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The Parish Precept...

Our Responsible Finance Officer dives in...

The Parish Precept forms part of your annual council tax bill, which includes charges to cover costs to deliver vital services to keep our communities safe, and clean to live in.

We hear from Wiltshire Council each year about the planned budget and this years forecast was : Adult services - £194m Families and children - £75m Highways and transport - £43.4m Environment (including waste) - £49.5m Education and skills - £38m. It was mentioned that income from Planning Fees was lower than expected and an overspend on social care was presenting financial challenges. We have heard about similar tightening of purse strings from Wiltshire Police and Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service. As a Parish Council our concerns are more immediate, in recent years we've added play parks and litter bins to our list as a result of devolved responsibilities from Wiltshire Council. We are also concerned with community assets such as bus shelters and community centres (see infographic opposite).

The Precept also has begun to cover costs for a rising amount of damage to community assets (for example, doors broken, benches smashed, play equipment vandalised...). We oversee the mowing of open spaces, and the care and monitoring of trees, and we give a donation to Salisbury City Council who bear the costs for Salisbury Cemetery which many of our residents also use, and we pay Salisbury City Communités to run one of our Youth Clubs, and support the other by paying for the hall hire, thus helping each other to bear the burden and fill the gaps. in short the money from your council tax bill goes a long way.

What this doesn't show is that beyond this work there are still jobs that need to be done. Together we all bear a collective responsibility to care for our neighbourhood by not dropping litter, or not dumping your waste where it harm the environment or wildlife, encourage rats etc. By having respect for our community assets and looking after them we get better value from them for longer. If we want neighbourhoods that are a joy to live in, we all have to help create communities where this can happen and not expect it to be someone elses problem. Going back to Wiltshire Council's forecast it shows that by jointly putting money in the pot, we can do a lot but as communities grow, and budgets shrink we need to take better care of what we have. We hope you are convinced that the Parish Council with just six employees gives value for £93.21 a year. We are the 13th largest parish in Wiltshire, and one of the 18 the largest towns and parishes in the UK where the average precept in 2024 was £211.83.



THE PARISH PRECEPT 2015 2025

Your local Council Tax - what has changed in the last ten years?

Population 8,700
Laverstock, part of Milford & Ford,
Bishopdown Farm & Old Sarum

Population 10,300 (and rising)
Laverstock, Part of Milford, Ford, Bishopdown
Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge



Average charge
for each household

£12.88 a year = 25p a week

£93.21 per year = £1.79 a week



Country Parks/
Open Spaces

Whitebridge Spinney with
an old timber boardwalk

Castle Hill Country Park/refurbished Whitebridge
Spinney/Norman Drive open space / Old Sarum Green / Old
Sarum Swales & Meadow / Laverstock Water Meadows
/Pilgrims Way Green Space



Play &
Recreation Areas

3 play areas,
1 ball court

34 play areas
including 6 taken over from Wiltshire Council & refitted with
Parish Council funds. 2 zip wires, 1 electronic phono booth, 2
multi function games areas (MUGAS), 1 skate park, 1 junior
football pitch and 1 sports wall



Community Centres

Laverstock Village Hall
& Hampton Park Pavilion

Laverstock Village Hall & Hampton Park Pavilion (owned by
PC) Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre (owned by
PC). Total grant support £43,604



Community Farm

Owned by the Parish
Council and leased to a
charitable company

Supported by the Parish Council since inception at 2011 with
grants totalling £95,000



Benches/Seats

9 Benches,
1 picnic Bench

48 Benches, 5 of which are due to be replaced. 3 Picnic
Benches



Bus Shelters

2 in Laverstock

9 in total. 1 in Ford, 3 in Old Sarum, 3 in Laverstock, 2 in
Bishopdown Farm,



Litter Bins

8

67 comprising those adopted from Wiltshire Council and
those installed with our new and refurbished play parks



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homes and businesses in
Laverstock, Ford, Part of Milford,
Old Sarum & Bishopdown Farm
(Hampton Park).

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Sarum and Bishopdown Farm (Hampton Park, Riverdown Park &
Castle Hill Lane) & Longhedge

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

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Details of Councillors' interests and membership of parish council sub-groups, can be found on our website www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk	

Parish Council Meetings

Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday May 12
Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre at 7 pm

Parish Council Meeting Monday June 16
Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre at 7 pm

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

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

Next 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 Council Meeting will be held on Monday May 12
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre from 7 pm

ALL RESIDENTS are invited to attend

ELECTIONS: By the time you read this we will have a team of newly elected councillors.

OLD SARUM: Officers are investigating ways to make the footpath to the Skatepark accessible to all users.

FORD: Community Speedwatch

Two more speed watches have been held on the Roman Road near The Steadings, in an attempt to help drivers re-think their speed on a road that is shared by pedestrians, cyclists, schoolchildren and horse-riders.

Our Speedwatch Co-ordinator says we still need more volunteers, so please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team. (see page

LAVERSTOCK: New grass matting will be installed at Whitebridge Play Park. Followings works by a contractor on behalf of the Gas Network, work will commence on drainage repairs for the Village Hall on land beyond the car park and adjacent to Duck Lane.

LONGHEDGE: Vistry tell ius they are still working on finishing off the Sports Pitch and Public Open Space.

BISHOPDOWN FARM: Planning Permission has been granted for a new Parish Council Office in the roof space at Hampton Park Pavilion.

JOIN THE SKYLARKS
for an 80th Anniversary Street Party
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March 29 Community Action Day

As part of the #GreatBritishSpringClean a successful day of Bike-Marking run by the Neighbourhood Police Team, and Litter Picking led by local residents, saw six bags of rubbish collected at Bishopdown Farm and over thirty bikes successfully security marked.



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

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

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

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 **APPROVED**

PL/2025/00525 Replacement of conservatory with extension 9 Norton Drive Ford, SP4 6DA **APPROVED**

PL/2025/00429 Porch and extensions 71 Church Road, Laverstock SP1 1QZ **APPROVED**

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

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

PL/2024/10838 Works to TPO trees 10 Green Lane, Ford **APPROVED**

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

PL/2023/10145 Change of Use of Land between Open View and Little Acre, Main Road, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 6DS **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07368 Outline planning permission OLD SARUM AIRFIELD APPEAL **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2025/02686 294 dwellings Land NE Old Sarum, Portway

PL/2025/02341 Erection of commercial unit Fahr Industries, Spitfire Road, SP4 6GB

PL/2025/02095 Erection of garden pergola 12 Throgmorton Hall, Portway, Old Sarum SP4 6BQ *OBJECT*

PL/2025/10560 New dwelling to replace workshop at Kismet, Riverside Road, Laverstock *SUPPORT*

PL/2025/01889 MANOR FARM, GREEN LANE, FORD, SP4 6DE Class Q - Change of Use of Agricultural Building to form 8no. residential dwellings, Prior Notification Under Class Q of the GDPO *OBJECT*

PL/2025/00093 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 St Clements Way, Bishopdown, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3FF *SUPPORT*

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

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

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 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). Land SE Of BOURNE HOUSE, FORD LANE, FORD, SP4 6DJ *OBJECT* to revised application

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We are open Monday to Friday during Wiltshire schools term time (38 weeks per year).

All our staff are qualified to Level 3 or working towards this, and have many years childcare experience

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Neighbourhood Watch

Rural Crime

We all live in a semi-rural area and Rural Crime is on the increase and under reported, people don't regard it as a real crime. Wiltshire Police need our help, special tasking groups have been set up which also link to neighbouring Police Forces. Theft of Farm equipment cost a lot of money, our Open Spaces and farm land gets damaged by 4x4s, Trail Bikes, Hare Coursing. If you see it, hear it, know of it, please report it direct to the police. They need the reports to be able to build the cases against the criminals.

CEV

We have recently seen the formation of the Community Emergency Volunteers (CEV), Lead by Jon Gunns. The CEV will need to be able to communicate with all residents of our Parish in the event of an emergency and it would be simple to, potentially use our Neighbourhood Watch Network system to do this (see page 30)

NW

Neighbourhood Watch in our Parish is a volunteer led organisation which aims to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities, in which trust and respect reduces the extent to which people, young and old, feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated, in the places where we live this helps us to have Safer Communities. The more residents that we can get signed up to the Community Messaging Service the more effective we can all be at supporting our own homes. We don't have enough Neighbourhood Watch schemes formed to do this yet.

Would you consider being a local coordinator for a scheme in your street?

Joining NW is free, there are no costs to you

Membership also enables you to receive messages from Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council and other partner agencies, which you can select through a free data secure system, called Community Messaging, these messages are called Alerts.

We currently have 4 schemes in Laverstock, 3 in Ford, as well as 2 on Bishopdown Farm, 1 each in Old Sarum & Longhedge.

I am here to help and support you join a scheme or start a new one in your local community. It can be a group of neighbours, a road, or do you have a different idea?

To find you nearest scheme go to our web site. www.wiltshireNHW.org

See page xxxx for other useful contacts

Ross Walker - your local NW committee member
e. ross.walker@wiltshirenhw.org



FOUR reasons to learn Martial Arts

1. enhanced physical fitness, 2. improved mental health, 3. self-defense skills, and 4. personal growth, encompassing physical strength, flexibility, coordination, and mental discipline.

Rachel from Aspire Martial Arts explains how there really is something for everyone, classes are accessible and fully inclusive. At Aspire their youngest student is three and the oldest is seventy four. Every student is treated as an individual so everything is undertaken at their own pace, the classes are great for improving confidence and for making new friends and gaining a sense of belonging. They are also a great way to channel excess energy.

Here's what a parent says:-

"We have been part of the Aspire Family for the last ten years when my son joined Little Dragons aged four. From the moment we joined we were welcomed and as he has continued to study Taekwon-do he has made lifelong friends whom he looks forward to training with each week.

Taekwon-do has brought many positives to his life and ours. The discipline needed to train, learn a new language and grasp the history of the art, has enabled him to succeed academically as well as keep fit and continue to learn new skills. Socially Taekwon-do has given him power and independence and without the support of Aspire throughout the years he wouldn't be doing as well as he is.

As a parent, the regularity of lessons and alternative locations during the week have made attending lessons easier, it is a great asset to give youngsters a place to be whilst learning and keeping fit.

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So why not try something new? For more info visit www.aspire-martial-arts.co.uk, or email info@aspire-martial-arts.co.uk



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We are committed to ensuring our volunteers feel valued and recognised for everything they do.

This is a role suited to someone who is reliable, has time to commit to about one day a week and wants to make a real difference, to not only the safety and security of vulnerable people, but also the feeling of security when using the internet. Online exploitation and fraud are the fastest growing area of crime, and the elderly are a particular target.

Volunteers will visit and work with individuals in their own homes assessing how they use their internet and smart technology; then provide advice and guidance to make them less likely to become a victim of crime and to feel safer using the internet. Volunteers can also give group talks where they will provide an input with the same goals, but to community groups and organisations. We will give up to date information and advice on computer & internet security.

The successful applicant will receive an Induction which will include - an overview of WBVT to include administrative procedures, DBS Check, the loan of IT equipment if required & reimbursement for travel expenses plus accompanying an existing volunteer to a 1 to 1 home visit and a group talk. You will need to have access to a car or the means to be able to travel to different locations to carry out referrals.

For further information contact

Toni Evans

WBVT Stay Safe Online Manager

Email: Toni@wbvt.org

**OLD SARUM
YOUTH CLUB**

Join us at Old Sarum Youth Club every other Monday for a wide variety of opportunities for young people aged 10 to 17. It's completely FREE, come along and give it a try!

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Nesting Bird Season

We are in a very busy time for nesting birds, and the Wiltshire Rural Crime Team would like to raise awareness around the legislation and responsibilities that we all have at this time of year.

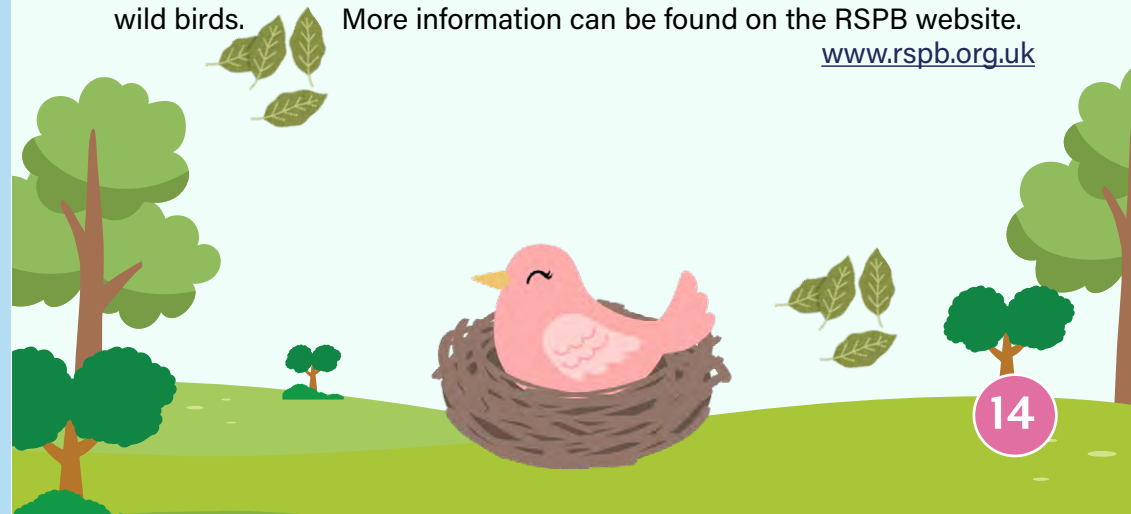
All wild birds are protected and Schedules were created to highlight their level of protection. Schedule 1 species receive the tightest of protections, with Schedule 4 species being at the lower end of the scale (but are still protected). Birds like Bitterns, Barn Owls and Ospreys fall under Schedule 1, as well as other species that are low in numbers, threatened, or in decline. Dog owners are advised to keep their dogs on leads when walking in the countryside to prevent disturbing ground-nesting birds.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, it is an offence if a person:

- Intentionally kills, injures or takes wild birds
- Intentionally takes, damages or destroy a wild bird's nest while it's being used or built
- Intentionally takes or destroys a wild bird's egg
- Possesses, controls or transports live or dead wild birds, or parts of them, or their eggs
- Sells wild birds or puts them on display for sale
- Uses prohibited methods to kill or take wild birds
- Intentionally or recklessly disturbs any wild bird listed on Schedule 1 while it is nest building, or at a nest containing eggs or young, or disturbs the dependent young of such a bird

We ask for people to educate themselves and be respectful around our wild birds. More information can be found on the RSPB website.

www.rspb.org.uk



Castle Hill Country Park

Spring is in full swing now!

We were extremely busy over the winter months making sure scrub was removed from areas of the grassland to give the skylarks space to nest on the ground. The removal of scrub will also allow more sunlight onto the ground which will help encourage species flora to grow.

We have had a record number of volunteers join us on our tasks so far this year which is fantastic and allows us to get more done around the park so thank you to those who have given up their free time to join us.

A reminder to those who have social media, we now have our official castle hill country park Facebook page that we update regularly, so please follow us to keep updated.

In the next few months, we plan to start clearing the chalk banks to re-expose the chalk and will also be starting some Bio blitz surveys. 'bioblitz', is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Groups of scientists, naturalists, and volunteers conduct an intensive field study over a continuous time period (e.g., usually 24 hours).

Finally, please keep your dogs on a lead during Skylark nesting season whilst walking across Castle Hill.



Russell Brooks
Castle Hill Country Park
Community Engagement
Officer

Youth Education and Wellbeing
(YEW) Support Worker

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Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust



Laverstock Water Meadows Community Orchard

Our Wiltshire Council funded Coronation Living Heritage funded Community Orchard has all been planted. We are grateful to our own volunteers and other community organizations who have all been pitching in over the last few months. We are in the early stages of planning a June event to celebrate the Orchard. The orchard will also feature in a booklet that Wiltshire Council are publishing this year.

Sensory Path

The sensory path is gradually taking shape. It has proved to be a lot of hard work for everyone involved so we will be looking forward to enjoying walking along it to the river dipping platform once it is completed. Thanks to the Parish Council and Southern Area Board for the grant funding towards the path, it's very much appreciated!

Sustainable Land Management Project

Our Wessex Community Foundation funded Sustainable Land Management Project is making good progress with the rain water harvesting system utilising recycled whisky barrels now in place on the barn. Next we will be installing an information board and leaflet dispensers. Over the summer we will be training volunteers to use Austrian Scythes to cut wildflower meadow grassland in barn field.

Samuel William Farmers Trust water-meadows project

Our grant from the Samuel Williams Trust is paying for temporary fencing systems. We will use these to help graziers livestock increase the flowers across the meadows by selective grazing. Also, a small bowser funded through the grant will be put to work watering orchard trees from water drawn from our new rain harvesting system.

To find more about the work of Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust visit

<https://www.dbct.org>



Laverstock Water-meadows
Cow Lane, Laverstock
8th June 2025
11 am to 3 pm

Event cost: Free

Highlights: Beef; Sheep; Fruit;
Environmental stewardship .Free walk-in
event. Self-guide trails and guided tours
of our water-meadows, chalk-stream and
community orchard.

Meet the cows and sheep on the meadows.
Learn about traditional orchards.

River dip for freshwater creatures in the chalk stream.



LAVERSTOCK & FORD HISTORY GROUP

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Guidance on approaching the Homeless

People often ask us what they should do when they see a homeless person on the street. There isn't a simple answer, but here are some suggestions:

Approach with compassion

Say hello and ask if they would like any help, avoiding assumptions about their situation, but listening to their story

Offer essentials like food, water or warm clothing, especially in cold weather

Retail vouchers or care packs with socks, gloves, and hygiene items are also thoughtful options

Refer them to support partners

Let them know about Alabaré. We have a drop-in service in Salisbury and our website, alabare.co.uk/need-help/ offers useful links

Encourage them to contact the Local Authority, Rough Sleeper or Homelessness Team or refer them to [StreetLink.org.uk](https://www.streetlink.org.uk)

Call 999 if they are in immediate danger, need medical assistance, are vulnerable or appear to be under 18 years of age

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West but together we can all respond to the homelessness crisis.

To find out more about our work please visit <https://alabare.co.uk>



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YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SMARTPHONE

The NSPCC and Vodafone have teamed up to produce tips and guideline for parents who are buying their child a phone for the first time.

What can you do?

Make this a team effort – Your child getting their first smartphone should be seen as a journey that you take together. From picking the phone to navigating challenges, this should be a team effort and one that you are constantly communicating about.

Have age-appropriate conversations – You know your child best so you will be able to judge when they are old enough to talk about certain topics, without becoming upset or frightened. If it doesn't feel right to talk about certain topics yet, then consider the early conversations you could have instead as building blocks. For example, talking about nude image sharing might not feel appropriate yet. Instead, you could discuss safe image sharing more broadly.

Avoid scare stories – When talking about risks, be honest but try not to catastrophise. Allow them to ask you questions and answer these honestly in a way that feels right for your family and the age and stage of your child. When talking to your child about the risks they may face, it is tempting to use scare stories and emphasise the dangers. But, in practice, this does not make children more likely to stay safe. Instead, talk to your child about all the different aspects of having a mobile phone from an early age.

Be a role model to encourage good behaviour – It is also important to be a role model with good behaviour when using your own device, such as allowing them to see the way you talk to other people when using your own phone. The better the example they see, the easier it will be for them to identify poor behaviour online.

Get support and use available resources – You can use Childline's resources on Online and mobile safety to support the conversations you have with your child. These help children to explore difficult topics and they can always get in touch if they want support from the Childline team. They can also help you as a parent to consider the most appropriate language and framing to use with your child.

FOR MORE HELP AND GUIDANCE visit <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/your-childs-first-phone/>

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.

Sadly our listed February speaker from Larmer Tree could not attend because of family illness but Lyn Burt, a herbalist, kindly stepped into the breach. She last spoke about medicinal plants which grew in her garden but this time she chose some poisonous plants also growing in her garden. Before using any plants for home healing it is important to ensure correct identification (leaves of toxic lily of the valley look similar to wild garlic), that permission to pick has been obtained from the landowner and that the plants are growing in an unpolluted spot. The plant material can be made into a tincture with alcohol, an oil with any organic vegetable oil, as an ointment, a poultice or as a juice. Lyn finished her talk with a refreshing elderflower tea.

Alex Graham, an area organiser for the National Gardens Scheme, gave our March talk. She began by describing the origins of the scheme and went on to list some local gardens well worth a visit. The NGS began in 1927 but its origins go back to the nineteenth century with the setting up of the Queen's Nurses and ways to pay for them. In 1926 people paid 1 shilling a head to visit a garden. Many other charities now benefit from the scheme. An excellent talk.

In May we welcome Michael Harvey from Mottisfont to talk about their roses and in June David Jewell returns from Hilliers to describe their winter garden.

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary

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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



COMMUNITY
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VOLUNTEERS



It has now been a year since the Laverstock and Ford Parish Community Emergency Volunteers formed to assist the community in becoming more resilient, and to complement the work of local emergency responders. The capability has developed significantly in that period.

VOLUNTEERS: We now have 10 or so committed volunteers who have agreed to give up their time to support the group.

PLANNING: Planning for emergencies has been undertaken and several draft plans have been circulated to volunteers for comment. The first finalised plans will be released later this year.

EQUIPMENT: Thanks largely to a generous grant from SSEN, we have been able to procure equipment to aid our response. This includes: radios, back-packs, high-visibility tabards, torches, beacons and protective gloves.

We will purchase a generator and lighting-set once secure storage facilities are in place.

PUBLICITY: We have been actively publicising the group through written articles and face to face meetings. We have also initiated liaison with other groups that might join us during an emergency.

THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY CONTACT HUB: The Emergency Contact Hub is a way of the community coming together to help one another during a long-lasting emergency as well as providing a quick and efficient way to communicate with the wider responding agencies. We are developing plans to use the Hampton Park Pavilion as a hub, while also maintaining the capability to deploy a hub elsewhere in the Parish if required.

We are keen to attract more volunteers; if you are interested in joining the Volunteers, please contact the coordinator, Jon Gunns :

cev@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

WHAT'S IN A NAME 10.

ESMONDE PLACE, LONGHEDGE

Lieutenant Commander Eugene Kingsmill Esmonde VC was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the operation to intercept the 'Channel Dash' by the battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prinz Eugen.

Esmonde was born on 1 March 1909 of Irish parents and was educated in Wimbledon College, London and a college in Co Kildare. He joined the RAF in December 1928 and then transferred to the Fleet Air Arm. In 1934 he left the Navy and flew flying boats for Imperial Airways before rejoining in 1939 flying Fairey Swordfish torpedo bombers. In May 1941 Esmonde commanded 825 Squadron on HMS Victorious and took part in one of the attacks on the battleship Bismark. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

On 12 February 1942 Esmonde was in command of a detachment of 825 Squadron Fairey Swordfish that were tasked to intercept the German fleet, including 6 destroyers and 14 other escorts. Taking off from Manston they rendezvoused with 72 Squadron Spitfires but the ships were defended by superior numbers of enemy aircraft. Esmonde led and pressed home the attack against overwhelming fire from ships and aircraft. His aircraft was destroyed before he reached his target. One aircraft made an unsuccessful attack but none returned. German Navy officers praised the bravery of the aircrew who flew the slow and cumbersome Swordfish against their withering anti-aircraft fire.

A detailed and illustrated description of the engagement can be found on the website of the History of Manston Airfield www.manstonhistory.org.uk

Esmonde's body was found on the banks of the R Medway several weeks later and he is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery in Kent.



By Andrew Prince

Milford House 'Art Open Days' Invitation to the Community

Milford House Care Home in Laverstock has a long-standing tradition for both encouraging residents to be creative and hosting local artist's exhibitions and the home itself is an active member of Plain Arts Salisbury.

This year the home has looked to continue developing their artistic programme and have appointed an 'Artist in Residence', Wendy Fuller to help the home work on projects both within the home and the wider community. As part of this the home is holding monthly 'Art Open Days' which run from 10.30am – 3.30pm where members of the community are invited to drop by and try their hand at drawing or painting. All materials are supplied and refreshments are available throughout the day. Each month there is a theme suggested by Wendy but attendees are free to go wherever their imagination takes them! Wendy is on hand throughout the day to offer support and advice if wanted.

The dates for the next open days are the 2nd and 23rd of May.

If you are thinking of attending it would be lovely if you could get in touch on 01722 322737 to let us know so that we can be sure to have space for you.

If you are unable to attend these days do look out for Milford House at Salisbury Art Scene – Art in the Square days where we will be exhibiting on the 1st June and 7th September.

For more information please contact Aga Musial, General Manager on 01722 322737 or milford@barchester.com



LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

I am writing this on the official first day of Spring in glorious sunshine, warmth and flowers everywhere. I understand it is also recognised as “World Happiness Day”. At our meetings we have been delighted to welcome several new members and we continue to

enjoy our social activities with talks, Craft, Coffee and Lunch Clubs.

At our February meeting we learnt about the glamorous but rather sad life of Coco Chanel who from her early days in an orphanage built up an empire of perfumes and fashionable clothing. She worked very hard at her business while becoming a successful socialite, wined and dined by the rich and famous. Unfortunately, in spite of all her friendships, she lost most of her assets through an unsafe business deal and, of course, her friends. Ultimately Coco Chanel died alone aged 88 yrs old in her beautiful villa in France. Her mantra “Fashion changes but style endures” rings true today.

In March we enjoyed a talk entitled “Of Ice and Men” the history of ice cream. This first appeared in China during the Tang Dynasty and then in the West during the 17th Century served at medieval banquets for the wealthy. It has remained a favourite worldwide treat. We heard about Queens of Ice Cream, hokey kokey men on trikes, ice houses and penny licks (mercifully banned in 1899 on hygiene grounds) and how eating ice creams in public became acceptable for the upper classes. After this fascinating talk members finished the evening with a raffle and, of course, an ice cream.

In May our Annual General Meeting with Resolutions take place and June is our birthday meeting.

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



Visit to Dents Glove Factory, Warminster

NEW SARUM WI

Our ladies have been busy once again! A group of 12 visited the Dents Glove Museum in Warminster. Most of us had never heard of this world renown glove manufacturer before and were blown away by the display that included the coronation gloves of both Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II, along with those of famous others including Sir Walter Raleigh, Lord Nelson (complete with blood), Batman and James Bond to name but a few. Of course we couldn't leave without a visit to their factory shop to make some bargain purchases!

Our bell ringing experience was a winner too (our apologies to the local residents if the peals were not up to standard that day!). Our Munch Bunch and Wine O'Clock group have recently enjoyed the delights of Fisherton Street's Baroushka and Thai Orchid restaurants. Their next stop will be The Pickled Frog in April.

The History & Culture group visited the Woolstore Country Theatre in Codford, followed by lunch at the Codford Tea Rooms, and a visit to the Studio theatre to see 'Be my Baby' is also planned.

Our speakers in March were from Parker Bullen Solicitors, giving us an insight into the benefits of Powers of Attorney & Wills, and looking ahead, April's meeting will be a presentation from Ruby Vittorino Moody of the 19th Century Salisbury Poisonings.

Our Annual Meeting will take place in May followed by a visit from a member of the team from Boots No 7, guiding us through our make up and skin care routines.

We were delighted to be able to hand over a cheque for £400 to our nominated charity for the last year, Cancer Support Salisbury. We know that this will be put to good use and we thank our members for all their efforts. Our next fundraiser will be our VE Day Celebration on May 8th. We hope to report back to you on its success in the next edition of this newsletter.

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.



Bellringing at St Lawrence Church



Silver Salisbury's Coffee & Chat in Laverstock

**10 - 11.30 Mon 2 June Kirsty
Gazzard from Parker Bullen
Solicitors talks about wills.**

**10 - 11.30 Mon 7 July
Jonathan Gapper on scams and
how to avoid them**

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall
Park Road, Laverstock SP1 1RQ



Silver Salisbury's Coffee & Chat at Old Sarum

**10 - 11.30 Fri 30 May
Ann Miller from AgeUK Wiltshire
on benefits you may be entitled to**

**10 - 11.30 Fri 20 June
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OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

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Dial 101 in a NON Emergency To report a crime not mentioned above, or to contact an officer or report online via www.wiltshire.police.uk

Inspector Tina Osborn **Sergeant** Susan Malkinson **Sergeant** Lisa Lovatt

THE CONTACTS BELOW SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR REPORTING A CRIME :

Local Enquiries  salisburyareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk

Bishopdown Farm, Hampton Park and Riverdown Park

PC Rachel Wood: rachel.wood@wiltshire.police.uk and PCSO Geanina Tablet

Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum and Longhedge

PC Rachel Wood and PCSO Jenny Moss

Milford

PC Toby Ferguson and PCSO Hammond

Rural Crime Team

PC Simon Gomm Simon.gomm@wiltshire.police.uk

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Abandoned cars and anti-social parking are dealt with by local councils



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Any instance of fraud should be reported to Action Fraud



Lost or found dogs should be reported to the local dog warden



Noisy neighbours need to be reported to the council environmental health team

www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information

LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

On a sunny day this time of the year it feels as if Spring and Summer are here. When I am writing this report the clocks are going forward this weekend and so lighter evenings too.

Spring at Ladies Group means our AGM and at our March meeting we held our AGM.

The meeting was well attended. The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and members heard reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Leader. The Committee were re-elected en bloc and Moya agreed to be our Leader for another year. Following the business of the AGM members were able to enjoy some craft by painting pottery butterfly ornaments or trinket boxes. It gave members an opportunity to socialise for the rest of the evening.

The previous month in February we welcomed Frogg Moody who talked about Bygone Salisbury. Looking ahead we have Alan Jones in April telling us 'It's not What you Say' and in May Amanda Butler's talk is called 'More than Elephants.'

Looking ahead we have a talk by a Traffic Warden and another talk by a Police Officer and a BBQ and so we have a full programme.

If any of the above appeals to you and you would like to come along to our group, we welcome new members and for your first couple of visits you can be a visitor just to see if the group would appeal to you.

For more information, please contact Moya Hill at moyhill@hotmail.com or phone Carol Taylor on 01722 322702

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Monday	The Goldies Charity sing-a-long - Salisbury Methodist Church	Second Monday of each month: 2.00pm-3.00pm	£3.00 voluntary donation	Tel 01761 470006
	Café/Music/Movement - Methodist Hall, Amesbury	Weekly during term time: 2.00pm-3.30pm	£5.00 suggested contribution	Tel 01380 739055 jackieb@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
Tuesday	Downton Downtime - Downton Baptist Church	Weekly during term time: 10.15am-12.00pm	£5.00 suggested contribution	Email downtondowntime@gmail.com
	Alzheimer's Support - Scots Lane, Salisbury	Day Centre: 9.45am-3.45pm	£62 (lunch included)	Tel 01722 442050 heidib@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
Wednesday	Tisbury Memory Group - Hinton Hall, Tisbury	Bi-weekly: 10.00am-12.00pm	£5 per session Carers free	More info - www.tisburymemorygroup.co.uk
	Alzheimer's Support - Scots Lane, Salisbury	Day Centre: 9.45am-3.45pm	£62 (lunch included)	Tel 01722 442050 heidib@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
	Carer's Group - The George Hotel, Amesbury	Fourth Wednesday of each month: 2.30pm-4.00pm	Free of charge	Tel 01722 442050 jackieb@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
Thursday	Café/Music/Movement - St George's Hall, Harnham	Weekly during term time: 10.30am-12.00pm	£5.00 suggested contribution	Tel 01380 739055 Kateg@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
	Alzheimer's Support - Scots Lane, Salisbury	Day Centre: 9.45am-3.45pm	£62 (lunch included)	Tel 01722 442050 heidib@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
	Merry Memories for over 60's - Bemerton Heath Community centre	Every Thursday: 2.00pm-4.00pm	Voluntary donation	Tel 01722 443559
	Carer's Group - Salisbury Library	Last Thursday of each month: 2.30pm-4.00pm	Free of charge	Tel 01722 442050 jackieb@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
Friday	Mind The Gap for over 60's - Salisbury Playhouse	Bi-weekly during term time: 10.30am-12.00pm	£5.00 - booking required	01722 320333 for more details and to book
	Alzheimer's Support - Scots Lane, Salisbury	Day Centre: 9.45am-3.45pm	£62 (lunch included)	Tel 01722 442050 heidib@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk
Day trips	Men's group - Salisbury Rugby Club	Once a month: 10.00am-4.00pm	£25 (lunch and transport included)	Email geoffjoyce@hotmail.com

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Veronica Ford mobile 07483 894519 email hamptonparkpavilion@gmail.com

website: www.hamptonparkpavilion.org

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

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Outside of our opening times we recommend signposting people to these numbers. In an emergency, always call 999

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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.

May 21st	Open Session for Group Presentations
June 18th	Kay Townsend – My Life on the Fairground
July 16th	Ron Taylor – Stourhead to Stanpit

Lesley Waller, Speaker Secretary
<https://u3asites.org.uk/sarum/welcome>

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Three of these presentations will be given online as indicated in the presentation titles. The remaining presentations will be delivered in the Conference Room. All will be recorded with recordings available about a week later. Details of how to access the presentations online are shown at the end of this programme. Further information is available on the website.



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.



10th June The EIGHTH Crewman
Colin van Geffen, researcher and presenter
 The Royal Air Force is well known for its outstanding qualities of determination, accuracy and innovation in times of conflict. During WW2 a small number of squadrons were tasked with specific roles; best known of these is probably 617 'Dam Busters', but there were others, whose roles were so secret that they were unknown - even to each other. Lancaster bombers of 101 Squadron flew more missions than any other squadron in the RAF, against greater odds and suffered the highest number of losses, both of aircraft and men. This is the story of one member of that squadron.

NOTES

Prices: For the live talks at the museum there is an entry fee of £5 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and free entry to the museum at that time. Gold members are free and Silver members pay £2.50. There are no charges for online or recorded talks, the BDAC relies on donations (via website)

Two weeks before a presentation a flyer advertising the talk will be sent out to members and those known to the BDAC. A further reminder will be sent out just before and in the case of online talks this will include a link. To register an interest in the talks go to the BDAC website -Contacts - News Letter - Sign up.



In 2025, the Mothers' Union's triennial theme is "Join Us, Join In!", focusing on growing the movement and actively engaging members in supporting families and the vulnerable, both locally and internationally.

We continue to support the local women's refuge, and will be paying for a family to have a holiday at the MU caravan at Rockley Park at the end of May.

At our meeting on 8th May we hope to have a speaker from the Salisbury Hospital chaplaincy department. And then we have our outing on 19th June, we plan to spend an afternoon at Britford Farm shop which is in a lovely setting surrounded by meadows and orchards - anyone want to join us for a cream tea?

Please contact Pip Carter 07854 827233 or Joan Prior 07833 781075 if you're interested.

Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Pantry

This is a wonderful food waste project run by community volunteers supported by Abri, Laverstock & Ford Parish Council, Wiltshire Council, Fare Share and the Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre to support people struggling with the cost of living, or wanting to help reduce food waste and help with climate change.

How Does the Pantry Work?

Different food items are equal to 1, 2, or 3 points

Choose between 10 points = £3.50 or 15 points = £5.00

Bring your own Bag - we also have FREE FOOD ITEMS

Do I have to use the Pantry each week?

Please feel free to come as regularly as you wish. However it is one shop per week. There is no pressure to use the pantry so if you would prefer to just join the group of shoppers for a cuppa you would be very welcome. We offer FREE light bites on Wednesdays and free meals on a Friday.

I'm nervous about turning up - what should I expect?

As you enter the Old Sarum Community Centre you will be greeted by volunteers on the welcome desk. If you are not a member - one of the team will ask you to complete a membership form.

You can browse the food choices and select produce to the value of either 10, or 15 points. Once you have your shopping you can then pay the team member on duty. We will try our hardest to make it fair for all that attend so everyone has a fair choice of the food. On your initial visit you will need to pay for the £1 membership fee. This fee will be used to cover administration fees and you will be provided a membership card on your next visit.

As a registered local warm space and Chatty Cafe you are welcome to come along and sit in our Main Hall, just sign in and then you can read a paper, try our games selection, and we're happy to chat if you'd like.

The Team on duty will support you as best we can. The pantry is connected in to wider parts of the community and can often sign post to other services. Please feel free to talk to someone in the team and we will try our best to support you.



Would you like to be a volunteer listener for the Listening Place?

Trainee Listeners are asked to attend five evenings of training in listening.

The next course will be on Tuesdays:

April 22nd and 29th and May 6th, 13th and 20th from 7pm to 9.15pm at Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, SP1 1EF



To register for the course:
Email: salisburylisteningplace@gmail.com
Online: www.thelisteningplace.org.uk
or telephone 01722 325 294

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