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View from the Chair

The election leaflets start coming through our letter boxes remind us that we are reaching the last months of this council and it seems a good time to look back and reflect on what we have achieved over the last four years.

However before I do that, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that all of those election leaflets are likely to be for those wanting to serve as one of the two councillors who represent the parish on Wiltshire Council. We are also going to need to elect 16 Parish Councillors. The good news if you don't like the thought of knocking on doors or putting out leaflets is that parish elections are rarely contested. However they are important!

We have had an amazing team of Parish Councillors over the last four years. Some have been busy people with full time jobs who have only been able to commit to one meeting a month and the occasional working group, others have had more time to offer. Both types of input are valuable and the diversity of views and experience have helped us to better understand the needs of our community and as you will see below make a real difference.

The deadline to nominate yourself as a Parish Councillor is the 2nd April, but you need to allow some time first for some form filling! Our Parish Council Officers will be happy to explain the process, and if you want to find out more about the role of a councillor please do reach out to me or any of the other councillors. I can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding things I have done and it is a real privilege to be able to make a difference for our community.

So what have we achieved? Here are some brief highlights based on the goals in our Parish Strategic Plan :-

Community Resilience ensuring the parish is a place where everyone feels part of a safe & supportive local community. Establishing the Community Emergency Volunteers Scheme and Speed Watch.

Planning & development development in the parish results in a thriving semi-rural community with excellent facilities and heritage assets. Neighbourhood Plan created, passed and review underway. Developments at Old Sarum Airfield and Church Road challenged successfully (to date!). Lots of positive behind the scenes work with developers at Longhedge and Old Sarum.

Sustainable Transport promoting safe, sustainable travel across the parish. The Church Road Traffic Regulation Order is finally in place and a consultation underway to ensure local residents have a say about how it is working. Initiatives to promote cycling in schools and improve cycle paths.

Climate Change & Environment New Parish Environment Group set up, trees planted, Country Park continuing to flourish, provide access to high quality spaces for play, recreation, community activity and the enjoyment of nature.

Provide access to high quality spaces for play, recreation, community activity and the enjoyment of nature The future of Bishopdown Farm Pavillion secured and Laverstock Village Hall and Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre supported through some difficult times. Whitebridge Boardwalk replaced. New play parks across Bishopdown Farm.

Nick Baker, Chair

FRONT COVER: Our thanks to local residents, Councillors, and guests (who came from neighbouring parishes) who became #LitterHeroes in February

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Parish Council Meetings

Monday March 17 at 7 pm
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

Monday April 14 at 7 pm
at Hampton Park Pavilion, Bishopdown Farm

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday March 04
Hangar 1, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at 6 pm

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

For dates of meetings, minutes, agenda's, contacts,
parish information, news and more.

Editorial Deadline

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Report from the Parish Council

Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

<https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/meetings>

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **March 04** at the **Boscombe Down Aviation Collection**, Hangar 1, South, Old Sarum Airfield, SP4 6DZ from 6 pm to 7.30 pm

ALL RESIDENTS (who are listed on the electoral role for this parish) are invited to attend, to hear updates on the strategic areas and to raise any issues or ideas to improve the parish, such as the proposed pedestrian crossing for young people walking from the Laverstock Schools to Bishopdown Farm, Ford and beyond.

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OLD SARUM: a significant amount of litter and broken glass has been found at the skatepark, please ask your children to take their litter home if you are aware they are regular users of this park.

FORD: Community Speedwatch

The Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Officer has reported that they caught, seven vehicles speeding on 30 January 2025 in Ford, near The Steadings. This stretch of road has a clearly displayed speed limit of 30mph, as well as a number of traffic-calming measures. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 48mph while, of the seven, only two were doing less than 40mph. On the day in question, it was bright and sunny; roads were still damp in places from previous rain.

Depending on previous convictions and history: -

5 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course

2 drivers will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice and 3 points.

Proceedings will now be undertaken to ensure the most appropriate outcome for the offenders takes place.

Cllr Jones, our Speedwatch Co-ordinator says we still need more volunteers, so please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team. Safety is everyone's responsibility!

LAVERSTOCK: Residents requested that the MUGA in Duck Lane could be tidied up. Materials are on order to replace damaged fence panels but unfortunately the nets in the basketball hoops have been consistently damaged and the decision made not to replace them in the foreseeable future.

LONGHEDGE: the Operations Officer has asked Vistry to remove the significant amount of site-waste, situated between the retention pond and the swale.

March 29 Community Action Day

As part of the Great British Spring Clean, we'll be holding a litter pick and various community actions around the Parish, including a follow-up Bike Marking event. There will also be a litter-pick of the Green at Old Sarum in April, we hope residents will join us to tidy this area up.

Watch out for details on our website www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

Community Emergency Volunteer MEETINGS

If you missed the meeting on Feb 18 at Hampton Park Pavilion, you might like to add these dates to your Diary -

1. Weds 30 April, 7pm at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre (Small Hall).
2. Sat 06 September (venue tbc)

Country Park Artwork Re-imagined

During the pandemic we were saddened to note that the artwork by Kerry Lemon, that was installed as part of a Country Park Art Trail, was not coping with our Wiltshire weather and some of the pillars were in a poor state.

Mindful of the community involvement and personal stories that went into creating this artwork, the Parish Council approached the Public Art Officer at Wiltshire Council and through a generous funding grant, Wiltshire Council enabled the Parish Council to go back to the artist and discuss ways of preserving the artwork in a more durable fashion.

Thanks to Kerry Lemon and Black Forge Art, the Art Pillars are now re-imagined and back in place to delight future generations of visitors to Castle Hill Country Park.

The art pillars, feature flora and fauna found around the area, you will find poppy, hare, chalk milkwort, horse shoe vetch, skylark and pyramidal orchid all reflected in the designs which as they age will patinate and become a more integral part of the landscape.





Silent Disco

Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre
Tuesday 25 March, 2.00pm - 4.00pm



Come and sit or dance at this facilitated silent disco at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre.

Choose your own music and immerse yourself in this unique experience listening to music from all eras on headphones with others.

Refreshments will be served from 3pm as part of this event.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted to the Parish. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

PL/2024/11496 Works to trees in a conservation area **No Objection**

PL/2024/11353 Conversion of Agricultural building to dwelling house under Sch2 Pt3 Class Qb of General Permitted Development Order 2015 Willow Tree Barn, Ford, SP4 6DJ **PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED**

PL/2024/09679 Raised timber deck, 46 Pilgrims Way, Laverstock SP1 1RZ **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2025/01108 Proposed works to trees in a conservation area, 1 Throgmorton Hall, SP4 6BQ *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/01066 Demolish existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension 1 Melvin Close, Laverstock, SP1 1PG *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/01054 Proposed works to trees in a conservatory area 2, The Churchills, Throgmorton Hall, SP4 6BQ *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/01052 Proposed first floor extension and extension and alterations, 6 the Steadings, Ford, SP4 6BH

PL/2025/00941 Works to trees in a conservation area, 15 Green lane Ford, SP4 6DE *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/00940 Works to protected tree in a conservation area, Ford SP4 6DE *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/00854 Full Planning Permission, The Pavilion, Ash Crescent, Bishopdown Farm SP1 3GY

PL/2025/00525 Replacement of conservatory with extension 9 Norton Drive Ford, SP4 6DA *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/00439 Porch and extensions 71 Church Road, Laverstock SP1 1QZ *NO COMMENT*

PL/2025/00241 Works under tree preservation order, 8 Norton Drive, Ford *PRIOR APPROVAL*

PL/2024/10111 Discharge of Section 106 agreements Land at Westside Close, Old Sarum *OBJECT*

PL/2024/10838 Works to TPO trees 10 Green Lane, Ford *NO COMMENT*

PL/2024/07470 Retention of Storage Containers for a Period of 12 Months. DISTLOC HOUSE, 60 OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, SP4 6DZ

PL/2023/10145 Change of Use of land to provide 3No. Additional Gypsy and Traveller family pitches for an extended family, x3 No. Static Mobile Homes, parking for 6 vehicles 2 per pitch, turning area, passing places, together with other hardstandings. Land between Open View and Little Acre, Main Road, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 6DS *NO COMMENT*

2022/04875 Proposed commercial development, SALISBURY RETAIL PARK, LONDON ROAD Salisbury SP1 3YX *SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS*

2021/04084 Residential development of 53 new dwellings on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F) alongside with the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the OLD SARUM LOCAL CENTRE (Area G) to provide 7 affordable apartments. OLD SARUM. *OBJECT WITH REASONS*

20/11145/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the subdivision of the residential plot and the erection of up to 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). Land SE Of BOURNE HOUSE, FORD LANE, FORD, SP4 6DJ *OBJECT to revised application*



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What's On at...

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THURSDAY
7PM - 9:30PM

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SUNDAY
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FRIDAY
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Slimming WORLD
SATURDAY
8:30-10:30AM

A Huge Thank you ...

to all Residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish



After 30 years as first, your Salisbury District and since 2009, your Wiltshire Councillor, it is time for me to step back and let a new councillor represent Laverstock Division (Laverstock, Milford and Bishopdown Farm)

For 26 of my 30 years, I represented either all of the Parish, or Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum until the boundary change at the last election. The Parish Newsletter has gifted me this opportunity to say thank you and au revoir, particularly to the communities not covered by my final Viewpoint.

I was a very proud, much younger man on 4th May 1995, when the 1400 homes in the whole parish elected me by 22 votes! In 2017 75% of the residents of Laverstock, Ford, Milford, Old Sarum and Longhedge kept your faith in me. The new division election in 2021 was the 8th consecutive election, in which residents kept that faith. Eternal thanks.

In 2009, we all said goodbye to Salisbury District Council. I joined fellow Laverstock and Ford Councillors Frank Bissington and Dickie Lodge as Laverstock representatives. My fellow councillors had elected me Chairman, for the final year. As no one replaced me, perhaps I still am?

I am pleased to say that I managed, with the help of others, to deliver a few good projects, across the parish and finished with a 30 year project - clearing the dangerous Church Road school traffic. That was with the help of many, including the schools. In an area targeted by Planners and developers for housing, I am particularly pleased that, with my socialist view that the people should own their community assets, I helped pave the way for the Community Farm, Water Meadows and country parks - land to be handed over as community assets. The Parish Council have more than risen to the assets challenge. I thank them, on all our behalf.

At Old Sarum and Longhedge we have many community assets now. One that stands out is the huge bus shelter for the children of Partridge Way. They got very wet whilst waiting for 'always-late' buses to transport them to seven different schools. I managed to secure funding from several organisations to achieve that one! It has been well looked after by it's users.

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Another stand out project is Old Sarum Nursery. Natalie Moss and I, with help, managed to open that after 3 months of intense work. Half the time of the fastest expectation! As a local charity, it thrives today and has given many, many children a great start to their schooling life. I have loved my time and thank you all so much, for your unwavering faith in my ability to represent you. I have, in turn, tried to keep you all fully informed of my activities, on our behalf, with my twice a year (at least), Viewpoint newsletters. I care about you all and wish you nothing but the best, going forward.

Ian McLennan.
Wiltshire Councillor



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Wiltshire Police Update

Update on the review of Wiltshire Police (WP) funding settlement. The key change is the additional, dedicated funding for Neighbourhood Policing.

This additional grant (of £1.6m) is predicated on Wiltshire Police incurring additional costs for future Neighbourhood Policing Team officer growth as outlined in the Government's manifesto. It does not, have any impact on the savings outlined for 2025/2026 - WP must save £5.2m, in addition to the £1.6m savings already identified.

In terms of WP operational service, Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, shared a recent example of outstanding policing in Wiltshire which resulted in dangerous individuals being taken off our streets. An extensive Wiltshire Police investigation into a multi-million pound conspiracy to supply cocaine across the southwest. For almost five years, the group led by brothers Warren and Kelroy Allison, used encrypted communication networks to ship more than 70kg of cocaine across the region. Following a twelve-week trial at Winchester Crown Court, the eight defendants were sentenced to a combined 82 years' imprisonment. The ringleader, Warren Allison, was jailed for 23 years.

This investigation has systematically broken up a significant criminal operation across Wiltshire, the South West region and beyond. The drugs that the group dealt between 2016 and 2020 contributed to the significant, harmful societal, health and economic impact that cocaine has in the UK. This will have included the associated issues of the grooming of young people into criminality, anti-social behaviour, drug-related violence and acquisitive crime.

February saw the national amnesty for soon to be outlawed blank firing guns. The campaign, led by the National Crime Agency, National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) covered Turkish manufactured top-venting blank firers (TVBFs) which are now illegal to possess after they were found to be convertible to a viable firearm following testing by the NCA. Anyone in possession of a TVBF could be subject to prosecution and up to 10 years imprisonment. To find out where you can hand these guns in, please visit www.wiltshire.police.uk

A YouGov study, published in the press, examined how Generation Z (those born between 1997-2012) view national institutions – including the NHS, the military and the police service. Broadly, the research indicated that Generation Z had lost confidence in the police. Without that trust, then people will not pick up the phone and allow WP to help them or provide WP with information that can help them to police effectively, prevent crime and keep people safe. WP want to ensure they are involved and engaged with communities and that the first contact young people have with them should not be when they are involved in any way in a criminal investigation, be that victim or suspect. This commitment to supporting children and young people is at the heart of WP's collaborative approach, supported by partners, to keep young people safe.

condensed from a report by Catherine Roper, Chief Constable

Castle Hill Country Park

First signs of spring have appeared! What was the first thing you noticed? Was it the snowdrops blooming, hazel catkins hanging from the tree? Or maybe frogs and toads making their way back to their favourite pond! It's always an exciting time and that's no different in the country park. Skylarks will soon be arriving back to begin searching for a suitable place to nest. Our wonderful grasslands will soon be filled with a variety of native wildflowers which will begin to attract our many pollinators.

A BIG THANK YOU to the fantastic local residents who have responded to our appeal for help, and braved the wind and the rain to get outdoors and help achieve a mountain of good work across Castle Hill. From cutting back a 'Sleeping-Beauty's-Castle' amount of thorn and bramble to clearing the path beneath the new Bike Pump track, to helping put in safety fences on the pump track itself, and help us tackle drainage issues on some of the hill paths (still a work in progress but we will continue to monitor). The Pump Track sailed through its safety inspection and with a little bit more help from willing volunteers we hope to see this officially open in the spring.

Our new friends from the Salisbury & District Beekeepers Association (SDBKA) have helped to plant a whopping 125 trees to celebrate their 150th Anniversary. It was great fun working with them, we look forward to other exciting projects with SDBKA in the future.

Residents who walk along Fiander Lane will have noticed that the Orchard area has now been cleared ready for more planting - any community groups wanting to help us with that please do get in touch! If you go up on the top of the Hill you will notice a newly fenced area, this is to ensure nesting skylarks have a dog-free area to nest. A recent survey shows that they nest all over Castle Hill so we continue to ask you to ensure dogs are kept on a lead, and that you take extra care during nesting season (from April to August). By way of compensation, our contractors, have opened up nearby grassland paths by clearing wide areas of scrub.

On the subject of dogs, there has been 'facebook chat' about challenging behaviour from dogs and their humans around the Dog Agility Area, we will be putting up signage with guidance for how best to use this area and would urge anyone coming across aggressive dogs (and their humans) to simply report this via 101. You can report via phone or online, it all gets logged and will help us to work with the Neighbourhood Police Team and the Dog Wardens to improve this situation.

We have now got an official Castle Hill Country Park Facebook page up and running which we will be using to update you on activities and opportunities. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571719510780> If you take any photos of wildlife, flowers or lovely views from the park we would love to see them, so please share them with us on our Facebook page or just copy us in via @thecastlehillcountrypark (nature reserve).



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Our thanks to our Parish Councillors for giving up their Saturday afternoon for a 'Meet The Councillors Session' on Feb 11th. We hope to elect 16 parish councillors at the May elections, and currently have four vacancies. If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, please consider becoming a parish councillor. We would be happy to talk to you about this role. The nomination form has to be submitted by Weds 02 April at the latest. See more here: <https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/becoming-a-parish-councillor>

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Beatrice B. Investigates . . .

This month, I've been to investigate the Community Pantry at the Old Sarum Community Centre. I've been going to the Community Centre for both Beavers, and now Cubs, and have seen the Pantry change over the last 18 months, from a cupboard with some pretty decorations to a permanent fixture in the centre. My family live in Longhedge, and I have walked round with my parents to collect the occasional food item in the past from outside Gemma's house. So I went to visit Gemma, the lady behind the Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Pantry and asked her some questions.

Hi Gemma, thank you for finding time to speak to me. Can you tell me why the pantry started?

Hi Beatrice! The pantry opened to help people and families who are struggling with the cost of living or other financial difficulties to lower their shopping costs.

Who is able to use the pantry?

We really wanted to be able to help people and families who are just above the assessment or referral levels required for some other schemes. We don't have any criteria - anyone can use the Community Pantry. We know there are people who are really struggling but are just over the threshold for support and we wanted to be able to help them directly.

Why is it in Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre?

I started off using the OLIO app myself, but realised I often had excess items, so I started putting those excess items on the local Longhedge Residents facebook page. People started collecting items from my house, up to 100 families a week using the service. I was also delivering items to people who have disabilities - a service I still do.

Supported by the Parish Council and Abri, Nina approached me when she became the Community Centre Manager and asked if we could create something more official to serve as a hub at the Old Sarum Community Centre and now we have been here for about 18 months.

We've had some food items from outside your house in the past! Do you run the pantry on your own? Are there any other staff?

Nina and myself run the pantry and we have 25 incredible volunteers supporting us including Sue from New Sarum WI, who has been with us from the beginning and encourages other WI members to support us.



What can someone get from the Pantry and how much does it cost?

We offer a once weekly shop, which costs £5. This allows you to get around £35 worth of shopping. We also believe that items such as toiletries, cleaning supplies, nappies and baby products are essential, so we offer these as well. We have two fridges with fruit and vegetables which are free and don't count towards the shop, so there are no restrictions on items that are good for you! We have products for people with allergies, from oat milk to gluten free and vegan options.

Do you serve meals as well?

Yes! We serve breakfast and light snacks on a Wednesday and hot dinners on a Friday.

When is the Pantry open?

We are open 8:30pm - 9:00pm on a Tuesday for pantry shopping, 9:00am-12:30pm on a Wednesday and 3:30pm - 6:30pm on a Friday.

How many people do you see in a month?

In January, we have seen close to 300 households, up from 200 households late last year.

Do you have enough food to serve all those people?

Yes, although sometimes it is a stretch, and we are always looking for more offer of donations and support. We've had support from other local food banks, funding from Wiltshire Southern Area Board and other local organisations, and Salisbury Museum donated a fridge cabinet. All of it helps and every penny is re-invested in the Community Pantry.

What are your long terms plans?

We plan to expand our offering, and are looking at how we can do this. For instance, a van would allow us to get to the more rural areas and help those communities and people that have mobility or transport issues.

Thanks to Gemma and Nina for showing me around the Pantry and making me feel so welcome. It's an incredible asset for our community and wider areas of the parish. It couldn't operate without Gemma and Nina, and all of the volunteers that make it happen - Beatrice B.

FOOD WASTE FACTS : THE UK THROWS AWAY AROUND 9.5 MILLION TONNES OF FOOD WASTE EACH YEAR. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO EIGHT MEALS PER PERSON PER WEEK - FOOD WASTE IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO GLOBAL WARMING AND OZONE LAYER DEPLETION - FOOD WASTE IS ALSO A MORAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUE - THE LEADING CAUSES OF FOOD WASTE ARE OVERBUYING, OVER PRODUCTION, AND SPOILAGE.



Laverstock Gardening Club

The Laverstock Gardening Club meets on the fourth Monday of most months in the Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 7:30 pm. We usually have a talk by an outside speaker and then it's tea/coffee and a chat. All are welcome.

After a Christmas break we reconvened in January with our New Year Party. There was an excellent turnout at the village hall despite Storm Herminia. Jill Kay and her team prepared a two course meal based on jacket potatoes plus fillings and a variety of home-made desserts. Maureen Smith created some excellent quizzes to keep us occupied whilst waiting for our food.

We have had a varied programme this year with talks on Horatio's Garden, Food for Salisbury and Arundell's Community Project plus an item on orchids and a successful Summer Show in August.

Next season starts in March with Alex Graham from the National Gardens Scheme and then talks on Mottisfont Roses, New Forest conservation and Hilliers amongst others.

March sees Alex Graham from NGS and April brings Frogg Moody.

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Skylarks Choir are doing a 1940s sing along concert on **Monday 5th May 2.30-4pm.** at Laverstock Village Hall. We will decorate the hall, some of us will dress up, and there will be tea and cake, like an indoor VE Day party. Proceeds to the Laverstock & Ford village hall for repairs.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS

The Laverstock and Ford Community Emergency Volunteers have recently benefitted from a generous grant from Scottish and Southern Electricity which will allow us to procure emergency equipment and will greatly enhance our capability. **If you are interested in joining the Volunteers, please contact the coordinator, Jon Gunns, at: cev@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk**

WHY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE?

You will have seen that the Parish has formed the Community Emergency Volunteers group to increase the readiness and resilience of the local community when faced with an emergency. But why is community resilience required? Is this not the responsibility of Government and appropriate authorities?

We have all seen the pressure on Government finances and the impact that this is having on services. But, even if Government could invest more into resilience, there is still a compelling case for community involvement. The catastrophic floods in southern Spain, saw over 200 people dead and huge damage to homes, cars, and infrastructure. The government was overwhelmed by the scale of the disaster and in many areas the local community led the immediate response.

"Thousands upon thousands of people have been volunteering to help get their towns back towards some kind of functionality – while the army and emergency services appear to be largely absent."

In the UK, while less severe, Storm Eowyn brought strong winds to many areas. Two days after the storm hit 100,000 people were still without power. Community Emergency Volunteers are important because they provide crucial support to a community during emergencies by offering immediate assistance, utilising local knowledge, and filling gaps in services that professional responders may not be able to reach, ultimately building resilience and fostering a sense of unity within the community when disaster strikes; essentially, they act as an extra layer of support "on the ground" to help people in need until professional help arrives.

Additionally, in an emergency, many people may wish to volunteer to assist the community. However, untrained and unregulated volunteers may become a hindrance rather than a help. The Community Emergency Volunteers can provide the nucleus around which a wider volunteer response can be organised, increasing effectiveness while also ensuring the safety of responders.



Jon Gunns

WHAT'S IN A NAME 9.

HAWKER AVENUE, Longhedge

Major Lanoe George Hawker was born on 30 December 1890 in the village of Longparish, just 23 miles from the street HAWKER AVENUE, Longhedge that now bears his name. His father was an officer in the Royal Navy and his mother the daughter of a major in 74th Highlanders.

He started education at Stubbington House, a preparatory school for the Navy, and entered the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth at age 11. Ill health prevented a naval career and he joined the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich as an officer cadet. He quickly took an interest in aviation and learnt to fly at his own expense at Hendon, being awarded Aviator's Certificate No. 435.

While posted to Cork as a 1st Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers he applied for a transfer to the Royal Flying Corp and started training at Upavon just before the start of the WW1. He joined 6 Squadron in France in October 1914 flying the Henri Farman and the two-seat B.E.2.c. In 1915, still with 6 Squadron, Hawker was flying single-seat Bristol Scouts and had been credited with several engineering innovations to improve machine gun operation from RFC aircraft. In 1915 the RFC had yet to perfect the forward firing synchronised machine gun already in use by Germany.

On 25 July 1915, while on patrol over Passchendaele, Captain Hawker engaged three German aircraft in quick succession and brought down two. For this feat he was awarded the Victoria Cross; the third given to an airman in WW1. The first were Rhodes-Moorhouse and Warneford. Hawker claimed three more victories in 1915 and became the first British flying ace.

Early in 1916 Hawker was promoted to major and placed in command of 24 Squadron flying Airco DH.2 (pusher) single-seat fighter aircraft. By November, 24 Squadron had claimed 70 victories against 12 aircraft lost. On 23 November Hawker engaged a superior Albatross D.II flown by Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron). He was shot and killed and was buried alongside his crashed aircraft. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial and in a stained-glass window in St Nicholas Church, Longparish designed by Francis Skeete and installed in 1968. A copy of this window can be seen in the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop.

By Andrew Prince



Page 23. Major Lanoe Hawker, he also invented thigh length fleece-lined 'fug boots' and the 'Hawker fore-sight' ring-sight for machine guns.



ABOVE: MEMORIAL WINDOW designed by Francis Skeat and installed in 1968.

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LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

How quickly time flies when there are deadlines to be met. Already as I write this in January the birds are to be seen house hunting with twigs in their beaks, far too early of course due to our altered climate. However as you read this in March we

should be enjoying Spring having survived a couple of months of seasonal illnesses, in spite of all the vaccinations most of us have had. Remember, if Spring is here can Summer be far behind?

After a fairly giddy time leading up to the end of 2024 with all the celebrations and traditional festivities it is nice to be in calmer waters again and looking forward to another enjoyable and productive WI year.

We started 2025 with a very informative talk about Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Hypnotherapy. CBT provides a different angle to solving some of the everyday problems which can overwhelm us. It can help with anxieties and sleep issues, most of which if left untreated will inevitably lead to unpleasant physical reactions. Some form of rest is vital to maintain a good life balance and this form of talking therapy will help. Our talk culminated in a short session where we practiced our relaxation so thoroughly that we felt almost too relaxed to applaud Jo Pitkin our excellent speaker.

At our January meeting it was agreed to make Laverstock and Ford Village Hall our chosen charity for this year. All the money raised from competitions and sales of books and jigsaw puzzles will therefore be donated to this very worthy cause which provides such good facilities for our general meetings.

The Committee is finalising details of our new WI programme which starts in June. Our next talk is about Coco Channel and then we will hear about the History of Ice Cream. Our monthly Craft, Coffee and Lunch Clubs continue to provide fun and friendship.

We welcome new members and if you would like to learn more about your local Women's Institute please contact Louise Hall by email - Laverstock_sec@wiltshirewi.org.uk. Or by phone on 01722 326 549.

NEW SARUM WI

Having enjoyed our Christmas celebrations both at our December meeting and at our Christmas lunch at the White Hart hotel we look forward to an interesting and informative 2025.

Our final activity in 2024 was planting a tree in the new Kings Coronation Orchard in the Laverstock watermeadows, whilst our January meeting also had a very active start with a demonstration of line dancing by Mel Cane and the Mulepackers dancers. Those of our members who made it through the adverse weather conditions then took part on some fairly straightforward dances and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Also in January the group held a free 'Ear Health Check' for its members, accompanied by a charity fundraising stall and refreshments. Our grateful thanks to Kirsty from KJ Earwax removal for her time. Always eager to socialise, our Lunch Bunch & Wine O'clock group enjoyed a delicious lunch at Baroushka later that same month.

"A Short History of Ice Cream" was the speaker's topic for our February meeting. This was followed by discussions on the proposed WI Resolutions for the forthcoming year, which in turn would form the basis of the next WI's national campaign. Our March meeting will cover the subject of "Lasting Power of Attorney and Wills. The benefits and myths".

Future events include:-

A visit to the Dents Glove Museum near Warminster.

Bell ringing experience at St Lawrence Church Stratford Sub Castle.

A visit to Salisbury Cathedral for a tour and talk on the stained glass windows.

A visit to Salisbury Playhouse in February to learn of future events being organised by Wiltshire Creative.

A visit to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Our sub groups continue with enthusiasm and include:- Craft and Chat, History & Culture & Days Out, Coffee Mornings, Munch Bunch & Wine O'clock and the Reading group, although the Striders walking group is waiting for better weather!

We are delighted to have welcomed 14 new members recently. If you would like to find out more about this diverse, friendly and sociable group please either phone Sue on 07931 582357, email at newsarumwi@gmail.com, find us on www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI, or just turn up at the Old Sarum Community Centre, the first Wednesday of the month for a 7.15 pm start.

BDAC On Display

Since gaining accredited Arts Council England, Museum status in 2023, the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at Hangar 1, South at the Old Sarum Airfield, has gone from strength to strength and regular visitors will have noticed a huge improvement in the quality of signage and display materials. The Parish Council was delighted to be able to grant-fund a display cabinet and archival supplies, which has ensured the continued preservation of rare WW1 artefacts & flying clothing, linked to the early days of flight in the Old Sarum, Ford and Salisbury area.

You can see their packed programme of events on page 39 and on page 40, details of the 80th anniversary of the Arnsberg Viaduct raid, as well as the testing of the Grand Slam "Ten-Ton Tess" bombs at Ashley Walk Range near Godshill in the New Forest. Aircraft on these initial trials flew from RAF Boscombe Down, before the operational raid was undertaken by 617 Squadron.

Finally, on Tuesday March 04 they will be hosting the Annual Parish Meeting which we invite all residents to attend from 6pm to 7.30 pm to hear an update from organisations around the Parish and to register and burning issues such as the petition to install a pedestrian crossing near St. Thomas's Bridge, and of course hear a brief update from BDAC and learn about their exciting plans for the year ahead!



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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Christmas seemed a distance memory when this report was written at the end of January. After the busy Christmas period there is something to be said for a return to normal. January is not everybody's favourite month, but it is the start of a New Year and a new start and hopefully things to look forward to.

Our Ladies Group has started the year well with a very successful showing of the Secret Spitfires film. This was shown in the village hall by Alan Frenier and was attended by over 20 visitors as well as our own members. After the first devastating air attacks in September 1940 when a huge factory was destroyed, it was decided to disperse Spitfire production and Salisbury became the biggest of all the places of secret dispersed production. It was truly amazing to see and hear the story of how this was so secretly and successfully carried out.

Our February meeting welcomed Frogg Moody who talked about favourite articles from 'Bygone Salisbury' and March is our AGM when we also hope to have a craft evening. Looking forward to April when Allan Jones is going to tell us 'It's not what you say'.

Laverstock Ladies Open Group meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. We welcome new members. For more information email Moya Hill our Leader at moyahill@hotmail.com or phone Carol Taylor on 01722 322702

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EVERGREEN CLUB, Laverstock

This club, for the over 60s in the Parish, will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in June this year. Over this time it has proved to be a hub for friendship, entertainment and interest in Laverstock meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall.

In December we had a group visit to a most enjoyable matinee performance of Dick Whittington at Salisbury Playhouse where the joy of young school children invoked memories fun we, our children and grandchildren had at such annual treats.

We also entered a tree in the St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival decorated with baubles made by members at the November meeting and received many complimentary comments. The festival was visited by many locals and visitors to Salisbury.

We ended the year with a Christmas Party where we were entertained by the Navy Larks and had a good old sing along before tucking in to an afternoon tea with Christmas cake.

We have a good programme for the coming year so If you are over 60 and would like to spend an enjoyable afternoon and make new friends do come along to Laverstock Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Membership is £15 for the year but there is no other charge for the monthly meetings or refreshments. For further information phone Chairman Nancy Joyce on 01722 329150.



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Community facebook groups and pages: search for

Ask a Salisbury Vet, Bishopdown Farm, Riverdown Park Community, HOPEChurchSalisbury, Missing Dogs Salisbury page, SalisburyCampSiteQuest, LandFPC, Laverstock & Ford Community, @RiverBourneCommunityFarm, @Cafeatthefarm, Laverstock & Ford Residents, Longhedge Greenfingers, MilfordAreaPreservationGroup, The Duck Inn, New Sarum WI, Laverstock, Bishopdown, Ford & Old Sarum Litter Wombles, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Longhedge Residents, Longhedge Residents Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Laverstock & District Evening W.I, St Joseph's Catholic School, Laverstock, Wyvern St Edmunds, Friends of Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus (link to group for uniform exchange), Old Sarum & Longhedge Community, SOS - Save Old Sarum, Old Sarum Community Centre, Old Sarum Garden Centre, Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry, The Castle Hill Country Park, Laverstock & Ford Ladies FC, StMarksAndStAndrewsSalisbury, SarumRotary, WildaboutLaverstock

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Nina Cope: phone 01722 335349 email oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com

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Veronica Ford mobile 07483 894519 email hamptonparkpavilion@gmail.com

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Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

contact Graham Horner Visits Manager 07785 261978

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u3a JOIN US!

Sarum u3a, is an organisation which welcomes people no longer in full time employment to join together to learn, laugh and live! We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers. These meetings are held at St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am.

We also offer a vast variety of Interest Groups led by members with knowledge, experience or simply an interest in the subject, generally meeting in their own homes.

March 19th Alex Leger – Life on the License Fee, Challenges and change at the BBC

April 16th Paul Strickler – The Porthole Murder

May 21st Open Session for Group Presentations

Lesley Waller, Speaker Secretary

<https://u3asites.org.uk/sarum/welcome>

Salisbury Football Club Dates for the Diary

First Team Home Fixtures at the Ray Mac Stadium Old Sarum Salisbury. In The National League South.

March

Saturday 8th v Enfield Town K/O 15.00

Saturday 15th v Hampton & Richmond K/O 15.00

Saturday 29th v Tonbridge Angels K/O 15.00

April

Saturday 12th v Aveley K/O 15.00

Monday 21st v Eastbourne Borough K/O 15.00

Tuesday 29th v Swindon Supermarine K/O 19.45 – Wiltshire FA Premier Shield Final

Fixtures are subject to change.

Online tickets for all 1st team games are available at www.salisburyfc.co.uk/tickets/



As I write this we have just held our AGM, celebrating the last year and looking forward with hope to the year ahead. We shared our thoughts about what Mothers' Union means to us. We now have 19 members, with 2 more interested in joining.

In February we will have met twice: apart from our usual monthly meeting we will have played our part in the Wave of Prayer. Our "Wave of Prayer" is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work and members of each and every area in which Mothers' Union is active around the world is prayed for at some point.

Our meeting this month, 13th March, falls during the church's season of Lent; we will be meeting earlier than usual, at 1.00pm, for a soup lunch and then spend some time exploring a Bible passage together.

At our April meeting, on 10th, we will be hearing about the work of Gul Outdoor Therapy. Gul was founded in 2003 by a small church community but has always been open to all, regardless of faith or background. They believe that being outside is good for a person, and that – with vision and support – Gul can change the lives of individuals who are isolated and vulnerable.

It promises to be a fascinating talk, non-members would be very welcome to join us.

Please contact Pip Carter 07854 827233 or Joan Prior 07833 781075 if you want more info.

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14th January (online) **The Hawk Aircraft** **Chris Hodson**

Chris's talk is about a British success story, the BAe Hawk and in particular the story of XX154 - the first Hawk to fly, from inception to retirement. Hawker Siddeley (Kingston)'s design team's work was rewarded when an MoD competition was won in the early 70's. First flight was achieved with XX154 on 21 August 1974. The original concept included the importance of a base line for the aircraft's development and export sales. Subsequent perseverance by engineers, marketers, demonstrations by company test pilots, as well as Royal Air Force and Royal Navy pilots, has resulted in excess of 1000 BAE SYSTEMS Hawks operating today.



11th February (online) **Griffons, Merlins and Spitfires** **Kevin Patience author, researcher, presenter.**

The author served in the RAF and was at RAF Stradishall (Suffolk) in the 60s when it housed No1 Air Navigation School which flew Varsitys, Meteor NF14s and latterly Dominies. The author tells of his connections with the iconic WWII fighter, the Supermarine Spitfire and its power plant the Rolls Royce Merlin engine and his discovery and identification of three Spitfires off Malta including one on display in the Malta War Museum and one that now flies and some rare 1942 colour film of Spitfires in Malta.



11th March **Thunder through the Valleys** **Philip Stevens, author and aviation photographer**

Low level flying in military aircraft at speeds of up to 500 mph and as low as 100 feet above the ground is as challenging for the pilot as it is for the photographer wishing to capture the action. Philip talks about the challenges faced, revealing how and where the images were taken from mountainsides and desert canyons to cockpits for air to air. In addition he will talk about the skills pilots need to be effective in very dangerous flying environments and discuss the challenging conditions they face when flying fast and low over snow, the sea or through mountain ranges at night.



8th April **Youngest Bomber Pilot of WW2** **Graham Waterton, author**

Having left his grammar school just before his 16th birthday, Brian Slade falsified his age to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot. Within a few days of his 17th birthday, he was awarded his 'wings'. It was the start of this teenager's remarkable wartime career. Soon after being awarded his pilot's brevet, Brian was posted to his first squadron. Flying the venerable Vickers Wellington, he found himself experimenting with early target marking techniques. It was also there that Brian gained the nickname 'The Boy Slade'. After 34 operations he volunteered for a second tour and joined a Lancaster Pathfinder squadron.



13th May **Flight! Camera! Action! - Behind the Scenes of 2012** **Brig(rtd) Richard Folkes OBE FRAeS, ex Director of the Army Aviation**

As Head of Regulatory and Corporate Affairs at Leonardo Helicopters Richard Folkes describes his involvement in two unique events in 2012 when he unexpectedly found himself with the responsibility for setting up the aviation scenes in both the James Bond film 'Skyfall' and the 'top secret' arrival of 'HM The Queen' and James Bond by parachute into the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympic Games. He will take you behind the scenes and describe the fascinating story of how these two events were connected and performed.

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