representing the residents of the area was carried.

This will encompass the Green Lane area, Partridge Way, the Business Park, Throgmorton Hall and the growing 'new build' off Sherbourne Driveindeed anyone who lives in 'Old Sarum'. The first task of the associations committee is to organise an Open Meeting with planners, builders and our Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan in early July and then start to tackle key issues.

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From Community Enabler Penny Joyce

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Early Registration is recommended at the discounted price of £10 (under 16's go free!) and dog are welcome to join in the twilight walk as well. Every walker will also receive a Walk Ten T-shirt to wear on their 10K challenge.

Contact events organiser :
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What a lot of Rubbish!

Seems 2012 is a 'rubbish' year so far. We've managed to focus on 'waste' from animal, vegetable and mineral to clothes and paper, glass and furniture recycling in a bid to help you get to grips with Wiltshire Councils change to waste collection services and new and existing ways to help you dispose of unwanted waste and rubbish responsibly and as an alternative to dumping them in our green areas and countryside.

In May the River Bourne had a bit of a clean-up as residents and volunteers pulled out an assortment of items that don't really belong in the river and we're not just talking shopping trolleys!

'A trailer load of rubbish removed from the River Bourne by some of our public spirited residents - thanks to them all.'

More information about waste and recycling services and your local rubbish collection dates is available online

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling



Laverstock Village Clean Up Day - Reflections of a volunteer

I hope a lot of you noticed that quite a few people were lurking around Laverstock with litter pickers and black bags on Sunday 12th of May. And it may be that some have noticed that the village is a little more litter free. Well, it was Laverstock's village clean up day, an annual ritual organised by the Parish council's Environmental Task Group and executed in conjunction with the River Bourne Community Farm with the keen help of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, together with a substantial number of other volunteers from our community.

All in all, we had two groups of people out picking litter starting from Murphy's at the north end of the village and from the farm at the south end. In total we had some 40 people varying in age from 6 to 70 and between us we collected about 15 bin liners of rubbish, an excellent result and a good step on our way to glory in the best kept village stakes. *cont.,*

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We finished up at the farm for a BBQ, hot dogs and burgers enjoyed by all. An excellent day all round and a hearty thanks to all participants and the chefs and tea makers.

If we all continue to make such a fantastic effort the village will continue to be somewhere to be proud of, tidy, a pleasure to walk around and to show off to our friends and relations. So please be tidy and take your rubbish home. A high proportion of the public access in the village is discretionary, allowed by the land owners and it does no harm to bring one piece of litter back when you are out! Lets try and keep the village tidy and next year it could be a lovely walk and community BBQ, without the fun of picking up litter!

From a litter picking volunteer

St Edmund's School students demonstrated their commitment to the Laverstock Village Clean up day by undertaking a mass litter pick around the school site, the perimeters of the school field and along Church Road and its environs. Whilst many of the school's students travel into school from outside the village, all were keen to play a part in activity to improve the overall look of Laverstock. 'We are proud of our school and also of Laverstock itself' one student commented. 'It is a very nice place to be at school and to live in. We want to keep it that way.'



Teams of St Edmund's students in action against litter on Church road.

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS MAY 2012

By the time you read this we should have held the first of our car boot sales for 2012 – hopefully on a nice sunny day with lots of happy sellers and buyers! The next car boot sale will be held after the summer holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Kevin Flynn who was our local PC representative. Kevin did an admirable job of waving the flag for Hampton Park/Bishopdown Farm which at times in the past has had some difficulty in identifying itself with Laverstock & Ford Parish. What we really need now is for another resident who lives in the BFRA area to offer their services to the Parish Council – the Parish Clerk, Steve Hannath, would be delighted to discuss it with you.

The Pavilion: Regrettably we are unable to report any progress on the future of The Pavilion. Both the BFRA and the PC have tried to find out what is going on but WC and our Councillor are remaining silent on the matter. The BFRA will be attending the May PC meeting where we hope that there will be an update from WC – and therefore the possibility that this Newsletter will have an update from the PC. The Pavilion is still thriving and well used and there are now opportunities for further bookings on Saturdays and Sundays as the cricket club are not using it this year. Although WC are approving the continued use of the Pavilion the administration is still being done by the original committee members: Sharon Safe for bookings and Ed Evans looking after the finances. We would like to thank them for their forbearance under the current unsatisfactory conditions.

HP2/Core Strategy: An unexpected planning application appeared seeking to remove outstanding obligations from 1993 for the original Hampton Park estate. These obligations provided for green spaces where HP2 is now planned – an interesting conundrum which the PC were taking a close interest in as it seems that this might be a weapon in our fight over HP2. The deadline for responses was 24th May and you should be able to see the outcome on the WC website under S/2012/0552.

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R2 Money for Hampton Park: As you might be aware there are funds (R2 Money) available under the Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park developments for projects that enhance the community and its infrastructure. Whilst the monies available are not huge and the approvals cannot be guaranteed, the BFRA has been considering some ideas for Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) which we would like to obtain your views on prior to proceeding as we may require to obtain Planning Permission. MUGAs come in various configurations and sizes but a few pictures are shown here to give an indication as to the kind of facility that might be considered appropriate.



We are
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submit an
application
to use
some R2
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access and supervisory seating to be installed at the play park on Sycamore Drive. We will of course keep you informed of developments.

Hampton Park Trail: In the last Parish Newsletter the Parish Clerk indicated that £2000 of R2 money would be made available for the 4 Parish Trails. As no volunteers have come forward to oversee

this exciting development, the BFRA Committee have agreed to oversee the project. We hope to involve both children and adults in this opportunity to be able to enjoy our local environment and develop a better awareness of the natural world around us.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make **regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on – in particular with the Pavilion.** 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 Colin Froude

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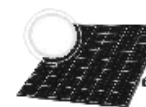
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A snapshot of celebrations around the Parish on Sunday 3rd June & Monday 4th

Whilst the River Bourne may not be up to hosting a grand flotilla, across the Parish the flags and bunting were out as people celebrated The Queens Diamond Jubilee with community events and gatherings. If you look hard at the following pictures you may spot one or two 'surprise' royal visitors ;0)

On Sunday, St. Andrews Church held a procession which included representatives from local uniformed groups and the Royal British Legion and culminated in a special open air service in the Laverstock & Ford sports grounds prior to a Parish Fete; including displays of Tai Chi, the Streetz Cheer leading group and Jim Chick and his falconry display. There were stalls including The Gardening Club, The Bonsai Club, St Andrews Toddlers group and the Community Farm (oh those lambs were adorable!), alongside bouncy fun on some giant inflatables, a 'beat the goalie' game and lots more besides. Over the two days families and friends dressed up, brought picnics and had a great day despite the occasional down-pour. There was a grand picnic at Old Sarum, street parties held in Ford and garden parties throughout the parish plus the lighting of the beacon on Old Sarum on Monday night following more events at Hudsons Field.



*A procession from
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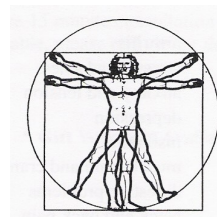
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