

Diary Dates for events around the parish in November & December

NOVEMBER

- Weds 7th** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 2.30pm
- Thurs 8th** Salisbury Area Board meeting, South Wilts Grammar School, 6.30pm
- Sat 10th** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 1pm
AUTUMN FAYRE
- Tues 11th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
'Exmouth Holiday' a talk by Sue Gallagher
- Weds 12th** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 8pm
Evening on a Christmas Theme
- Mon 19th** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
"Wildlife on my Doorstep" talk and slides with Brian Pettitt

Parish Council Meets at Old Sarum Community Rooms, 7pm
- Mon 26th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm
'Shrubs throughout the year' with Andrew McIndoe from Hillier Nurseries
- Weds 28th** Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
Compline led by Hugh Montgomerie
- Thurs 29th** Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting at Trafalgar School, Downton 6.30pm

DECEMBER

- Sun 2nd** River Bourne Community Farm, Christmas Fayre 10—4pm
- Weds 5th** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Mon 10th** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall
Christmas Meal at a local restaurant
- Tues 11th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
Compline led by Hugh Montgomerie
- Sat 15th** English Heritage at Old Sarum, Family Festive Fun Trail
- Sun 16th** River Bourne Community Farm, Christingle Service & Bethlehem Village 4pm
English Heritage at Old Sarum, Family Festive Fun Trail
- Mon 17th** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm

Parish Council meets, Riverbourne Community Farm, 7pm
- Mon 24th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall
NO MEETING
- Weds 26th** Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
NO MEETING

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VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

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Welcome to issue no 136



There's lots to do around the parish this Autumn, Christmas Fayres and Bazaars and a chance to pick up some top gardening tips with the Gardening Club courtesy of guest speaker Andrew McIndoe from Hillier Nurseries. Gardeners may find Simon's weather report on page 27 interesting. St. Andrews are looking to for local children and families to offer 'shelter' to their knitted 'Nativity Family' for a day or two in the lead up to Christmas and do check out your nearest community venue for details about regular classes for those of you resolved to try out something new in the new year (contact details on page 62) Traditionally a busy time of year for us all, we'll be sparing a thought for our neighbours in the Winterbournes and Hurdcott and the local businesses who will be attempting to continue operating during the period of the A338 closure at Broken Cross bridge.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas!

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...

By the time you read this a **new member of the PC** will have joined us to represent Hampton Park. Details will appear in the next Newsletter.

The Portacabin **PC office and meeting room** at the Community Farm is now up and running and proving to be a very useful resource for the parish.

Appointment of new clerk – the new Clerk will be appointed in early October and work for some weeks in parallel with the current Clerk. The last day for the old Clerk will be 31st December with the new Clerk taking over on January 1st 2013. Details will appear in the January Newsletter.

I have enjoyed my time as Clerk and thank all those who gave me their support and advice. I will continue to work for this parish and the place we call home as Chair of the Environment Tasking Group and as parish Footpath Officer.

Some responsible residents, whilst out walking, found **bags of rubbish** dumped in Green Lane. On investigation these were found to contain commercial waste. The company concerned has been reported to Wiltshire Council, along with the evidence and we are hoping that this will run its full course.

Turning off the lights. The survey of Church Street was conducted in August/ Sept. The results are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

The **Tasking Group for Environment** met in August where the focus for consideration was Footpaths. We hope to do some winter training so that we can carry out a footpath and hedgerow survey in the Spring next year. If you wish to get involved in this then please get in touch.

It seems that there never was a Judicial Review of the Hampton Park 2 decision by Eric Pickles to overturn the Planning Inspector's decision to refuse the appeal! It seems that Wiltshire walked away deciding that your views were not worth fighting for! Please see the Chairman's letter to Wiltshire Council on page 31 and also the BFRA appeal for residents to write to WC expressing their anger and disappointment.

St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Alison Smith	01722 328881
St. Edmunds - Head	Miss Sarah Busby	328565
St. Edmunds - FRIENDS	Kate Fry (Secretary)	via 328565
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St. Josephs - FRIENDS	Mr Barry	504775
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The Duck Inn	Becki & Tim	327678
Village Hall Secretary (L/stock & Ford)	Ian Haldane	320879
Wyvern College Head	Mr Chris Tones	500700
Wyvern - FRIENDS	Mrs Joanna Charlton	331245

If you're a not-for-profit or charitable club, group or organisation within the Parish you could be listed here. We also list some community venue contacts and amenities. If you offer locally based classes or services please consider placing an advert or a small ad with us—our rates are very reasonable!

Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter:

Juliet Brain (advertising & editorial) 01980 611203
email: LFPARISHNEWS@GMAIL.COM (all lowercase)

Laverstock & Ford Parish Website:

David Law email: webmaster@laverstock-ford.co.uk

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Contacts around the Parish

Clubs, Groups, Organisations, Venues and amenities

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Bishopdown Doctors Surgery		01722 334402
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Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	330077
Laverstock History/Archaeology	Bryan Evans	320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Sue Mason	322990
Laverstock Beaver Scouts	Jane Waspe	421287
Laverstock Scouts	Dave Waspe	421287
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club		327401
Laverstock WI	Thelma Green	320179
Mother's Union	Jan Seaman	
Old Sarum Primary School—Head	Mr John Jones	410677
Old Sarum Aviation Museum		323636
Old Sarum Community Room		329693
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce	329693
St. Andrews - Head	Karen Walker	503590
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Milford Preservation Group has conducted a survey of members regards proposals to overcome the traffic problems over the **medieval bridge, Milford Mill Road and the Petersfinger railway bridge**. All options are being considered here and any changes will be the outcome of wider consultation within and beyond the parish. It will require radical changes which cannot please everyone but action has to be taken to prevent Laverstock and MMR becoming the, de facto, eastern bypass for Salisbury. The Traffic and Transport Group (all welcome) will consider all options and make recommendations to the PC who then take any agreed decision to Wiltshire Council.

Please take your rubbish with you!

Would the young people who **party up on Cocky Down** please remove the empty drink containers (which they have carried up there full) and associated rubbish to leave the area clean for others to enjoy. There are even recycling containers at the bottom of the hill at Murphy's factory. It is thanks to the efforts of community spirited residents that the mess below was gathered in and removed.



Rubbish cleared up from the top of Cocky Down.

The PC thought that it knew of all the **potential development sites** in the parish and that these had been identified in the Core Strategy. However, we have recently discovered that there will be planning applications submitted for an extra 192 homes at Old Sarum on land that is currently a grass swale and on other green land once thought to be archaeologically 'sensitive' plus an unknown number of homes on the perimeter of the Old Sarum airfield. Both developers have indicated that they are prepared to go to appeal if not granted permission. It will be interesting to see which takes priority, the spirit of Localism (where local people have some say in planning outcomes) or the Government's desire to loosen planning regs to allow building development in order to kick start the economy.

If you are wondering why some **areas of grass** in the parish appear well cut and cared for (eg The Green, Laverstock) whilst others are full of tall weeds and very unkempt (most road verges) it is because the PC manages the former using our own contractor, whilst Wiltshire Council manages the latter with their own different contractors. The PC would like to take responsibility for all the grass if possible and raise standards but the level of delegated funds from WC might make this too expensive. The PC is considering this option.

The local **Plymouth Brethren Church** has kindly offered to **install a seat** on PC land for residents' use. The PC is most grateful for this generous gesture and has decided to locate it along the boardwalk.

Wiltshire Council has kindly agreed to provide a dog bin in School Lane, for which we are very grateful. Alas, the two new bins installed along the schools' footpath to Bishopdown have been vandalised. This is a great pity as they were attracting lots of litter which might now finish up along the path. WC is loathe to keep spending our money replacing vandalised equipment so no replacements are guaranteed.

Members of the PC recently enjoyed a **tour of their own parish** to see all the 4 communities. The parish is so large (14th in size out of 257 in Wiltshire, with only the towns being bigger) that it required two visits. It is important that councillors know all the four communities that they represent.

From Steve Hannath

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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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Salisbury/Southern Wiltshire Area Boards www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard
St. Andrews Primary School www.standrews.primary.uk.net
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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

Parish Council Meetings

It is hoped that future **PC meetings** will be located as below:

Monday 19th November – Old Sarum at 7pm

Monday 17th December – Community Farm at 7pm

January 21st 2013 – Hampton Park

Feb 18th – Community Farm

March 18th – Old Sarum

April 15th – Community Farm

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

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

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Churchwardens Bryan Evans—01722 320129
Sue Gallagher—01722 332619
Honorary Verger Ray Samways—01722 329843
Parish Office Mrs Margaret Burbeck—01722 503123 saintmartins.salisbury@gmail.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

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Sat (mass of the Sunday) 6.00pm - Wed at 10am
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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),
Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am
Team Vicar Rev. Peter Ostli-East—01980 611350 ostlieast@gmail.com
Associate Priest Rev David Coates - Bourne Valley Team
Associate Priest Rev'd Penny Joyce—07808 181885 email: pennyre.joyce@btinternet.com
Churchwardens Mr Terry Hall—01980 611681 and Mrs Becky Baker—01980 611343
Richard Wainwright—01980 610112 website www.stmichaelswe.org.uk

Bourne Valley Methodist Church, Winterbourne Dauntsey

Sun 10.00am includes Junior Church
Contact Rev Rosemary Richter Tel 01722 334833 or 01980 611274

2013: Looking Forward

Your Wishes for the New Year:

We'd like to start 2013 with some positive messages for the New Year and we hope you'll help us by sending us your 'message of hope, or 'wish' for 2013'.

If you are a regular reader of the Parish newsletter, or a locally based business (within the Parish) then you can take part. Please email your message/wish with a little bit about yourself and which bit of the Parish you live in. You can include a photo or a drawing, and you can submit an individual, family, or a group message.

The message will need to be (as short as possible—two to three lines) and can be in the form of a 'wish' from our younger readers, or a message of hope or a positive message about something for people in the parish to look forward to or celebrate.

We'll select as many as we can to feature in our January/February Parish Newsletter (providing they are suitable for an all ages readership and not overtly commercial in tone).

Email LFPARISHNEWS@GMAIL.COM (all lowercase not capitals) with Looking Forward in the subject line,

or you can drop a written 'looking forward' message into the Parish Office at the Community Farm

Christmas according to Wikipedia:

Christmas (Old English: Crīstesmæsse, literally "Christ's mass") is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, celebrated generally on December 25th as a religious and cultural holiday by billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it closes the Advent season and initiates the twelve days of Christmas. Christmas is a civil holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated by an increasing number of non-Christians, and is an integral part of the Christmas and holiday season.

The original date of the celebration in Eastern Christianity was January 6, in connection with Epiphany, and that is still the date of the celebration for the Armenian Apostolic Church and in Armenia, where it is a public holiday. As of 2012, there is a difference of 13 days between the modern Gregorian calendar and the older Julian calendar. Those who continue to use the Julian calendar or its equivalents thus celebrate December 25 and January 6 on what for the majority of the world is January 7 and January 19. For this reason, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, Serbia, the Republic of Macedonia, and the Republic of Moldova celebrate Christmas on what in the Gregorian calendar is January 7; all the Greek Orthodox Churches celebrate Christmas on December 25.

The popular celebratory customs associated in various countries with Christmas have a mix of pre-Christian, Christian and secular themes and origins. Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift giving, Christmas music and caroling, an exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal, and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. In addition, several closely related and often interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas and Christkind, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have their own body of traditions and lore. Because gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity among both Christians and non-Christians, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas is a factor that has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

[En.wikipedia.org/wiki/christmas/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/christmas/)

Around the Parish

Parish Council Road Trip

On Sunday 2nd September the Parish Councillors made a tour of Laverstock and Ford Parish.

Starting at Old Sarum we viewed the site for the proposed, 120 bed, Order of St John's Nursing Home, which would include a dementia unit. moving on to see the wonderful new Primary School and Nursery. We viewed the land for one of the planned tiny tots play areas, and the Sensory Garden which has been part funded by R2 planning gain money from the Parish Council.

The view to the proposed Longhedge development was absorbed, then on to Partridge Way, the Old Sarum Community Rooms and Salisbury City Football Club with explanations along the way from our Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan. We stopped at the top of Green Lane to admire the road re-surfacing, on our way to the Boscombe Down Aviation Museum housed in a Grade II* listed WW1 hangar at Old Sarum Flying Club. Squadron Leader John Sharpe MBE welcomed us, as director and head of the project. He gave a short talk on the history and 'vision' for the museum saying, "There will be no barriers around the planes as we wish visitors to touch and climb into the cockpits. If visitors and especially children have to stand and just look they will very quickly forget their wonderful visit".

Please visit with your friends and family and enjoy the experience. The museum is also seeking volunteers to help with the day to day activity.

Our Parish boundary was pointed out at both Monarch's Way and St Marks Path and many of us were struck by the size and diversity of what we had already seen and we still had the other parts to visit!

Then we drove through Ford to the top of Pearce Way in Hampton Park where Bill Moss, the Wiltshire Councillor for this part of our parish, talked about the proposed Hampton Park Extension and all the problems concerning the strategic gap and density of the proposed housing. *cont over....*



Two Parish Councillors study 'wear and tear'.

The Parish Councillors bristled at the thought of a beautiful green open space which will be ruined by such a crass development.

On past the lovely Green on Sycamore Drive and GreenTrees School before heading for Duck Lane Laverstock and the All-Weather Ball Park which was provided by the planning gain monies from the Pilgrims Way development. The most recent provision is a seat for those supervising or watching the games. We walked across the grass to see the small play area in the middle of the estate whereby photos were taken of a rather mature user who just had to try the swing (see photo previous page).



Leafy Bishopdown Farm. Photo courtesy of Colin Froude.

Regrettably, our timeframe prevented us visiting the Board Walk and Medieval Bridge at Milford but we propose to visit the rest of our parish another day. We concluded the afternoon at the Community Farm and were shown the superb facilities including the wonderful floor in the straw bale classroom which was concrete not so long ago. We ended with a well earned cup of tea in the new Parish Office.

From Virginia McLennan

Lights Out In Laverstock

Residents of Church Road and Riverside Road voted **2:1** to switch off approximately 1 in 3 street lights from midnight until 5am. Laverstock joins an ever expanding list of Wiltshire villages who are saving energy and improving views of the night sky.

The survey was administered by the Parish Council and revealed a clear majority of 69% voting in favour.

Wiltshire Council has been informed and adjustments will be made in due course.

Leading village in the Southern Wiltshire Area Board is Downton with every other light switched off. If you would like the Parish Council to survey your road contact the Parish Clerk.

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The Speedwatch programme has been a great success in Ford helping to reduce speeding cars, motor bikes and many other vehicles. This has been organised by Neil Owen along with a small number of willing volunteers to whom the Parish Council are very grateful.

However, we are now looking for further volunteers to join the team and someone to take over the coordination. Without the local community involvement to help the police, control of speeding through Ford will be very limited and as Speedwatch has been so successful it would be a shame for this to end. It requires just a small amount of time spread over a two week period, once every six weeks (as the equipment is shared with other villages) plus a one off training course with the police to accredit users with the equipment.

If you are willing to help please contact Neil Owen at nowen@speedboard.co.uk who would be pleased to give you details of the scheme.

Network Rail/Carillion Works at Broken Cross Bridge, A338

Please be aware that work has now begun on Broken Cross Bridge and is planned to continue through to February 14th 2013. The A338 road has been closed at the Ford Lane/Old Malthouse Lane junction and from the Hurdcott junction. Access to Ford Mill/ Ford Lane falls within a safety cordon to prevent heavy traffic build-up and will be controlled by signals and gatesmen and closely monitored, permits have already been issued to local residents. Bus and school Bus services will be maintained through the closure where possible.

Old Sarum Aviation Museum

The Boscombe Down Aviation Collection has recently moved into Hangar One at Old Sarum Airfield. The aim of the Collection is to bring the story of flight test in the UK to life by the use of aircraft restorations, replicas, cockpits and weapons. You can sit in many of the cockpits, take a tour with our friendly guides or just wander around as you wish. We are open at the weekends during the winter. We look forward to showing you around. If you would like to be a volunteer or a friend of the Collection, please come along to Hangar one and talk to us.

For further information please see boscombedownaviationcollection.co.uk

Culture, Community, and Craftiness at Old Sarum

The Old Sarum Creative Community Engagement Project (any suggestions for a more catchy name are welcome!) was launched on Saturday 15th



September by a family art event, held alongside a table-top sale, at the Old Sarum Community Rooms, organised by Penny Joyce, and Joy Wilkinson of the Old Sarum Community Rooms, and the 5x5x5=creativity team.

The event was the first step in a long-term project set up by the 5x5x5=creativity charity in partnership with a range of local art, wildlife, heritage and community organisations.

We were delighted that it was a sunny day and made full use of outdoor space around the Community Rooms to offer stone-carving and casting workshops, collage, painting and drawing, and share images

and information on the work of 5x5x5=creativity, so that visitors and passers-by could instantly get a sense of what was on offer and come and get stuck in.

Sarah, representing Salisbury Cathedral offered the chance to carve into huge chunks of stone. Charlotte, a resident artist at the River Bourne Community Farm demonstrated plaster-casting, creating a variety of animal footprints.

Laurence, also a resident artist at the Community Farm, offered a spinning workshop with exquisitely coloured yarns, bringing the rich history and of this craft to life and up to date, whilst Tim, an artist and architect, set up a laptop area, encouraging children and adults to use their imaginations to design buildings and townscapes, with ideas emerging around local planning.

Helen and Naomi from English Heritage's Old Sarum team, brought along body armour, chain-mail and a well-protected sword - all of which were explored and sported with enthusiasm by the younger visitors.



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Alongside the workshops James Aldridge and Catherine Lamont-Robinson, artists with 5x5x5=creativity, chatted with children, parents and grandparents about what they might like included in future creative/cultural events, and what they thought might enhance their community in general. Suggestions included:

Dance Events and activities which would not require a car to attend (i.e. local or transport provided) More art in general (from older children who felt that they had less opportunities to work creatively in years 3, 4 & 5) Gardening, Cooking, Creative opportunities for parents and Creative workshops with or 'at the castle' (Old Sarum).

Catherine, a Salisbury based artist, is going to be working with a range of groups at the Old Sarum Community Rooms up until Christmas, and James will be resident at the Old Sarum Primary School. Other events and opportunities offered by partner organisations such as the Ageas Salisbury Arts Festival and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be advertised locally, so keep an eye out for those!

We want this project to grow and **we need your help to make it happen.**

This is a project for local people, to enable you to explore and have your



say on where you live, and it will be based on the ideas and needs of local people. If there's something that you'd like to try, or you have an idea that may help us fund and develop the project beyond the September to December pilot phase, then please do get in touch –

info@jamesaldridge-artist.co.uk - thank you.

For more information on 5x5x5=creativity please see our website

<http://www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk>

For more information on events at the Old Sarum Community Rooms please go to <http://oldsarumcr.org>

James and Catherine, 5x5x5=creativity, September 2012

News from

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA)

Don't forget **HALLOWEEN** in the Pavilion on 31st October. Following your feedback after last year, the event will start at 5.30pm for the little ones and then open up at 6.30pm to the older children until 7.30pm. This allows the youngest children to enjoy the event without being overwhelmed by the older and bigger children while also allowing the entertainer to target his audience better which should hopefully result in an even more enjoyable evening for all.

The **Parish Council** have an exciting opportunity for someone from Bishopdown Farm to join them as a Councillor – now is your chance to help to keep our Parish a place everyone wants to live! Contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Hannath, if you are interested.

HP2/Core Strategy—Wiltshire Council Have Failed You!

WC has walked away from proceeding with the Judicial Review of the Eric Pickles decision to overturn his own Planning Inspector's decision to refuse the Barratt appeal. Some of you may have bought property on the basis of a promised golf course on the HP2 site – at the very least you would have expected the LEGAL agreements to keep the area as green space would not have been ignored by WC! They have shown almost total disregard, bordering on contempt, to residents and your PC for their input to the Core Strategy and HP2 planning application. How did WC get themselves into the position of throwing out a planning application for 500 homes at one meeting yet adopting 500 homes in the Core Strategy the next? Where do WC stand on the original S106 agreements (recently ratified unanimously by the WC Planning Committee!) and how do they intend to use this to frustrate the developers? We need to make WC understand that they are paid by us to look after our interests – something they have singularly failed to do since the unitary authority was formed. Please take a moment to write to Jane Scott and Alistair Cunningham at County Hall expressing your concerns and asking what action they will be taking. There is no doubt that WC will keep walking all over us unless we make our presence known!

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Hampton Park Pavilion

After some delay a new charitable body has taken over the running of the Pavilion. By 1st January 2013 the new management committee (formed from volunteers) will have put in place all the changes that are required to move things forward. The Chairman of the Trustees, Natalie Moss, is looking forward with her team to doing all they can to manage the facilities efficiently and make them available to the community as previously on a non-profit making basis. The incoming management committee are very grateful to help given by the previous committee members.

The very helpful website www.hamptonparkpavilion.co.uk is being updated and a new e mail enquiries contact is now in operation hamptonparkpavilion@gmail.com

Farm Trails: All 4 trails within the Parish have now been 'proof walked'. While it seems inevitable that the Old Sarum trail will need adjusting as building work continues, the others are now set and maps are available via a link to the River Bourne Community Farm under 'Local Services' on the BFRA website. Work is going ahead with gates, benches and signage to make the trails suitable for all ages and there will be volunteer work parties throughout the year so contact Kat at the Farm (wessextrails@gmail.com) if you want to find out more. Here is a great opportunity to get out and find out about the wonderful natural environment around us – as well as get some free fresh air and exercise.

Area Board Funding for Young People: The Area Board has just opened up a small grant pot for young people's projects linked in some way to volunteering. Applications are welcomed from any form of youth group (eg scouts, music groups, sports clubs in the village, schools) not just youth clubs as you might think of them. They are open to bids of up to £1000 which can come from formalized groups or informal groups of young people with a good idea that will benefit the community/more young people and is a one off project. For further details please contact the Parish Clerk – we will also add a link to the BFRA website.

Policing: The Police have had a busy summer which included responding to some isolated incidences of anti-social behaviour. Please do report such instances to the police as, unless they are aware of problems, they will focus their attention elsewhere. The BFRA has a strong working relationship with the police so please feel free to report more general issues to us and we can discuss appropriate action with them.

Litter: There seems to be an increase in the amount of litter around the estate. The BFRA has asked the Council to ensure that the bins, particularly those on the Green, are emptied regularly. A considerable amount of litter is picked up every day by some local residents, please think about what you can also do to improve the situation. We have also had further cases of fly tipping in Green Lane which have been cleared up and reported to Wiltshire Council with a view to prosecution.

Grass Cutting: The BFRA has noted that the frequency of grass cutting of the green spaces on the estate has reduced over the summer. We have raised this with Wiltshire Council and await a response.

Cricket: Some of you may be wondering what has happened to the Hampton Park cricket team that used to play on the Green. Well, this summer they joined forces with the reformed Winterbourne Cricket Club and enjoyed a hugely successful season playing at the old village pitch in Winterbourne. The club is running two teams but there is always room for new players young and old. If you are interested in finding out more, visit

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/winterbournecc/>.

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

From Colin Froude

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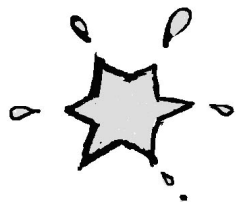
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There will be no meeting in December, but members will enjoy a New Year party on 28 January 2013.

Our next 'open' meeting will be on 25 February 2013, when Roger Grier will be telling us the basics and the truth about cultivated orchids.

The club will be masterminding Open Gardens next July and would very much like to hear from anyone in Laverstock who would be willing to welcome visitors to their garden and help raise money for a good cause. The club is aiming to exceed the amount raised in 2011 and would wish to raise over £1000 - will you help?

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Sunday 2nd December - 1st Sunday in Advent 10am.

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Sunday 16th December - Bethlehem Village and Christingle Service at The Riverbourne Community Farm 4pm.

Sunday 23rd December - Carol Service and Nine Lessons 3pm followed by coffee and mince pies.

Monday 24th December - Crib Service 5pm.

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Tuesday 25th December - No service at St Andrews

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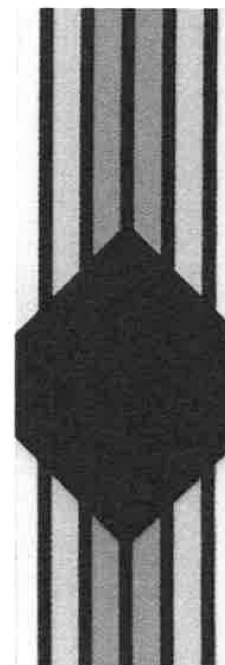
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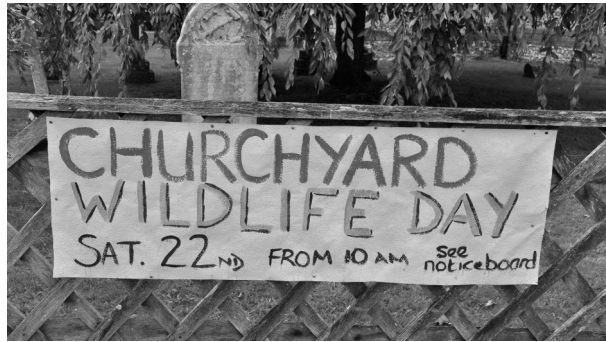
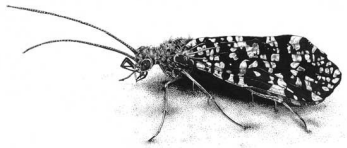
Friday 21st September was the start - with a Bat Walk from the River Bourne Community Farm. This was led by Lorraine Blakey of the Five Rivers Bat Group who told us talk about bats - their behaviour, roost sites and which bats we would be most likely to see. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust had kindly lent us bat detectors, and Lorraine explained how these pick up the bats' echo location calls which are inaudible to the human ear, and change them into sounds which we can hear.

Just as we were all gathered at 6.30pm, there was a heavy shower, but Lorraine was able to give her talk in the shelter of the farm shop gazebo, and the rain stopped by the time we wanted to start the walk. We went along Cow Lane, stopping to look out over the cattle in the adjacent field, where we were hoping to see the largest British bat - the Noctule, but it didn't show. As it became a bit darker, a Pipistrelle bat was seen hunting insects, and we picked up a series of clicks on the bat detectors.

We continued to White Bridge Spinney, where there were more Pipistrelles. These are our smallest and most common bat, and everybody in the group of adults and children were able to see them clearly against the sky, as well as hearing their calls on the bat detectors. We also had good views in torchlight of Daubentons (Water Bat) skimming and turning over the Bourne. Finally the detectors picked up the call of a Serotine, our second largest bat. By this time it was dark, the stars were out and a thin moon was shining.

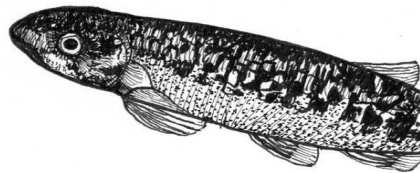
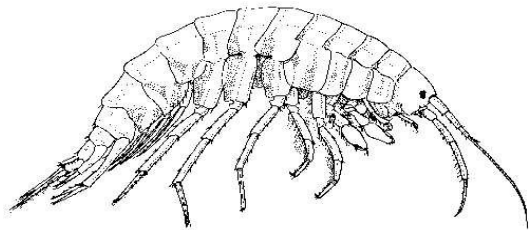
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Saturday 22nd September was St Andrews Churchyard Wildlife Day.

This was organised by Bryan Evans and David Burton with the help of Paul Howland. It was a beautiful day, and the fun started at 10am and went on until after dark. Families and individuals came and went as suited them all day, looking at birds, insects, flowers and trees. There was also an opportunity to catch little creatures from the Bourne where it flows behind the churchyard. Sticklebacks, freshwater shrimps and caddisfly larvae were caught. These last little creatures make protective shells for themselves out of tiny pieces of stick or stones. They live in the river for a year or two before developing in the caddisfly itself. In the evening there was another opportunity to look for bats. Pipistrelles came out and flew around the churchyard giving everybody a good view. Water Bats flew along the river and a Noctule and a Sertotine were picked up on the bat detectors.



Sunday 22nd September was the final Cream Tea Sunday at the Riverbourne Community Farm with river dipping and wildlife walks around the farm.

(Thanks on behalf of all those who enjoyed them to the members of the WI who served and organized them! - Looking forward to more of the same next year—Editor)

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News from River Bourne Community Farm

By David Law

Corporate team building day delivers resources to farm.

Global logistics company, DHL/Tradeteam, came up trumps for the River Bourne Community Farm this week when they made a repeat visit to hold their corporate team building day at the farm. Sixteen members of their finance department from across the country spent a day cladding a hay barn, fencing a horticultural area and erecting a polytunnel for the use of the farm's students.

In conjunction with the farm's straw-bale classroom, the area will form part of an Environmental and Land Based Studies Centre. This facility will enable young people to gain a greater understanding of horticulture, crop production and the effect they have on the surrounding habitat. These additional resources will enhance the courses being run at the farm for local students.

The farm is very appreciative of this support from DHL and Trade-team Ltd, team building days such as this are a win/win event. The farm and the local community gain resources whilst the company staff benefit by working with normally far-distant colleagues whilst doing physically demanding work much removed from the normal office day.



Pheasant Chicks

Early in June, a gentleman who had been out jogging came across a pheasant which had been killed by a car. Nearby were two, less than a week old, chicks which were looking very weak, and he bought them to the farm to see if we could help. We don't have the facilities for taking on sick animals and would normally have suggested that he took them to wildlife rescue but we just happened to have a hen that had hatched seven eggs a few days before, and saw that as a possible solution.



The tiny chicks were placed under the hen along with her own brood. She immediately saw them as her own and both chicks recovered and grew stronger with the hen's warmth and regular food.

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Dates 2012: Nov 3, 17 Dec 1, 15, 29

Tuesday: Week 2

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Laverstock Elm Close 10.35-10.55

Ford Green Lane 11.05-11.25

Dates 2012: Nov 6, 20 Dec 4, 18

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Old Sarum Pheasant Drive 10am-10.45

Stratford Sub Castle, Castle Keep 11am-11.25

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Thieves are targeting garden sheds for expensive furniture and equipment.

Official figures recently released show thefts from sheds and gardens rose 10 per cent last year.

Some 1.3million people fell victim, or more than two every minute. The numbers have risen 17 per cent since 2006/07.

Many people store their gardening equipment, tools, bikes and BBQs in their shed and, unfortunately, this means that these outbuildings are often seen as an easy target by thieves. But there are many ways to keep your garden, shed and home safe, and below are some of our tips to help you protect your property.

Protecting your shed

The first aspect of protecting your shed is to fit a good quality lock. There are a range of sturdy padlocks, padbolts, hasps and staples available on the market, but make sure you get one that is appropriate to the strength of your shed door and frame.

Remember that any opening windows on your shed will also require a good quality lock.

In addition to a lock, you may wish to consider fitting an alarm on your shed. There are three types of alarm system that could be used:

- An infra-red detector in the shed that picks up on movement and body heat.
- A door contact system.
- An alarm within the padlock itself, which sounds if the lock is forced open or tampered with.

These systems can be purchased from most DIY stores and locksmiths. Another aspect of protecting your garden shed is that the items inside it - as well as being expensive to replace - can also be used to break into your home.

For example, a garden spade applied with the right leverage could be used to force open a window or door. Take these items into consideration when planning the security of your shed and think about chaining and padlocking tools that could assist a thief.

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SpireWeather Review: July - August 2012

What a memorable summer 2012 was, but unfortunately for all the wrong reasons! After an exceptionally wet April and June, this year's meteorological summer (June-August) was the wettest for 100 years and the second wettest on record in England. By the end of August Laverstock's total rainfall for 2012 was 576.6mm (22.7") compared with 364.4mm (14.3") at the same time in 2011, showing just how wet 2012 has been. Although not quite as cool as last summer, summer 2012 was a cool one with a mean temperature 0.4°C below average, and the dulllest since 1987 with only 82% of normal sunshine. The dull and wet summer has had a serious impact on this year's fruit, vegetable and cereal harvest.

We are all becoming familiar with the Jet Stream which has moved south this summer bringing us a succession of low pressure systems normally reserved for north-west Scotland. There is currently ongoing debate as to whether the unprecedented melting of Arctic ice caused by global warming could be the reason for this, and whether north-west Europe could also suffer colder winters as a result.

For the UK as a whole, July was the coldest since 2000, with England receiving more than twice its average July rainfall. 116.4mm (4.6") rain fell in Laverstock compared with just 32.6mm (1.3") in July 2011. 35.8mm (1.4") fell on the 6th-7th alone. The month redeemed itself just in time for the Olympics with a warm and settled fourth week with this year's highest temperature of 30.1°C (86.2°F) recorded on two consecutive days, the 25th and 26th. Just four days later on the 30th, we recorded our lowest July temperature of just 7.8°C (46°F).

August was a quieter month with a more average total rainfall of 66.6mm (2.6") which was less than the 92.8mm (3.7") recorded in August 2011. On two notably wet days, the 15th and the 29th, we recorded just over 14mm (0.6") rain, with the 29th producing the wettest single hour of 2012 with 9.6mm falling mid morning. The month's maximum temperature of 28.6°C (83.5°F) was recorded on the 19th whilst the minimum of 6.1°C (43°F) occurred on the 31st. Many stations further north recorded record low August temperatures on the night of the 30th-31st with -0.7°C (30.7°F) in Northumberland.

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An Indian Summer occurs later in the year with a warm settled spell of weather in October, usually after the first frost. Will autumn 2012 make up for the "summer that never was"? Find out in Issue 137.

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Simon (Spireweather)

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Dog fouling

The Parish Council and the Community Farm have been pleased with the increased use of footpaths, byways, and the walking trails around Old Sarum, Hampton Park and Laverstock (details of which can be found at www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk or the Parish website). Many of the new users are families with young children, what better way for youngsters to have contact with nature and exercise at the same time. These footpaths and trails are also the perfect places for dog walkers, fresh air, country views and no traffic all make for an enjoyable walk for both owners and their dogs and they are both very welcome. Most dog owners follow the code and ensure that they clear up any dog foul left by their dog. Regrettably there are a few that don't. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocariasis.

What is Toxocariasis?

Toxocariasis is an infection of the roundworm *toxocara canis*. The eggs of the parasite can be found in soil or sand contaminated with faeces and if swallowed, result in infection that lasts between six and 24 months. Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits. Often the eggs are ingested when passed to the mouth by the hands, but this can also occur through contact with dogs or other inanimate objects including the wheels of pushchairs, toys and the soles of shoes. Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, Toxocariasis most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years.

Whose responsibility is it to clear away dog fouling?

It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. Please make these walks a safe place for our children. There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy!



Laverstock Life

Photographic competition

Thank you to all the young people who entered the photo competition we had some lovely entries, and a lot of thought had gone into capturing some unique perspectives. The judges had a tough time reaching their decision. Winning entries will be featured in our next issue covering January/February 2013

Things to do at Christmas:

The Community Farm and Old Sarum Community rooms will be hosting plenty of workshops and activities in the run up to Christmas and you can get visit the Farm shop for some local produce (see their websites for details). Salisbury will also hold a Christmas market this year from 29th Nov to 16 December, and see page 18 for special services at St. Andrews.

The Cathedral holds a popular candlelit carol service, a combination of readings interspersed with carols sung by the cathedral choir and congregation. Those who wish to arrive early will be able to queue under cover in the Cloisters where seasonal refreshments are available. Pre-booked dinners served in the Cathedral Refectory at 8.15pm on Friday 21st. Don't miss the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Thomas's Church, entry is free.

English Heritage at Old Sarum is hosting a festive family fun trail on the 15/16th December and there are Winter Vintage Sundays at Old Sarum Airfield with classic and vintage cars, motorcycles and aircraft on the first Sunday of November and December, plus the Aviation Museum at Hangar 1 will be open at weekends. The Duck Inn continues to host live music nights and The Arts Centre, Playhouse and City Hall have some wonderful festive treats in store from Pantomime to Hoodwinks Winter Wonderland. And don't forget the Farm trails across the Parish are always open, whatever the weather and free!



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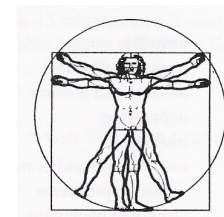


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Updates from the Southern Area Board

From Virginia McLennan

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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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Dear Jane Scott,

HP2 Judicial Review

This Parish Council is both bitterly disappointed and incredulous to learn that the Judicial Review to challenge the Secretary of State's decision to overturn his own inspector's judgement to reject the Barrett Homes Appeal on the Hampton Park development and allow it to go ahead, in fact never happened and has now been abandoned by Wiltshire Council. Naively, we were hoping for an outcome soon as we have not been kept informed by your officers and only learned about Wiltshire Council walking away from the Review from our local Member.

Members of the PC have sought to work with officers over a number of years both in developing the Core Strategy and the use of the land known as HP2. Alas, there was no meaningful dialogue as decisions were taken at arm's length with no 'negotiation'. The ineptitude of your officers put Wiltshire Council into the position where the Core Strategy and the HP2 application were in conflict within the same week and opposing decisions were taken that flew in the face of good sense and reason.

There are still issues around this development such as the original S106 agreement and that of a speed reduction on Pearce Way (the Grampian Decision) that need to be resolved before development can go ahead. We trust that your officers are able to act in the best interests of local residents and will do their best to support them in their continuing opposition to the developer's proposals.

The residents of this parish feel very let down by Wiltshire Council where a decision has been made out of political and financial expediency and not from concerns for local opinion. Our residents are becoming cynical with Wiltshire Council and beginning to believe that their views count for very little. The strap line 'Wiltshire Council – Where everybody Matters', was ill chosen, is inappropriate and has a hollow ring for local residents. Democracy is not a cheap option.

We have been trying to meet again with your Director of Service and Enterprise for three months, to discuss issues made all the more pressing by the recent news above, but have yet to receive a reply to emails. This is not acceptable and leads to frustration and more cynicism about our own ability to protect the interests of the residents we represent.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ron Champion, (Chair of L&FPC)