

Diary Dates for events around the parish in March/April 2013

MARCH

- Weds 6th** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 2.30pm
- Thurs 7th** Film Night: Babettes Feast: River Bourne Community Farm 7pm
- Tues 9th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
Art and Faith, Mary Fawcett
- Sun 10th** Laverstock Downs trail WORKING PARTY: Pilgrims Way Kissing Gate 10am
- Mon 11th** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
Moscow to St.Petersburg with John Gidley
- Mon 18th** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
AGM with entertainment
- Mon 18th** Parish Council Meets at Old Sarum Primary School, 7pm
- Sat 23rd** Aerojumble at Old Sarum Airfield, Aviation Collection, 10am
- Sun 24th** Hampton Park trail WORKING PARTY: The Pavilion, 9.55am
- Mon 25th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Weds 27th** Mothers' Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room, 2.15pm
Joanne Triffitt, Mothers Union Development Worker

APRIL

- Weds 3rd** Laverstock Evergreen Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Sun 7th** Farm & Spinney trail WORKING PARTY: Farm Office 10am
- Mon 8th** Ladies Open Group, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall 7.45pm
Quick & Easy cooking with Janice Long
- Tues 9th** Mothers' Union Evening Grp – Curtis Room, 7.30pm
Cross in my Pocket
- Mon 15th** Parish Council meets at River Bourne Community Farm, 7pm
- Mon 15th** Laverstock & District Evening WI, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
Village Life in the 1940s and 50s by John Pitman
- Thurs 18th** Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, Management Committee AGM, 7pm
- Weds 24th** Mothers Union Afternoon Grp – Curtis Room
Buy Bye Childhood, Rosemary Allen 2.15 pm
- Sun 21st** Old Sarum trail WORKING PARTY: Outside Old Sarum School, 1.55pm
- Mon 29th** Laverstock Gardening Club, Laverstock & Ford Village Hall 7.30pm

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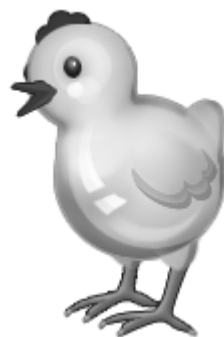
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Welcome to issue no 138

There are lots of opportunities this Spring to get involved in projects around the Parish, from helping out with a survey of our footpaths, to joining a working party and helping to maintain our local meadow and downland trails.

The Mothers' Union tell us about their holiday scheme for local families on page 13 and you'll find plenty of info about other key local services and community groups. Please do pull out and keep our centre page with dates of the meetings of some of our popular groups within the Parish and most of all enjoy the long awaited sunshine!

PS. a big thank you to Sam for his article on Taekwondo we had lots of feedback from our younger readers to say how much they enjoyed it!

The Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter is a bi-monthly Newsletter produced by the Parish Council, distributed free of charge to over 2,950 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.

FRONT COVER: FUN TO BE HAD AT THE AVIATION MUSEUM, OLD SARUM, visitor Charlie Baker-Santa Lucia gives it the thumbs up

River Bourne Community Farm Meadow & Down Trail Working Party Dates 2013

It is hoped that local residents and their families will come along to help for a couple of hours on their local trail and learn about the wildlife, while getting some fresh air and exercise! It is advised participants wear suitable sturdy footwear and bring protective gloves, in warmer weather it is advised to also bring a hat to protect from the sun and water to drink.

See schedule for dates, times and meeting places along with trail leaders names for each trail.

For more details please contact the farm on 01722 330667 or pop in to the farm office in Cow Lane.

Farm & Spinney Trail

Paul Howland/ Sue Wight: Meet at Farm Office in Cow Lane 9.55am

February Sunday 24th 10am—12pm

April Sunday 7th 10am—12pm

June Sunday 2nd 10am—12pm

Laverstock Downs Trail

Jennifer & Steve Dolman: Meet at kissing gate adjacent to Pilgrims

Way - Point 1 on the trail map, lower gate 9.55am

March Sunday 10th 10am—12pm

May Sunday 12th 10am—12pm

July Sunday 19th 11am—12pm

Hampton Park Trail

Colin Froude/Celine Le Boëdec Hughes : Meet by the Pavilion on

Hampton Park 9.55am

March Sunday 24th 10am - 12pm

May Sunday 26th 10 am - 12pm

July Sunday 28th 10am - 12pm

Old Sarum Trail

Joy Wilkinson: Meet Outside Old Sarum School 1.55pm

February Sunday 17th 2pm - 4pm

April Sunday 21st 2pm-4pm

June Sunday 16th 2pm - 4pm

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St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Alison Smith	01722 328881
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St. Edmunds - FRIENDS	Kate Fry (Secretary)	via 328565
St .Josephs - Head	Mr P Hughes	335380
St. Josephs - FRIENDS	Mr Barry	504775
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The Duck Inn	Becki & Tim	327678
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Wyvern College Head	Mr Chris Tomes	500700
Wyvern - FRIENDS	Mrs Joanna Charlton	331245

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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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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY Emergency Helpline: 0800 807 060

Contacts around the Parish

Clubs, Groups, Organisations, Venues and amenities

Air Cadets (Old Sarum)		320634
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Cricket Club	Mr Martyn Nokes	01980 611494
Hampton Park Vets	Mr S. Mangabhai	330077
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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 Evening Group	Jenny King	349824
Mothers' Union Afternoon Group	Heather Ludlow	
Old Sarum Primary School—Head	Mr John Jones	410677
Old Sarum Aviation Museum		323636
Old Sarum Community Room	Lucinda Hyman	329693
Old Sarum Community Enabler	Penny Joyce	329693
St. Andrews - Head	Karen Walker	503590

Naomi House

Clarendon Way Walk 2013



Join us for the 7th annual Clarendon Way Walk on Sunday 2nd June 2013, in support of local life-limited children and their families.

This historic and beautiful walk runs from Winchester Cathedral to Salisbury Cathedral and the 26 mile route will guide you through some of the most stunning scenery that Hampshire and Wiltshire has to offer. Alternatively you can join the 12 mile option from Broughton to Salisbury Cathedral, meeting our marathon walkers as they cross the half way point.

Whether you take on the 26 or 12 mile option we will support you with your training and fundraising to ensure you gain maximum enjoyment from the day. Whatever your current fitness level is, you can take part in this event with a little bit of training. Why not use it as it fitness goal for 2013 or to increase the miles you are already doing.

Over the last 6 years this flagship event has raised an incredible £663,000. This money has helped support the running of Naomi House and jacksplace, which provides valuable support to families whose children and young people have life-limiting conditions.

Registration is just £15 per adult and £10 per child and includes your Clarendon Way Walk t-shirt, refreshments along the route and your medal.

Please visit our website www.naomihouse.org.uk for more info and to download a registration form.

Or call us on 01962 843513
and speak to one of our Events Team.

From the *NEW* Clerk's Desk

Hampton Park 2 & the Country Park

The Parish Council is waiting with bated breath to see the revised plans for Hampton Park 2, hoping that some, if not all, of our concerns have been met. We expect these plans to be submitted soon and for work to commence within months if not weeks.

Meanwhile attention has turned to the new Country Park, which will be part of this development. This Park should extend to over 120 acres and will include a diverse range of facilities for residents to enjoy. Dog walking paths, woodland areas, rural and rustic play areas and picnic areas are just some of the attractions that should be included. The Parish Council is talking to all of the interested parties to ensure the best deal for the Community and will keep you informed in these pages.

Let us know what you would like. The original plans for the park can be seen on the Wiltshire Council website under the Planning Reference S/2009/1943. These plans will inevitably change and now is the time for you to have your say on what you would like to see. You can use the Contact page on the Parish Council website or contact your Councillor.

Old Sarum

Planning Applications have now been received for an additional 196 homes at Old Sarum. Your Councillors spent a long time looking over these applications and have **objected** to them all on the basis that they exceed the original application numbers and will place severe strain on the facilities agreed for the original development including parking, school and community room. In addition these extra homes will greatly reduce the amount of public open space available.

Parish precept

The Parish precept is that part of the council tax that goes to the Parish Council. It is used to look after the parish, including public open spaces, litter and dog bins, and playgrounds. The Parish Council is very pleased that the precept is unchanged again this year.

Flooding

Flooding has created major problems to the roads at Ford and Milford. Your Parish Council continues to press for action in these areas along with local residents and your Wiltshire Councillors. Why add your voice to these issues and register a complaint with Clarence?

From Andrew Prince, incoming Parish Clerk

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS

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Old Sarum Primary School www.oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk
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Salisbury/Southern Wiltshire Area Boards www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards
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Spireweather: www.spireweather.co.uk
St. Edmunds CE Girls School www.school-portal.co.uk
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

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



Wilton Mobile Library stops and times

Dates: Feb 6, 20 March 6, 20 April 3, 17 May 1, 15, 29 June 12, 26

Week 1			
Wednesday	Bishopdown	One Stop shop	9.45-10.05
	Bishopdown	Busy Bees Nursery	10.15-10.40
	Bishopdown Farm	Greentrees School (term time only)	10.50-11.20
	Winterbourne Earls	Earls Manor Court	11.35-12pm
	Shrewton	Scout hut, off Mad-dington St	2.00-4.00

Dates: Feb 9, 23 March 9, 23 April 6, 20 May 4, 18 June 1, 15, 29

Week 1			
Saturday	Bishopdown Farm	Pavillion	3.15-4.00pm

Dates: Feb 12, 26 March 12, 26 April 9, 23 May 7, 21 June 4, 18

Week 2			
Tuesday	Laverstock	Mayfair Road	10.00-10.25
	Laverstock	Elm Close	10.35-10.55
	Ford	Green Lane	11.05-11.25

Dates: Jan 30 Feb 13, 27 March 13, 27 April 10, 24 May 8, 22 June 5,

Week 2			
Wednesday	Old Sarum	Pheasant Drive	10.00-10.45

At its Christmas meal the Parish Council presented **Mr Ray Thomas with the Freedom of the Parish**. Ray was a loyal member of the Parish Council for over 32 years and richly deserves this honour.

Residents will be pleased to know that the Parish Council has held its **precept** at the same level for next year. The precept of £28855 will give a Council Tax charge for Band D properties of around £12. Due to the extra homes in the last year, the individual precept payment is, in fact, likely to fall.

Mr Peter Maffey has retired from the Parish Council after 9 years of service. We thank him for his time on the Council and are now looking for a replacement. If you think that you could be interested or require further details, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. Likewise we are still looking for a new councillor to represent Old Sarum.

At December's PC meeting the members were given a presentation by Catesby Developments who are acting for the land owner of the potential site known as **Longhedge**. The site is within the Core Strategy and could accept 800 new homes although 350 are being held back in reserve. The Parish Council is actually hoping that the complete scheme will go through in one phase as, in that way, the site can be planned as a whole and not piecemeal. The density of the new development would be 30 dwellings per hectare compared with 45 dwellings on the Persimmon development adjacent as the trend today is for lower densities. This would give 405 for the smaller scheme and 675 homes for the whole scheme.

The benefits of the whole scheme going ahead as one are that the school, shops and community area are planned from day one and it would release more land for Public Open Space. Catesby Developers believe that the whole scheme progressing as one would give 40 acres of green space and a 'textbook sustainable community' with school, shops and employment all to hand.



THINGS TO DO AT EASTER



CHILDREN can enjoy a range of activities at **Salisbury Cathedral** over the Easter holidays. The cathedral has a special If Easter Could Speak trail, activity mornings, craft workshops, and story time. Activity Mornings take place on March 25 and 26 from 10.30am to 12.15pm, with music, crafts, interactive games and a Bible reflection suitable for children aged 5 to 12
<http://www.salisburycathedral.co.uk/special.events.intro.php>

St Thomas's Church is hosting two music concerts, an egg hunt and an Easter service for busy people in March and April see here: <http://www.stthomassalisbury.co.uk/events/>

Salisbury Tourist Information is holding an Easter Ghost Tour on Sat 30th March 2013 6.30pm Meet at Salisbury TIC, Fish Row (check with Tourist Information for details).

Old Sarum and Wardour Castle are both holding an Easter Family fun trail from 23rd March to April 4th

Salisbury Playhouse & Salisbury Arts Centre are putting on shows and activities for young people

SAYM (Salisbury Area Young Musicians) Young Jazz are playing at Salisbury Arts Centre 12—2pm on Sunday 10th March and their Spring Concert is on March 15th (venue tbc)

The Unit in Endless Street is always busy with seasonal activities and features listings of things to do, events and gigs for (older) young people—either check out the window displays or pluck up the courage to pop your head in the door and ask!

Keep an eye on the parish website for local events this Easter

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Catesby are, in fact, planning for 405 (not the 450 allocated) for the smaller scheme and the larger scheme would have 675 not the 800 allocated in the Core Strategy giving 15% fewer dwellings and an extra 3 acres of Public Open Space. The 30 acres of strategic open space would be gifted to the community following development.

The public consultation took place in the OSCR on January 17th 2013. The irony is that the Parish Council was always in support of the whole Longhedge development going through in one scheme. It was Wiltshire Council who held back the 350 'in reserve' rather than reduce the numbers at HP2 which was the PC's request.

At the time of writing, the pond completion, boardwalk spur display tiles and interpretation board are being held up by the very wet conditions at Whitebridge.

Your PC continues to meet with Barratt Homes, John Glenn our MP and WC to look at potential changes in the plans for 500 homes at HP2.

Juliet Brain, our Parish Newsletter Editor does a wonderful job for which we are all truly grateful. Being a very busy mum she is finding it difficult to also manage all the work associated with managing the **advertising side of the newsletter**. We are seeking one or two local residents who might join some PC members to find a new way forward regards advertising. If anyone is able to help here then please get in touch with Andrew Prince the new Parish Clerk. Anyone who would be happy to take on this task on his or her own would be even more welcome!

From Steve Hannath, outgoing Parish Clerk

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month

March 18th – Old Sarum Primary School, 7pm

April 15th – Community Farm, 7pm

Contact Andrew Prince, the Parish Clerk on 01722 411847 or email parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk for more details

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

St. Andrew's, Laverstock

Lay Minister Hugh Montgomerie—01722 336552 h.montgomerie@sky.com
 Churchwardens Bryan Evans—01722 320129
 Sue Gallagher—01722 332619
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 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

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

Team Service (5th Sunday in month),
 Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am
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 Associate Priest Rev David Coates - 01722 325944 Bourne Valley Team
 Associate Priest Rev'd Penny Joyce—07808 181885 email: pennyoldsarum@gmail.com
 Rev Wendy Pugh (part-time) 01722 501443
 Churchwardens Mr Terry Hall—01980 611681 and Mrs Becky Baker—01980 611343
 Roger Morgan—01980 611474 website www.stmichaelswebsite.org.uk

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

Bourne Valley Methodist Church, Winterbourne Dauntsey

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Thought for the season

Writing this, towards the end of January, Christmas has gone, and Easter will soon be here, but in the meantime we've got that season called **Lent**, which is when this Newsletter will first reach you. So what is Lent all about? Well, it started on Ash Wednesday, 13th February this year, after Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, when many of us will have enjoyed those lovely buttery treats, smothered in sugar and lemon juice or any number of other mouth watering fillings. There is a general idea that during the six weeks of Lent we are to give up things we enjoy, like chocolate or cake or wine. But is that what Lent is *really* about? Lent is actually a time when we can just as usefully take things on, things that benefit us and our communities, and the world at large. It's a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter, when we can express our gratitude for all that we have, and all that God has done for us, both in creation and in our personal lives. No matter how challenged we might be by circumstances, Lent is a time when we can consider providing practical care and love to vulnerable or lonely people around us.

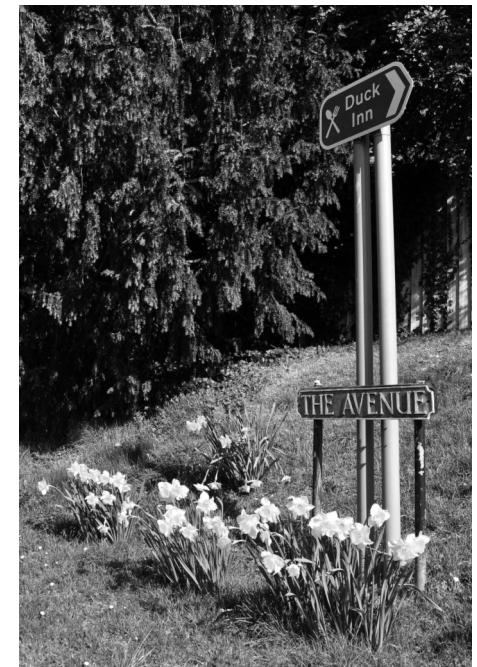
Each of us, no matter what our circumstances, is a dearly loved child of God, and He has much to offer us if only we are willing to reach out for it. May this season of Lent, and the celebration of Easter, make a real difference for **you** this year!

With every blessing,

Rev'd Peter Ostli-East

Team Vicar (St Michael & All Angels, Winterbourne Earls – the C of E Parish church for residents in Ford and Old Sarum) .

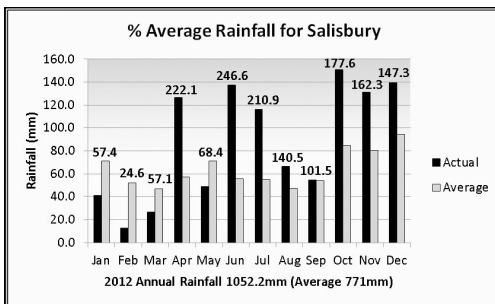
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SpireWeather Review: November-December 2012

Our last review hinted at the possibility of "northern blocking", and cold easterlies. Clearly so far this winter, in spite of predictions, this has not happened and the relentless rainfall of the summer and autumn continued into winter. At the time of writing, sudden warming in the stratosphere, some 25 miles above us, has occurred and *could* lead to colder weather on the ground in January – we will look at this in the next review.



This chart shows the monthly rainfall in Laverstock in 2012, and that the average rainfall was exceeded in eight out of twelve months of the year. October was the wettest month and February the driest, whilst April, June and July received more than twice their average rainfall for this area. 2012 was the wettest year

on record for England (records dating back to 1910) and marginally the second wettest on record (which was 2000) for the UK as a whole. England and Wales were the wettest whilst Scotland and N. Ireland were much drier. Interestingly another local meteorologist recorded more rainfall in 2002 (1062mm or 41.8") than in 2012 in Salisbury, but there can be considerable local variation.

Apart from rainfall, November was unremarkable with a maximum temperature of 13.7°C (56.7°F) on the 13th and a minimum of -2.9°C (26.8°F) on the 30th. The wettest day was the 4th with 29.6mm (1.2") rainfall when Salisbury narrowly missed significant snowfall which fell to our west. 26.4mm (1") on the 24th, falling on already saturated ground, led to widespread flooding a few days later.

December was even wetter with 78mm (3.1") falling in the week before Christmas leading to a second period of severe flooding. It was the wettest December since 1978, with unusual thundery showers with hail on Christmas morning.

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December's maximum temperature of 13.2°C (55.8°F) occurred on the 22nd and the minimum of -5.3°C (22.5°F) on the 12th. A particularly deep depression on the 14th brought a low pressure of 974.7mb and 18mm (0.7") rainfall. December's wettest day was the 20th with 23.2mm (0.9") rainfall. After such an eventful year it will be interesting to see what 2013 brings. After a rather benign start, will this winter bring a colder second half? And are wet UK summers set to become the norm as some are predicting?

Find out in our forthcoming bi-monthly SpireWeather Reviews or follow us on Twitter for the latest weather news. 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.

Simon (SpireWeather)



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Flood Group UK is a Facebook community for people affected by or at risk of flooding. Join now for help, news and to share your experiences.

Around the Parish

Salisbury Sixth Form College UPDATE

On Friday 4th of January our bid for Salisbury Sixth Form College went to the Department for Education. At nearly 150 pages long it was quite a task and our thanks goes to everyone who has helped and supported this application. We now have to wait for the DfE's initial review and a date for interview. This is likely to be March.

Assuming everything goes to plan we should hear if we have been successful towards the end of May. We will keep you posted as we proceed.

However, there is still time for students from year 9 and year 10 to register their interest. The more interest we have increases our chance with the DfE - so please tell your friends and direct them to our web site www.s6c.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/SalisburySixthFormCollege

Bishopfarm Pre-school are hoping to set up a Toddler group . We wish them the best of luck with this new venture and look forward to hearing more news once it's up and running.

The Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Management Committee require a volunteer to act as secretary. Please contact the present secretary Ian Haldane (tel 0722 320879) for more information

FOOTPATH SURVEY – It is planned to survey all the parish footpaths and their attendant hedgerows. Volunteers are sought to help with this task. There will be a training day at the Community Farm on Saturday 9th March following which the volunteers will carry out the survey of their identified footpaths in their own time to suit. This is a major project which will not be completed overnight. If you are interested in joining this project then please get in touch with Steve Hannath straight away as places are limited. Steve Hannath – L&FPC Footpath Officer.
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THE MOTHERS' UNION HOLIDAY SCHEME

Salisbury Mothers' Union members supported 20 families for this fabulous holiday at Sidholme Hotel in Sidmouth during 2012. Despite memories of a poor summer the weather was marvellous as was the hospitality of the hotel team. Having recovered from the shock of a mass of Mothers' Union 'yellow shirts', other guests at this Christian hotel's Family Week seemed to really appreciate the work that we do.

The beach and town were in walking distance, the hotel has a fantastic swimming pool, and the food was great. **WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME!**

We are able to go to this venue again in 2013 and would love to invite more families to have this restorative break. Members of the Mothers' Union are very generous with their giving by raising funds for this outreach and service.

Please pray for the families who will attend next year as well as those we have shared with in the past.

Salisbury Mothers' Union is grateful to the St Mary's Fund for the support of our Community Development Worker and the 'Away From It All Holiday Scheme.' We look forward to hearing from anyone about families they have identified who might benefit from our family holiday scheme.

The guests benefit from the support of the Mothers' Union volunteer team, there is always someone to talk to and entertain the children while the parent (s) have time to themselves. We find that when everyone is on the beach, and if anyone is in trouble then the 'yellow shirts' can be spotted from some way off.

The Mothers' Union has a caravan at Durdle Door, which is on the Dorset Coast. We let it for a twenty-week season for families that need a holiday. When the family arrive there will be a welcome pack, consisting of milk, bread and many other commodities to help them settle in. The Mothers' Union members organize the cleaning of the caravan each week and the change of bed linen and towels.

If you know of anyone whom either of these holidays may help please contact Sue Gallagher 332619

From Jan Seaman

St Andrews Church Yard

Would you like to help us maintain the award-winning churchyard at St Andrews? (see Best Kept Village report 2012).

If you feel able to give a few hours a month during the growing season to help us with mowing and strimming please get in touch with me.

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Taking Care of Our Land

A big thank you to dog walkers who responded so positively to a recent campaign to raise awareness of the special status of a Laverstock field managed by the Community Farm.

The field adjacent to the Pilgrims Way development attracts the status of Higher Level Stewardship subsidies from Natural England; the non-profit making Community Farm is paid to try and return it to more natural vegetation and attract wildlife that for years has disappeared. The money raised from that subsidy helps to pay for the farm to be open to students and young people who can experience the farm and all that it has to offer.

Natural England has very strict rules regarding the way that the public can access the field in order that the changes to wildlife and habitat can take place. Unaware of this some dog walkers were letting their dogs off the lead whilst in the field and walking on all the four sides of the field when there are permissive paths on just two. Dogs like to run free and chase anything that moves but in this field it could very well lead to Natural England withdrawing their subsidy and, indeed, asking for grants given to be returned. So in late January/early February farm volunteers took to the fields to let members of the public know more about the wildlife they are hoping to encourage and why it needs special protection from enthusiastic dogs. We are delighted at the response from most dog walkers and the public who, once informed of the changes, understood the need for more strict use of the field.

There is much open space in this parish and the farm has been central in providing more access to its land, not less.



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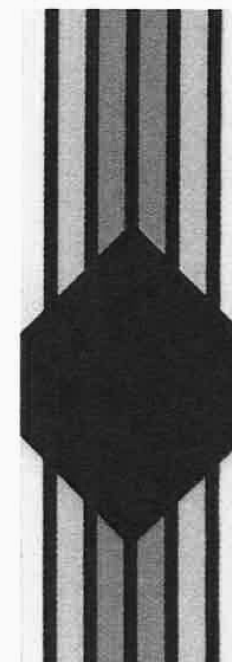
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detailed textures. They then combined these resources with
imagination to create original Lino Print Designs.



The colours and designs are brilliant and well worth a peek if you are
walking that way.

News—from River Bourne Community Farm Crops

Like most farms in the U.K., our farm suffered badly, firstly from 9
weeks of drought just after sowing our wheat crop, and then from the
rain that went all through summer until October. We managed to
make some hay in the one dry week in early September but the condi-
tions meant that the wheat crop was not worth harvesting. The grain
was under developed with no goodness in the seed and the yield was
abysmal. There are many fields around Salisbury where un-
harvested corn can be seen. However, the slight upside is that the
bird population has a winter source of food. We can anticipate much
higher food prices during 2013 particularly as America and Russia
suffered significant droughts and the UK is generally down in crop
yield by 30%.

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Help for Heroes

We have commenced working with Help for heroes to assist in their recuperation. We have to date received 12 soldiers, some with severe physical injuries and others with trauma issues. The first project they worked on together as a team was to refurbish a field shelter for lambing. This was a great success and we now have a programme of visits from individuals rather than teams for the coming weeks. We are very proud to be involved with this programme.

Lambing – A few facts

Lambing will soon be upon us which involves checking the ewes through the 24 hours of the day to watch for instances where the ewe needs help. Our newly refurbished lambing shelters will protect the ewes and their lambs from the worst of the weather. Sheep generally lamb freely without intervention, but periodically a lamb may be breached in the womb or otherwise displaced and the ewe may require assistance from the shepherd.



At birth lambs are often born with mucus membranes covering their faces. The ewe will instinctively clear this by licking the new-born lamb. If the shepherd is nearby he will assist by removing the membranes and placing the lamb in front of the ewe. Licking will continue for some minutes and during this time the lamb will be gaining strength and starting to think about milk.

The urge to suck is very strong in the new born lamb and within 20 minutes the lamb will be looking for milk. The shepherd may assist the lamb if it is struggling to find the ewe's teat.

The first few days of milk contain "colostrum". This is a very thick form of milk that is produced only at birth by the ewe. It contains many beneficial antibodies that help prevent the lamb from becoming ill. Some lambs are not so lucky however. The ewe may reject the lamb or sometimes simply have insufficient milk to feed it. Lambs in this situation become orphans and are bottle-fed by our volunteers and shepherd.

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Our popular Cream Tea Sundays will start again on May 5th from 3- 5pm then every alternate Sunday until Sept 22nd. In addition to clotted creams teas provided by Laverstock & District Evening W.I., there will be live music, a visit to the animals, tractor rides, river dipping and activities for children. Entrance is free so bring the family for a Sunday afternoon treat.

Music – Live at the farm

As part of Salisbury Festival's popular 'Salisbury Live' music weekend, the farm is hosting an exclusive live music event on Sunday 26th May from 3-10pm, featuring the best in local acts. With barbeque and bar this should be a popular event. Watch our website for further details.



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NEWS FROM BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA)

****STOP PRESS**** Don't miss the AGM as there will be an update on the revised 'Country Park' which will be developed as part of HP2. Plans are afoot for this to be a mix of woodland, chalk grassland, recreational etc under the stewardship of the River Bourne Community Farm using funds supplied by the developer. This could well be an exciting opportunity to make considerable improvements for the benefit of all – so come along and find out!

The BFRA AGM is on 22nd February 2013, at 7.30 pm in Greentrees School. We expect representatives from WC and the PC as well as our Corporate Members. Unfortunately, our MP John Glen cannot make it this year. This is your chance to discuss matters of interest to you and to get an update on what is being done, voluntarily, on your behalf. If you have a particular agenda item that you wish to raise please contact the BFRA Chair asap.

HP2/Core Strategy: It is worth emphasising the situation with HP2 before the AGM. There appear to be quite a few residents who have either not followed the unfolding story over the last few years or have misunderstood where we are. With John Glen now working as PPS to Eric Pickles we have the latest facts to hand. The original Core Strategy was the initial stitch up between WC and the now defunct SDC – where the PC and BFRA were ignored and HP2/500 houses was born. Although the many errors in process and planning have been fought over in the intervening years, the Core Strategy is binding. John Glen has met with Barratts more than once to express our concerns with HP2. While they have no obligation to do anything, they have revised the plans for HP2 and will reveal these changes once they have agreed the purchase of the land. This should have occurred before you receive this magazine and thus the development may be close to starting. So the battle has been fought, most recently by John Glen, and there is no way of over-turning HP2. The PC and BFRA believe we might still have some leverage with how the development turns out and will keep you informed if any opportunities appear.

One Stop Shop: The general deterioration around the One Stop Shop and adjacent businesses has not been helped by the continuous wet weather – with frost now making some of the paths extremely hazardous. We reported in the last PN that we had been chasing the landlord for some time and we finally received a response from Sanctuary Housing at the end of November. They had asked their maintenance contractor to make a site visit and draw up a report on the works required. We have not heard anything since but are hopeful some remedial works will happen early in 2013



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General Improvements: Our Chair keeps a close eye on the local infrastructure and took her chance to challenge the electricity board about the state of the sub-stations. The results were almost instantaneous with new doors on the sub-station on Tryhorn Drive and vegetation removed from the one in Apostle Way. It just proves it can pay to ask those responsible if they can fix a problem.

Waste Collection & Recycling: On your behalf we approached WC to find out why there were 18 days between household waste collections which included both Christmas and New Year. The detailed reply was quite lengthy but, in brief, with 3 bank holidays this was an unexpected consequence of the fortnightly collection system introduced last year. WC pointed out that the gap to the next collection was only 11 days and WC expected residents with too much waste to hold it over for that collection. However, it would be much more sensible if we did not generate so much waste and recycled more. You can now recycle all hard plastics (i.e. not cellophane) at Churchfields – plastic bottles still go in the Blue Bin. The dreaded Tetrapaks can also be recycled there. For those who sorted out bagged waste for energy (i.e. burnt to produce electricity) the skip is back at Churchfields. You may also like to consider home composting, WC does offer subsidised food waste digesters which will deal with bio-degradable waste including food waste. Please see the link below to the Council's webpage:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling/recycling/homecomposting.htm>

Litter: Following on neatly from the time above there was some slight improvement over the Christmas break in the amount of litter being dropped. However, it did not take long to pick up 2 bags worth of litter just going around Hartley Way/Pearce Way in a circle. Some of this litter is clearly being hurled from passing cars – after all why would you want to take your litter home?! Most of the litter is related to alcohol, soft drinks, sweets and crisps so it is fairly clear where the problem lies. The good news is that there is relatively little smoking litter. We also have dog walker(s) who scoop the poop then throw the bag in the bushes – you are allowed to put the bag in any of the very many litter bins, it is not difficult. The final problem is dog walkers who do not clear up after their dogs – this is becoming a problem again particularly on The Green.

Parish Council: We welcome the new Parish Clerk, Andrew Prince, who has jumped in with enthusiasm to carry on the excellent work of his predecessor Steve Hannath. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for all his hard work and assistance during his 6 year tenure.

Note that you can now read the Parish Council Meeting minutes on the Notice Board next to the Surgery.

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

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Money Saving Oil Scheme

Several Ford residents have fed back that they have found the information in our last issue regarding the OIL CLUB and that they have managed to make some savings on their bills as a result. Thanks to Mark Kibblewhite for sending in the information in the first place.

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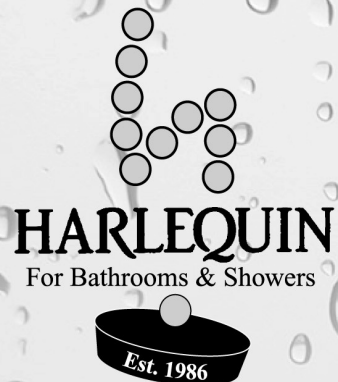
During the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013, 11 Landrovers, predominantly old Defenders stolen from across the county, and 10 quadbikes/ATV's. As put out on the text alerts in December, there were four people from Hampshire, arrested in TVP area, with stolen vehicles from Wiltshire. And three people from London, arrested in Wiltshire, with a stolen 4x4 from Gloucestershire.

These are "attractive items" to those that are stealing them, and probably vital to your businesses. Consider the security of these items when they are not in use. Secure any buildings in which they are stored to the best of your ability. And consider CESAR (Protective Marking) of the vehicles, or fitting them with GPS tracking devices. You can even get GPS devices that will ring you when the protected items move, or leave a certain area. Wiltshire Police has two Crime Prevention Officers who will come out to your farms/premises and provide free security advice should you so wish.

Your South Wiltshire contact is; Amanda Clarke, 01722435318, amanda.clarke@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

The start of 2013 saw an increase in tractor or plant theft from farms. If anyone has any information with regards to any of the above vehicle related theft, please contact us, Rural Crime Team, or Crimestoppers as below.

Some of our neighbouring Forces to the east of Wilts, have experienced a spate of working dog thefts. We have had several cases of ferrets being stolen from south of the county. County boundaries do not mean anything to this type of individual so please consider security of kennels, cages etc in which you may keep working animals.




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And finally, some crime statistics... Showing 2012 against 2011. These results have been searched against the word "farm" on our recording systems.

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"Non Dwelling Burglaries" are where outbuildings or structures are entered, and items within are stolen. This can be anything from a horse rug in a stable block, to a JCB in a barn. We have had **190** offences reported in 2012 against **252** in 2011.

"Theft from Vehicles" stands at **51** offences for 2012, against **70** in 2011.

In relation to Quads/ATV's, Plant, and 4x4's, these figures are for 2012, and are from anywhere in the County. There have been 52 quadbikes or ATV's stolen, 34 of which have gone from farms. There were 17 pieces of Plant stolen, 7 of which went from farms. And 44 4x4's, 14 of which went from farms. Of these 4x4's, 20 were Land-rover Defenders, 10 of which went from farms.

Harecoursing reports for 2012 were down to 277 reported incidents compared to 328 for 2011. The downward trend was in the first 8 months, as from August onwards the numbers of incidents have been pretty much the same each year.

RURAL CRIME TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

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INSIGHTS: Salisbury Samaritans

In 1953 a churchman – Chad Varah – officiated at the funeral of a twelve year old girl who had killed herself after starting her periods. She believed she was suffering from a terrible disease and felt there was no one she could talk to. At that time suicide was not only a taboo subject, it was also illegal. Survivors of suicide attempts could be imprisoned or placed for long periods in mental institutions.

Chad decided to make himself available to those who were despairing or suicidal, giving them an opportunity to talk, in confidence, about their distress. He also asked some of his parishioners to provide tea and biscuits for those who were waiting to see him. Gradually the number of people coming to see Chad diminished - not because there was less despair or because fewer people felt suicidal – but because over those cups of tea, the callers had felt able to confide in those sympathetic and accepting listeners.

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In November last year, the Service was called to help hundreds of people whose homes and businesses had been affected by water coming off the roads and fields.

One of the main causes of surface water flooding is blocked drains – so we would encourage communities to help themselves, where safe and where possible, and clear drain grills on their local roads, so that any excess water can be carried away.”

Residents are also encouraged to help make sure the gulleys are clear in quiet roads and cul de sacs.

Severely blocked drains on main roads should be reported as soon as possible to the local authority – Wiltshire Council on 0800 232323

SM Geddes said: “We certainly don't want people trying to lift drain grills, but It only takes a few minutes to sweep away leaves and debris and maybe use a rod or stick to ensure that there is no immediate blockage beneath the grill. Such a simple thing could make a huge difference to whether or not a road floods. If every community helps itself like this, we will hopefully have less emergency calls to deal with in the coming weeks.”

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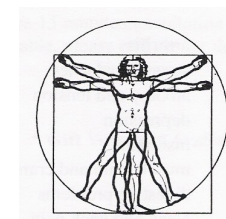
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We do think the bed has matured over the years. Members put their names on a rota and undertake to tidy it throughout the year. We also do this for the containers outside the Village Hall, although this task is taken on by Carol and Chris Curtis and their efforts are, we hope equally appreciated by residents and members of the public alike.

This coming summer we have the Village Open Gardens Day on Sunday 14th July. When we opened in 2011 we had 163 visitors and raised over £900 for the charity 'Greenfingers' which establishes gardens in hospices for children.

We are always eager to hear from local people who are willing to open their garden and join the band of stalwarts who have taken part in the Open Gardens day for many years now. I can assure you that opening your garden to the public will give you a lot of pleasure. If you are proud and pleased with your garden please phone me on 01722 320522. You do not have to be a member of the Club to take part. We are happy to undertake the organisation of the event on behalf of the local community.

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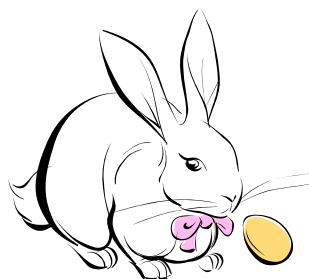
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Anyone can become a carer. Carers come from all walks of life, all cultures and can be of any age. Many feel they are doing what anyone else would in the same situation; looking after their mother, son, or best friend and just getting on with it.

What do carers need?

Taking on a caring role can present a range of problems such as poverty, isolation, ill health and depression. Many carers have to give up an income, future employment prospects and pension rights to become a carer. Other carers may work outside the home and have to juggle jobs with their responsibilities as carers. The majority of carers struggle alone and do not know that help is available to them. However, those who seek support say that access to information, financial support and breaks in caring are vital in helping them manage the impact of caring on their lives.

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We also hold weekly drop in sessions between 10.00am and 1.00pm every Tuesday at our Salisbury office - 15 New Street, Salisbury SP1 2PH.

With an ageing population, the UK will need more care from families and friends in the future. This is an issue that will touch everyone's life at some point. Carer support concerns everyone.

PULL OUT

LAVERSTOCK EVERGREEN CLUB

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm

LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm

- 11th March** Moscow to St Petersburg with John Gidley
8th April Quick and Easy Cooking with Janice Long
13th May 100 years of the Operatic Society with Joyce Bowden
10th June Walk Milford Street Bridge Project with George Fleming
 meet at the Greencroft at 7.45pm

LAVERSTOCK & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings held on the third Monday of the Month

- Mar 18th** Laverstock & Ford Village Hall
 AGM with entertainment
Apr 15th Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
 Village Life in the 1940's and 50's by John Pitman
May 20th Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
 Topical Issues and Quiz
June 17th Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, 7.45pm
 Summer Show and Birthday Party

MOTHER'S UNION, Evening & Afternoon Groups

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday at 2.15 pm and on the 1st Tuesday at 7.30 pm usually in the Curtis Room at St. Andrew's Church

- March 12th** Art and Faith. Mary Fawcett. 7.30 pm
March 27th Joanne Triffitt. Mothers Union Development Worker. 2.15pm
April 9th Cross in my Pocket. 7.30 pm
April 24th Buy Bye Childhood. Rosemary Allen. 2.15 pm

LAVERSTOCK GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall

March 25th, April 29th, May 27th, June 24th

ALL TIMES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CHECK WITH
 INDIVIDUAL GROUP ORGANISERS see contacts on page 60

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Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Park Road (off Duck Lane), Laverstock, SP1 1RQ Regular Events			
Day		Event	Time
Mon		Rosemary Conley Fitness Diet	9.30 -11.00 am
	1st	Bonsai	7.00-11.30 pm
	2nd	Goldies in Salisbury www.golden-oldies.org.uk	2-3pm
		Ladies Open Group	7.45-10.00pm
	3rd	WI	7.45-9.30 pm
	4th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Tues		Taoist Tai Chi	10.00-12.00 noon
		Pilates	6.00-8.00pm
Weds	1st	Evergreen	2.30 pm
		Cubs	6.30 -7.30 pm
		Scouts	7.30-10.00 pm
Thur		Toddler Group (Term-time only)	10.00-11.20am
		Line Dancing	2.30-4.00 pm
		Tai Chi	7.00-9.00 pm
Friday		Fitness League	2.00-3.15 pm
		Brownies (Term-time only)	6.00-7.30 pm
Sat		Beavers	9.30-10.30 am

Laverstock Village Hall Casual hire available at weekends. Contact
 Louise Hatch, the Hall **Lettings Secretary, Tel. 01722 500461**