

Diary Dates for events around the parish in September & Oct 2012

SEPT	SEPTEMBER...SEPTEMBER...SEPTEMBER...SEPTEMBER...SEPTEMBER
Weds 5 th	Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
Thurs 6 th	Salisbury Area Board Meeting (venue tbc) 6.30 for 7pm
Mon 10 th	Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm Salisbury after Dark with Bernard Robert, Street Pastor
Tues 11 th	Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm Schools' Chaplain—A talk by Asa Humphries
Mon 17 th	Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm '24 years as clerk to a High Court Judge' with John Hook + BRING & BUY Parish Council meets at the Community Farm, 7pm
Mon 24 th	Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7pm 10 th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sun 15 th	Naomi House Open Day, 11am—4pm
Fri 21 st	Bat Watch at Riverbourne Community Farm at 6.30pm
Sat 22 nd	Wildlife Day, St. Andrews Church, Laverstock 10am til after dusk
Sun 23 rd	BFRA Car Boot Sale, The Green, Bishopdown Farm from 9.30am
Weds 26 th	Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm A quiz led by Jan Seaman
Thurs 27 th	Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting at Pitton Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm
OCTOBER	OCTOBER...OCTOBER...OCTOBER...OCTOBER...OCTOBER...OCTOBER
Weds 3 rd	Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 7 th	10th Annual Clarendon Marathon: starts 10.10am from Wyvern College
Mon 8 th	Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm AGM & celebrating over 50 yrs of the group
Tues 9 th	Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm Meditation through Spinning—a talk by Carol Baker
Mon 15 th	Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm Harvest Supper Parish Council meets at the Community Farm, 7pm
Mon 22 nd	Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm Dahlias and Chrysanthemums with Bryan Maddens
Weds 24 th	Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm 'Exmouth Holiday' Talk by Sue Gallagher
Thurs 25 th	Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 10.30am—12 noon
Weds 31 st	BFRA Halloween Party at The Pavilion on the green, Bishopdown Farm

Parish Newsletter

Sept/Oct 2012 Issue 135



Deadline for the next newsletter Issue no. 136 covering Nov/Dec information/articles, reports, local events and fundraising activities and new advertisements to be with the editor **NO LATER THAN** (preferably before) Friday 21st, September 2012

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commencing

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at

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VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock and Ford Village Hall

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Welcome to issue no 135

As schools return for the autumn term, and we all wonder what the weather's going to be doing, you can expect a bit of traffic chaos toward the end of October as Network Rail starts work on Broken Cross Bridge (see page 22) But there are plenty of things to see at the Farm during the autumn and the wildlife trails across the Parish are all worth investigating, Old Sarum Aviation Museum is open for business, look forward to Bat Watch, an Apple Pie morning with the WI, plus a Car Boot Sale at Bishopdown Farm and if you're finding it all too stressful there's a new Tai Chi class for beginners starting this month.



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...

There has been an **increase in crime from sheds and garages** so please ensure that these buildings are properly **locked and secured**.

The PC is delighted to **welcome Mr Simon Byers** to the council and wishes him every success and enjoyment with his council activities. **We still seek another member to represent Hampton Park.**

The Portacabin **office and meeting room** at the Community Farm continues to develop and will, hopefully, prove to be a useful parish resource.

Your **Parish Council has been very busy** and active in defending the interests of its residents over the interests of developers and the unwelcome decisions of Wiltshire Council. The small triumph in persuading the Wiltshire Council Planning Committee to leave the legal conditions in place relating to the land at HP2 is reported in more detail on page 6. We have also met with very senior Wiltshire Council officers to express our disappointment with the way that WC dealt with the South Wiltshire Core Strategy and how this might impact on the historic Old Sarum airfield. Three members also attended a whole day's training to look at the emerging 'Neighbourhood Plans' that are part of the new Localism Bill and which would contain the community's aspirations for the future and offer some local say in future housing development.

The Parish Council has decided to move round the parish more by holding **meetings on a regular basis at Old Sarum and Hampton Park**. Hopefully, this will encourage more residents to attend a PC meeting to see its working and, perhaps, ask a question in the early public session. A programme of meetings and venues will be published asap.

The Parish Council is delighted that the **residents of Old Sarum** are organising a residents' association to address issues that are important locally. This is how local communities develop and move forward and we wish it every success in its work.

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St. Josephs - FRIENDS	Mr Barry	504775
TA Centre—Old Sarum	Capt Dave Oliver	438300
Tai Chi	Cheryl Beeney	337870
The Duck Inn	Becki & Tim	327678
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Wyvern - FRIENDS	Mrs Joanna Charlton	331245

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Bishopdown Pavilion		
Bonsai	Graham Alexander	320517
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Evergreen Club	Sandy Small	711129
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Flora Mundi	Mrs D Stevens	335770
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Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	330077
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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

The PC recently met representatives of the company behind the planning application known as **Salisbury Gateway**. This is the group behind the proposed new supermarket on the A36. The view of the PC is that this is a great scheme **IN THE WRONG PLACE**. Salisbury needs another large supermarket to ease pressure on the Southampton stores but NOT along Southampton Road. Current and future housing development is to the north and west of Salisbury, not the south. Your PC is very concerned about the Impact that a new store would have on traffic through the parish and along Milford Mill Rd, which is already unfit for purpose.

The planning permission granted for Salisbury Retail Park on the Hampton Inn roundabout is for non-food retail but might make a suitable supermarket site to serve the north side of the city.

The **accounts** for the year ending April 2012 have been agreed by the external auditors and are available to members of the public on request to the Clerk.

The old **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** is inactive. Police resources have been diverted elsewhere and the scheme is somewhat moribund. The PC is talking to our local police officers about this situation and hopes to get some alternative in its place.

In line with Government requirements, the PC has adopted a new **Code of Conduct** for its members. Members' pecuniary interests (plus those of their spouses) will have to be logged on the PC website and there will be an assumption that everybody knows everybody else's financial interests. The PC has decided that, whilst not legally required, all Declarations of Interest will be made at the beginning of the meeting as determined by the business on the Agenda, as currently happens.

The PC is, once again, looking at the Wiltshire Council issue of **turning off some of our street lights** that stay on all night. There are 54 lights along Church Rd/Riverside Rd and up to 20 of these could be turned off between midnight and 05.00. Residents will be consulted on their views before any decision or action is taken.

Hampton Park 2 – the saga continues!

At a Wiltshire Planning Committee Meeting at City Hall (21st June) Democracy, which is often absent here in Wiltshire, made a rare but welcome appearance. The Committee was considering application S/2012/552 which sought to set aside aspects of the S106 legal agreement made for the original development at Hampton Park i.e. HP1. About twenty years ago the old SDC councillors (some of whom have morphed into Wiltshire Councillors on the new Unitary Authority) sought to protect the land now known as HP2 by creating a legal agreement that the land should be a golf course or, if that did not come about, that it would remain as open recreational land but NOT housing. This would retain the character of the edge of 'Salisbury' and keep the 'strategic gap' between it and Ford whilst adding to the flood protection that open land and water meadows would afford. The Wiltshire Council Planning Officers, supported by the agent acting for the land owners, argued that, as the land is included in the South Wilts Core Strategy, the S106 legal agreement no longer served any useful purpose and should therefore be set aside. Several residents plus the Chair of the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council spoke passionately about why the legal obligation should remain and were enthusiastically supported by about 40 members of the public, some of whom had bought their HP1 homes on the promise of overlooking a golf course or open land. The debate among the eight Wiltshire Councillors was lively with arguments on both sides of the case. Our politicians were reminded that a promise is a promise and that it should count for something. At the vote the planning application was rejected and all opted to support Wiltshire Councillor McLennan's motion that the original legal conditions should remain. It was a victory for democracy and it is crucial that it is an important first step into local power as embraced within the Localism Bill. However, we are all very concerned that this is the first time this issue has been aired in the public domain and raises some important questions:

1. ***Why did Spatial Planners at Wiltshire suggest 500 homes on HP2 when they should have known that a long held aspiration to keep the land open was in place and legally protected by an S106 agreement?***
2. ***Why was this not raised during discussion and voting on adoption of the South Wilts Core Strategy?***
3. ***Why did the Planning Inspector at the Appeal on HP2 not hear of it?***
4. ***Why was Eric Pickles, who overturned the Inspector's decision, not aware of it?***
5. ***Is this information with those currently conducting the Judicial Review for HP2?***

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Bishopdown Surgery www.newstreetsurgery.co.uk
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Old Sarum Airfield www.oldsarumairfield.co.uk / www.oldsarum.co.uk
Old Sarum Primary School www.oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk
Riverbourne Community Farm www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk
Salisbury/Southern Wiltshire Area Boards www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards
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
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The Pavilion, Hampton Park www.hamptonparkpavilion.co.uk
The Unit www.unitspace.co.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

I am delighted to report that, this year, Laverstock has won the CPRE's **Best Kept Village Competition** in the large village category. Well done to all concerned and please do your best to keep up standards throughout the year. The judges' full report appears on page 12.

Finally, Students have until the end of this month to submit a photo in the 'Laverstock Life' **Photography Competition**. (See page 8) All details may be found on our website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

From Steve Hannath

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

Monday September 17th 7.00pm

at the parish council office at the Community Farm

Monday October 15th 7.00pm

At the parish council office at the Community Farm

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

Students' Photography Competition

LAVERSTOCK LIFE

There are two age categories{
under 12s and 12—16 yrs

In each category there are three prizes.

1st £50 Cash Prize

2nd £25 Cash prize

3rd £10 Cash Prize



Rules of the competition

You should, at the time the photo was taken, be a pupil of one of the four Laverstock based schools.

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**
www.facebook.com/LaverstockFordPC

**THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST, ENJOY YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY
AND GOOD LUCK**

Updates from the Southern Area Board

From Virginia McLennan

Police reported a new scheme called “**Local Resolution**”. This is for low level minor offences which can be sorted without going through the Criminal Justice System. One example being if damage has been done to your garden the culprits would have to work to put right that damage. This system is for those culprits who are sorry and show remorse for their actions.

The Fire and Rescue Service will carry out “Home Safety Checks” for anyone who wishes to take part in this free service. A phone call to Salisbury Fire Station will enable an appointment to be made.

Wiltshire Community Bank

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Network Rail closure of A338 Broken Cross: details to follow regarding “Permits” for residents of Ford. This is work in progress (quote from NR).

Digital Literacy

Scheme to encourage volunteers to support people in their local communities to learn the basics of computers and the internet, Web link www.wiltshireonline.org or call Jenny Wilcockson 01225 793349 / 07827993733 or Jenny.wilcockson@wiltshire.gov.uk (Digital Literacy Coordinator)

Rights Of Way/Footpaths: Kissing Gates

Funding of £8,000 towards project from SWAB. It is estimated the overall cost not including installation might be £15,000.

PIGs: Coordinator will assist the project and will consider setting aside an amount to contribute to project when landowner permission sought. Parish Councils. AB has written to participating parish councils asking them to consider contributing to the funding.

Permission from the landowner is required in writing before things can progress. If needed assistance can be sought from Nick Cowan.

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Further information from Jill Kay 323407

Poppy Appeal Volunteers Wanted

The Royal British Legion is seeking volunteers to help with the Poppy Appeal in the Laverstock area.

The work is purely voluntary and unpaid and would involve giving a few hours of your time during the period before and after Remembrance Sunday.

If you are interested in becoming a Poppy Person please contact the local Poppy Appeal Organiser, David Crockett, for more information.

**Telephone: 0845 6913270
or email david.crockett@virgin.net**



New Clerk Sought

Our Parish Clerk plans to retire in the near future and his successor is now sought. This is an important paid role in the parish servicing the needs of this large Parish Council.

The hours will be 22 per week at a rate reflecting qualifications and experience. The salary will be at the nationally agreed rate of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Ideally, but not vital, a local resident is sought with a personal commitment to the wellbeing of the parish. Someone with a range of interpersonal, computer, numeracy and literacy skills is sought.

For further details and an application form, please contact the current Clerk.
(Tel 01722 326714 or email parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk)

The closing date is the end of September and interviews are expected to be held in early October.

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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CHURCH INFORMATION

Several churches are listed as the civil boundary overlaps the church boundaries

St. Andrew's, Laverstock

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Churchwardens Bryan Evans—01722 320129
Sue Gallagher—01722 332619

Parish Office Mrs Margaret Burbeck—01722 503123 saintmartins.salisbury@googlemail.com

Regular services

Sundays 8 am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays). 10am—First Sunday of the month: family service. Other Sundays, sung Eucharist. Gods Bunch (our Sunday Group) in the vestry for 1st part of service. 6.30—Evensong

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Home communion is available on request please contact the Churchwardens

Catholic Church Services at Holy Redeemer, Bishopdown

Sat (mass of the Sunday) 6.00pm - Wed at 10am

Canon Michael Fitzpatrick & Fr. Tom Dubois—01722 333581

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham at Holy Redeemer, Bishopdown

Mass 11am every Sunday, Wednesday 6.30pm. Evensong 6pm (2nd Sunday of month)

Fr Keith Robinson—01722 504807 frkeithssm@yahoo.co.uk

Other Churches

St. Marks Parish Church,

Vicar - Rev Jim Findlay Curate, Rev Jill Offer Church Office—01722 340368

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

Sun—6.00pm Evening service, includes Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Wed—9.00am Holy Communion at Barrington Centre (Bishopdown)

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

St. Michael and All Angels Winterbourne Earls - Sunday service at 11.00am

Team Service (5th Sunday in month),

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THE OLYMPICS—Insights

By Lexi Johnson & Lydia Brain from Ford, aged 8

The Olympics takes place every four years. The first Olympics were held in Greece and the last Olympics were held in 2008 in Beijing. The first time they were held in London was 1908 and the last time they were held in London was in 1948. The next summer Olympics will be in Rio de Janeiro in South America in four years time.

The Olympics include a variety of sports—tennis, hockey, water sports, cycling, table tennis, gymnastics, BMX, rowing and canoe slalom are some I have enjoyed watching on the television and Beth Twiddle the UK gymnast is my sporting hero. The Paralympics also have a wide variety of sports, my favourite are swimming, wheelchair rugby and wheel chair basketball. Athletics is the biggest sport and at London 2012 there are two hundred and four countries from all over the world taking part.

The Olympics is a time to celebrate medal winning, sometimes it is about people's favourite athletes but it is nice to cheer on other Olympians as well. I have written my feelings and my thoughts about the Olympics in a poem:

The flashing lights are blinding
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The grass verges were well trimmed and maintained and the White-bridge play area was extremely tidy. The conservation area and board-walk by the river were inspirational. We liked the way in which the churchyard had been mown to different degrees in different areas, allowing access to the gravestones, but also promoting taller vegetation for the wildlife. The allotments behind the church were a surprise – not mentioned on the entry form – but were interesting and mostly quite neat.

The sports club was in very good condition, but there was some litter in the approach lane as mentioned on the entry form.

The community farm was very attractive, very clean and well organised, and incidentally gave us a good view of the large allotment area to the north – obviously very well used and with a variety of produce.

On the green, the bus shelter unfortunately had recent graffiti that detracted from the good quality decoration and the children's messages to the Olympic team. The telephone kiosk needs a brush out – it was full of leaves! The parish noticeboard near the shops was very smart and up-to-date.

The village hall was neat and tidy, with nice flower arrangements, but the disabled access path had quite a lot of weeds and the elder and sycamore need cutting back to provide wheelchair access. It was also not easy for us to find – it was not marked on the map provided! Indeed, in spite of the comment on the entry form that the map was based on the OS "*and they don't get much better than that*", we did not find the map very helpful. Footpaths were not clearly marked and there was so much detail from the original OS map that it was hard to follow. We do recommend that in future years a simplified map showing village features, rather than a photocopy of the OS map, would help.

Overall we found the maintenance of the village of a very high standard, with residential gardens all very well kept and very little litter. The parish newsletter gave an excellent account of what is going on in the village, and demonstrated the overall community spirit.

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A fleet of vintage buses will be available to transport people from the free park and ride at the Forest Edge Kart Club, Barton Stacey, SO21 3BF and take visitors to the stunning grounds of Naomi House.

Last year's event saw close to 2000 people make the trip to Sutton Scotney and look around the hospices which care for life-limited children and young adults from across central southern England.

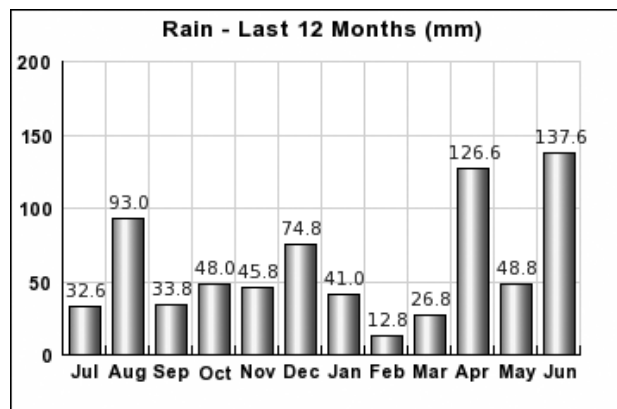




SpireWeather Review: May – June 2012

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I wrote my last SpireWeather Review after the wettest April on record, believing that things could only get better as spring turned into summer 2012 – how wrong I was! You will all by now be aware that after a mediocre May with only a brief warm spell in the last ten days, June then broke further rainfall records, being even wetter than April and the second wettest month since we started recording the weather in 2009. We received twice the average June rainfall, making it the wettest June in the UK since records began in 1910, and not surprisingly one of the dullest on record and the coolest since 1991. June also marks the end of the wettest three months on record with a total of 313mm (12.3") rainfall in Laverstock, accounting for 80% of 2012's total rainfall. This compares with just 80.6mm (3.2") in the first three months of the year. The graph below highlights just how wet April and June have been. The reason for our poor summer weather is that the Jet Stream, a fast moving ribbon of air high in the atmosphere, has moved south of the UK (normally it is to the north in summer) bringing us a succession of low pressure systems with high temperatures in eastern Europe.



May was a month of two halves, the first continuing April's cool and wet theme with an average temperature of 10.1°C (50.2°F) and 48.6mm (1.9") rainfall. The second half brought us an average temperature of 15.8°C (60.4°F) with just 0.2mm rainfall on the 20th May produced 2012's warmest day with a maximum of 27.4°C (81.3°F) on the 23rd and the warmest night of the year two days later.

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June was notable for only one thing...RAIN! 137.6mm (5.4") fell in Laverstock, more than twice the average June rainfall for this region, compared with 54mm (2.1") in June 2011. By the end of June, the total annual rainfall was 393.6mm (15.5"), compared with 239mm (9.4") in the first six months of last year. We recorded our 24-hour rainfall record with 37.4mm (1.5") rainfall up to 6am on the 12th, whilst areas east and west of Wiltshire (notably Sussex) received far more with serious flooding. June's warmest temperature of 25.9°C (78.6°F) was recorded on the 28th as severe thunderstorms with damaging hail and tornadoes tracked across the Midlands towards North-East England. The month's minimum of 6.6°C (43.9°F) occurred early on the 15th. June was also quite a windy month as a series of unseasonably deep depressions crossed our shores. A maximum gust speed of 24.2mph was recorded on the evening of the 7th (42.3mph at Boscombe Down) as a deep area of low pressure brought the month's lowest pressure of 992.1mb (29.3") early the following morning when a gust of 82mph was recorded at The Needles.



In spite of a poor forecast, Salisbury fared better than some during the Jubilee celebrations, and a last-minute improvement in the weather attracted large numbers to the River Bourne Community Farm Open Farm Sunday on the 17th.

So overall, this spring and summer have been cool, wet and dull and there are no immediate signs of an improvement. Wimbledon is already a wash-out, and all eyes are now on the London Olympics. Can the summer of 2012 be rescued? Read about what may turn out to be 'the summer that never was' in issue no. 136.

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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Around the Parish

Old Sarum Community Jobs Board

Links between the business and resident community were strengthened when the new jobs board was opened on Friday 6th July. The notice board has been funded and provided by the Southern Wiltshire area Board and a key supplied to every business at Old Sarum. Area Board Manager Tom Bray explained that the request to businesses is "Post your vacancies on the notice board first and see if a local person can meet the need". Our own local representatives Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan and Parish Chairman Ron Champion pulled back the covers and declared the notice board open. "We want every local job to be filled by local people" was their plea. All those attending are pictured.

From left to right: Tom Bray, Area Board Manager, Virginia McLennan, Vice Chair L&F PC, Wiltshire Cllr Ian McLennan, Ron Champion, Chair L&F PC, Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton, Area Board Chairman and David Crockett, Old Sarum resident and L&F Parish Cllr.



Parish Chairman visits School and Nursery

Council Chairman Ron Champion took the opportunity to call into the school and Nursery, after opening the Old Sarum Jobs Board. The Parish Council held their June meeting in the school and had previously attended the school opening.

Cllr Champion commented, "It is a wonderful building and I just wanted to say hello again to the children and give them the opportunity to see me wearing my chain of office". Head John Jones introduced everyone and after a few hello's the small party of Cllrs were waved goodbye with a resounding cheer. Next stop was the Nursery, which only opened in

February and matched the school hours after just six weeks.



Pictured from left to right are Kelly, Gemma and Angela from the Nursery and Parish Cllrs Virginia McLennan and Ron Champion all surrounded by a happy band of youngsters.

A new 'attraction' for Old Sarum

Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (BDAC) officially opened its collection this July. The collection is now happily re-housed in a Belfast Truss Hangar at Old Sarum Airfield having been previously stored at Boscombe Down where security prevented public access. The hangar was built by German prisoners of war in 1918 is Grade 2 listed and is therefore an exhibit in its own right. Cllr Ian McLennan who attended the opening comments "A visit is recommended, not only do visitors get to see some rare and modern test planes up close, they are positively encouraged to get into the cockpit and really live the experience of the pilots, when you add to this, the fact that there are experts in the field of aviation on hand to answer all your questions, this museum has the potential to become a national attraction"

Board member David Acton next to the BE2b plane he built. The BE2b planes were the first training plane and were flown from Old Sarum in 1918.

Picture taken by Ian McLennan

The collection also includes a Harrier Jump Jet, Ford resident Mildred Chinchin recalled that a Harrier had been at Old Sarum before, during the sixties the Commanding Officer of the air base heard about the new plane and wanted to take a closer look at one, so arranged for a Harrier to land at



Old Sarum. Mildred was working as a milk maid, when out of the blue, down came the jump jet scattering all the cows (and probably ruining the milk for the day).

The Collection is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from April to September and Saturdays and Sundays during the winter months. BDAC is now a registered charity and is looking for volunteers to staff the museum, shop and act as guides as well as help with the move and ongoing restorations.

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Education Chief visits Old Sarum School and Nursery

Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director of Education for Wiltshire was given a tour of the school and nursery by Headteacher John Jones, accompanied by local Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan. Ms Godfrey met children from every class and witnessed a variety of topics being taught from the Olympics, to how to work out the perimeter of an area. A visit to the Nursery followed, where learning took place both inside and outside despite the rain.

From Left:

Gemma Miffling, Angela Riley, Carolyn Godfrey, Ian McLennan and Lisa Law.

Picture taken by John Jones.



OLD SARUM COMMUNITY ROOMS GAIN GRANT

Old Sarum Community Rooms are thrilled with a grant from the Ministry of Defence to keep the Community Rooms up and running for another year. The grant ensures the Community Rooms can continue to offer a venue for community events. It is the home of Clearbury Children's Centres 'Friday Fun' toddler group, the 'Shine in the Community' activity club, a Youth group and for many other users. The new Community Café on a Monday morning is drawing in mums from the local villages as they meet there for coffee, and is a good community resource. The upstairs rooms are used by a training group for their teaching and it is hoped that more people will use them in the future.

The MOD currently have 18 military houses on the new part of the estate and other military personal are opting to buy here as well. This means that facilities are available for them as they live a distance from their military base. In the autumn there are many activities starting, particularly a weekly Arts and drama project run by a group called 5x5x5. A local charity 'Learning Curve' are going to start a 6 week course in basic computer skills. Do contact them if you are interested in signing up for this course. Age and ability no barrier and computers will be available for your use on the course.

The Old Sarum Residents Association has met twice now, with input from their Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan. The need for a shop is still a high priority as is safety on a busy road, play areas and the new community centre. Old Sarum is a place with many little 'gems' the Garden Centre run by the Shaw Trust, the airfield and its cafe, a new gym and many great businesses on the other side of the Portway. Read more on line or ask for the newsletter to be sent to you directly.

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Broken Cross Bridge to be replaced but remain 'broken'

As part of improvements to the main line between Southampton Port and Andover, the Department of Transport and Network Rail have announced plans to replace the 150 year old Broken Cross rail bridge, at the Ford junction on the A338, south of the Winterbournes. Works are due to take place from 29th October 2012 and are expected to be completed in February 2013. The works will involve the full closure of the A338 (the main road through the Winterbournes), Malthouse Lane (the lane between Broken Cross Bridge and the A30 past Fieldfare Trailers) and Ford Lane, for a period of three weeks in January 2013 and see these roads subject to restrictions from October 2012 to February 2013. For further details see: http://www.networkrail.co.uk/Developing_rail_freight_in_Control_Period_5.aspx

A public meeting was held at Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls on Tuesday 24th July, hosted by Amesbury Area Board and chaired by John Smale, Unitary Cllr for Amesbury, at which Network Rail announced details of the scheme. WC County Cabinet member for Highways, Dick Tonge was present along with Graham Hay, Alistair Storey, Chris Parr and Karen Linaker from Wiltshire Council. James Kelly, Scheme Project Manager for Network Rail, and Guy Everitt, for the engineering contractor Carillion, kindly agreed to present information about the scheme to over 200 residents and business representatives present (there was standing room only at the back, others had to stand outside listening through the side doors).

"The important thing to remember," stated Mr Kelly in his introduction "is that this work will benefit the UK economy and help us maintain a competitive edge against other European ports such as Rotterdam" (more at <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/asp/10439.aspx>) and it was clear that this is what drives the bridge works, not as a result of previous campaigns by former MP Robert Key to improve safety, following serious incidents where cars came off the bridge and ended up on the rail tracks.

Carillion announced that the new bridge will be made of pre-formed concrete sections (built in Ireland) which would last 120 years and will rest on the existing Victorian abutments, but raised to meet the 5.1m height required by commercial rail freight, with a higher concrete parapet to ensure that vehicles and pedestrians are better protected and less likely to end up on the track. There are no plans to straighten the 'S' bend or to significantly widen the current bridge. We were told that the new bridge would only be 300mm wider.



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Wiltshire Council's Highways team are taking the opportunity of these works, to add safety improvements by placing a mini roundabout either side of the bridge by way of painted markings on the road. Graham Hay from WC Highways Dept. stated that the installation of these roundabouts would help slow traffic down enough to ensure accidents were less likely, as speed seemed to be the determining factor in previous incidents. However, concerns were raised that the installation of roundabouts may simply serve to point motorists along Ford Lane, which has no pavements, a length of riverbank on one side and narrows to a sharp blind bend with cottages directly alongside the road of cob construction prone to damage by excess traffic. Until the 1970s, this was an un-adopted lane and is not suitable for heavy traffic. A suggestion was made that Network Rail could place manned gates across the entrances to Ford Lane to ensure use by only residents and essential vehicles, using a permit scheme. No decision has been made on this as yet.

Local Cllrs, Ian McLennan (Laverstock & Ford) Mike Hewitt (Bourne Valley) David Baker (Winterbourne Parish CCouncil) and Ron Champion (L&F Parish Council) were all invited to speak on behalf of the local communities and businesses (of which there are about forty).

Mr Champion drew our attention to the fact that "No consultation has taken place with either Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, or Winterbourne Parish council, and in particular the local businesses. He understood that Network Rail had only spoken to Highways (Wiltshire Council) who have confirmed the date as an acceptable time of year, as it is perceived as quiet. Yet this is a critical time of year for the pubs and shop in the village. Some are finding trade difficult in this time of austerity and the closure over the Christmas period could prove disastrous. We do not want to lose any businesses as a result of the closure of Broken Cross Bridge. This bridge is being altered for the benefit of Network Rail with no gain for the local communities. It is not even being straightened which will mean Lorries will continue to straddle the bridge when crossing."

Mr Bailey, who farms fields on either side of the bridge (which is his only viable means of access), representatives from FieldFare Trailers, The Black Horse in Hurdcott, The Winterbourne Arms, the Winterbourne Post Office, Residents, Lorry Drivers, plus parents concerned about the impact on school bus timetables and getting their children safely to and from school in the dark winter nights also posed questions.

WC assured those present they were looking very carefully at school bus services and alternative routes for heavy goods vehicles but also noted that Castle Road and the A345 was already under stress and the junction of the A30 and Malthouse Lane is a potentially dangerous junction to use as an alternative when the bridge is closed. There is also the danger of buses having to pull out across traffic by the Old Sarum entrance opposite Roman Road at peak times.

Questions such as: why can't the bridge be straightened? Why can't a temporary bridge be built? What compensation can you offer to businesses? Have you got a plan 'B' if the MOD road through Porton to the A30 has to be closed for operational safety reasons? What's the point of putting roundabouts in? What about the problem of flooding? Why can't the A338 be de-trunked at the same time as the works commence? Will you upgrade the Fire Station service at Amesbury during the period of road closure? Will there be disruption to BT services (to which an emphatic 'no', was given) Such questions demonstrated how well informed and how much thought residents had given to the impact of this scheme. Station Officer Mike Bagnall from Salisbury Fire Station and Simon Phipps from Wiltshire Constabulary both reported that 'dummy runs' had resulted in an increase of one and a half to two minutes emergency response times.

Public Meetings are clearly vital to ensure that local communities are informed and prepared for events imposed upon them by outside bodies but maybe this meeting was a case of too little, too late. Both Network Rail and Wiltshire Council are anxious to minimise the impact of road closures and diversions but the location of Broken Cross Bridge imposes very complex challenges and the impact will be felt not just in the local community. Ten weeks after the meeting the works are planned to start, and as someone commented at the end of the meeting, "It's too late now, the bridge has already been built".

If you wish to express your concerns or to find out more please speak to your parish or local councillor who can, if necessary ensure these concerns are also taken to the Wiltshire Council Area Boards (Southern and Amesbury). Mr Kelly mentioned he had network rail cards with the contact number for people to call to register a complaint or access a helpline but these cards never materialised.

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The Milford Bridge Project—Part two

Local artist Fred Fieber has studied photos and listened to memories from local people before producing designs for a second mural on the other side of the Milford Bridge (to the existing mural). Fred and his colleague Anthony Woodward spent July painting under the bridge and they have done a great job, receiving very positive feedback from passers-by. The mural is now complete and ready to be enjoyed (having been painted with an anti-graffiti coating).



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

Photos by John Palmer

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Below Left: BT Openreach installing a new telegraph pole which will hopefully enable those Winterbourne Ford residents at the end of the Idmiston exchange to finally achieve an average and more reliable speed of connection!



Above right: Pond Dipping. Below: Salisbury Area Young Musician guest starred at the Community Farm Open Day showing off their Jazz skills to a large family audience



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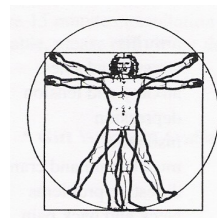
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On Wednesday 11th July the Olympic Torch Relay passed along London Road after approaching via the Winterbournes (above), here's the coach carrying the Olympic Torches (below).



Bio Blitz 2012

On Sunday 15th July the Riverbourne Community Farm was lucky to be in sunshine for most of the day whilst families and individuals helped to compile a 'Bioblitz' list of the flora and fauna from the farm as part of the Nature and Art Trails project. Over 100 people came to join in and walked along the Farm and Spinney Trail paths seeking insects, wild flowers and birds and exploring the river wildlife with supervised pond dipping.

People of all ages, (some accompanied by their dogs (on leads)) went searching with their identification sheets at the ready (prepared by volunteers) and returned with flowers, leaves and photographs for the co-ordination team based in the strawbale classroom, where the finds and information was verified using personal knowledge, magnifying equipment and reference books (more books required for next time!). The internet was used to make definitive identification of a few of the more tricky items and lists were compiled on a large whiteboard which will form a database of findings .

The finds included wild potentilla (Silverweed) and wild hypericum (St. John's Wort), hawkweed and bindweed (Convolvulus). There are kestrels nesting on the farm, the swallows from the barn had fledged and were wheeling across the meadows catching insects, there are a few marsh orchids in the meadows and a splendid black caterpillar was found feeding on nettles which will later become a beautiful Peacock butterfly. Most common were the dock plants and buttercups and red soldier beetles which seem to like the flowers of the cow parsley.

Many people enjoyed the opportunity to look closely at their local farm wildlife and our grateful thanks to you all for helping us out with 'Bioblitz 2012' See you next year!

Education News

The farm celebrated the final day of the Edexcel 'Work Skills' course in fine style on the 17th July.



successful students pictured with Ben Parker, Sir Christopher Benson, Chris Gill & Saje Hancock.

All students received personalised farm certificates, in addition to their Edexcel certificates, from Sir Christopher Benson, patron of the farm.

Teachers from the students' schools, along with their parents, relatives and friends, were present to witness the presentation. Everyone attending agreed that the course had helped develop high levels of work-related skills whilst, at the same time, increasing both the self-esteem and confidence of students. The farm is looking forward to further challenges with five one-day courses, already agreed to take place during the next school year.

Laverstock Evergreen Club

Charity Number 1027430

The club meets in Laverstock Village Hall at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. All over 60's resident in Laverstock, Ford and Bishopdown are eligible to join as members – simply come along to any of the monthly meetings or contact Jill Kay on 01722 323407.

We started the year at our January meeting when members enjoyed a few games of bingo, hot sausage rolls and shortbread along with their tea and lots of chat.

In February, Elizabeth Green gave a very interesting talk on Foot Care Education and in March our members had great fun making their own Easter Cards.

Mr John Pitman gave a presentation on the subject of "Pantomime Dames" which was thoroughly enjoyed along with the usual excellent tea cakes and scones.

In May we held our AGM followed by a short bingo session; the dedicated committee all agreed to serve for another year.

Fund raising has been restricted by the weather, however, the coffee morning in May, held in Jill's garden raised £121.20 for club funds.

At the monthly meeting members had a super time celebrating the Queen's Jubilee; the committee provided an excellent tea enjoyed by all. Members had a nostalgic sing-a-long accompanied by Jenny Robert on the keyboard. Each member was presented with a commemorative Jubilee spoon.

On the 20th June, 49 members and friends enjoyed a coach trip and day out in Windsor when again the weather provided a very nice day.

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS JULY 2012

The blazing May sunshine provided outstanding weather for our first car boot of the year. As it happened there were several other car boots on the same day however we did have a good turnout and covered our costs (noting that this includes £76 for public liability insurance). The BFRA remain committed to running the car boot twice this year as a service to residents. We always hope to cover the cost of advertising and insurance but are prepared to subsidise this event if necessary. The second **CAR BOOT** is booked for 23rd September (sellers 0900, buyers 0930 – make a note in your diaries) – hoping for the same glorious weather!

With the downhill run to Christmas make another note for **HALLOWEEN** in the Pavilion on 31st October. The event will start at 5.30 for the little ones and then open up to the older children until 8 pm (more details later in the year). If your children cover a wide age range then feel free to join in when you wish. This is being done to give the youngest children a chance to enjoy the event without being overwhelmed by the older and bigger children; it also allows the entertainer to target his audience better.

We are still looking for someone interested in joining the Parish Council as a Councillor for our area. The Parish Clerk, Steve Hananth, would be delighted to discuss it with you.

The Pavilion: Progress has been slow on the future of The Pavilion. WC and our Councillor offered to brief interested parties prior to the May PC meeting. Unfortunately they had nothing to report and the 'briefing' appeared to be pointless. Subsequent meetings were better supported and a number of individuals expressed interest in being trustees of the charity and forming the management committee.

HP2/Core Strategy: The unexpected planning application to remove the outstanding s106 legal obligations (green space/golf course on the HP2 site) from 1993 for the original Hampton Park estate was discussed at the Salisbury Area Board meeting in June. It was well attended by local residents and strong arguments were made by your PC and the BFRA to retain the agreements; there was also a bid by the group wishing to make Pearce Way the Salisbury northern bypass - which received no support. The Committee discussion was led by a statement from WCIlr Ian McLennan who summed up the history behind these 20 year old agreements and why they should be retained.

New arrivals

The farm is fostering two male donkeys, Chris and Pongo, from the Donkey Sanctuary in Devon. They were born at the Sanctuary from a pair of pregnant Jennies which had been rescued. They are intended to be working donkeys, as a small farm might have employed in the 50s and 60s, pulling a small cart. They are only two and a half years old so won't be ready for riding or cart work until they are four and until then they will become accustomed to the farm and volunteers, being groomed daily and generally fussed over.



Farm Visits

Our organised farm tours are proving to be very popular with local schools and an increasing number of adult organisations and clubs. Schools regularly send thank-you letters following their visits, with pictures that the pupils have drawn. Many of the adult groups take a tractor/trailer ride around the farm and end their visit with a delicious cream tea (provided by Laverstock & District Evening W.I.) and a visit to the farm shop.

Sighting book

The recent Bioblitz Sunday (see page 21), being such a success, has resulted in a Sighting Book being placed in the farm shop. If, on your visits to the farm and trails, you see anything unusual, call into the shop and make a note of it in the book. The first entry was the sighting of an otter in the River Bourne near the Sports Club. A sure sign that the river is in excellent condition.

News from River Bourne Community Farm

By David Law

Open Farm Sunday

After a week of terrible weather, we were blessed with a fine, sunny day for our Annual Open Day.

Over 3,000 people attended visiting the various exhibitors, enjoying classic entertainment, river dipping, tractor rides, and much more. An original Punch & Judy show, the Army climbing wall, archery, pony rides were just a few of the attractions. To everyone who attended and volunteers who made the day possible, thank you for your support, you really put the 'community' in to our community farm.



Pig News

Rosie, our Gloucester Old Spot sow waited until the Open Day was over to give birth to ten piglets the following evening. The piglets are doing well and are now close to being weaned.

Elsie, our Oxford Sandy & Black sow, is now on a four week holiday with Alistair the boar at Coombe Bissett and should farrow around November.



The WC officers (Case Officer and Legal) were negative with their advice and appeared to believe that having prepared the papers that there would be a quick decision to remove the agreements. The truth of the matter soon appeared: the WC team at the Public Inquiry in 2011 had signed a new legal agreement with the developer's QC to ensure that once building started any previous legal limitations on land use would automatically be negated. This was done behind the backs of your PC. The Committee discussion quickly restored faith in some Wiltshire Councillors (i.e. those present) believing in democracy and in listening to what residents and Parish Councils have to say. Indeed, there was general displeasure expressed at what had happened with both the Core Strategy and HP2 in general and with the s106 agreements in particular being hidden to the Planning Inspector and Eric Pickles. The final result was a unanimous decision to retain the 'old' s106 agreements as they still served a useful purpose. The Chairman said the result would be taken back to Trowbridge for the Wiltshire Core Strategy discussion and it would be passed to the Judicial Review amongst others to inform them of the errors in process that had occurred and the strong desire to correct the previous planning errors. Regrettably, the full Wiltshire Council have since rubber stamped the Core Strategy!

Hampton Park Trail: 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. We would still like to find a local volunteer with an interest in natural history. There is a bench being carved to be put on the trail, once permission is granted. There are also waymarker discs in design which will help with the leaflet and directions. The other plans are to plant some more wild flowers around the trail, help to upkeep it with volunteer work parties and install some more infrastructure as the project progresses, things such as bee hotels, bat boxes, and maybe more art work such as willow sculptures etc.

The role as lead volunteer will entail 2-3 monthly interval meetings at the farm for around 2 hours each in the evenings, leading/helping at work parties about 3-4 times a year to improve and maintain the trail. A point of contact for local people and helping to run any events based around the trails project as available. This amounts to only 3-4 hours a month at the maximum. The trail leaders, it is hoped, will eventually oversee the trail: managing it and liaising with the farm when the project coordinator post contract ends (expected around July next year).

There is plenty of support from other trail leaders and from Project Coordinator, Kat Hill, and David Burton Project Manager. The lead volunteer will need access to email. If anyone is interested in finding out more they can email Kat at the Farm (wessextrails@gmail.com) or the BFRA.

Policing: The BFRA was represented at the quarterly Neighbourhood Tasking Group meeting. This meeting is convened by Salisbury Police and brings together councillors from both Salisbury City and Wiltshire as well as various volunteers covering areas such as Streetwatch, Pubwatch and Neighbourhood Watch. With the limited Police resources this forum provides the focus for policing priorities. In the Salisbury area the good news is that crime rates have dropped significantly although there is some concern that this may partly be due to people not bothering to report minor offences. Following a Police campaign there has been a reduction in theft from vehicles (80% of which was due to valuables being left on view!!). Two of the 3 main policing priorities are now on areas of antisocial behaviour (not in our locality) and the third priority is patrolling parks and green spaces.

The Police would like to see more people belonging to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. There are no costs involved and your participation can result in a reduction on your household insurance with virtually zero effort.

Parking: There are still a number of residents parking badly, blocking junctions and footpaths. At times it can cause a dangerous situation – including a fatal accident. Please be considerate to people in wheelchairs or with children and pushchairs when parking.

Hartley Way Roundabout: You may have noticed on one of the few dry weekend at the start of summer, a group of people working hard to try and tidy this eyesore. BFRA instigated the tidy up after years of neglect with just the occasional thrashing from a strimmer. Heavy rainfall had also encouraged the weeds to thrive and plants to wither. It will take more time and effort to get it restored to former glory (or better!) so if you feel like lending a hand please contact the BFRA.

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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For more information please ring Bryan Evans (320129) or David Burton (332130).

RIVERBOURNE BAT WATCH

Are you interested in Bats?

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