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View from the New Chair



I am honoured to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to my fellow councillors and to the community for placing your trust in me. It is a privilege to serve in this role, and I take this responsibility with a sense of deep commitment and humility.

Laverstock & Ford is a vibrant and diverse parish, rich in history, community spirit, and natural beauty. I have lived here for 5 years, and over that time, I've come to appreciate not only the unique character of our villages but also the strength and warmth of the people who call this place home. I care deeply about our Parish and am passionate about ensuring it continues to thrive for generations to come.

Whilst I was disappointed not to be elected as your Wiltshire Councillor, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to Nick Baker, who ran a successful campaign. I look forward to working closely with Nick to ensure that the voices of Laverstock & Ford residents are heard and that we continue to make progress on the issues that matter most to our community. In Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley our Parish Councillor Lainey Barker, was also successful in being voted in as a Wiltshire Councillor. Both Lainey and Nick remain as parish councillors.

There is a great deal to do in our parish—from maintaining our green spaces and supporting local services, to ensuring thoughtful development and fostering community initiatives. To help us meet these challenges, we are currently looking to fill five vacancies on the Parish Council, particularly in Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park. If you live in these areas and want to make a difference, we would love to hear from you.

Meanwhile, I am hoping to grow the Community Speedwatch team and continue to support the Laverstock Village Hall, whilst attending events and celebrations around the Parish. Following on from my invitation to officially open the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust Kings Coronation Orchard, at the Laverstock Water meadows (see page 16) I joined my fellow councillor Nick Baker to award certificates to volunteers at Milford House Care Home in June (see page 18).

Serving on the Parish Council is a meaningful and rewarding experience. It offers a chance to be directly involved in shaping the future of our community, to work alongside passionate and committed individuals, and to see the tangible impact of your efforts. Do get in touch if you think you have time and skills to offer, or have any questions or worries about taking on a commitment as Councillor.

Please don't hesitate to reach out—whether you have ideas, concerns, or simply want to say hello. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and working together to make our Parish an even better place to live. Finally, Good Luck to the Wyvern St. Edmunds girls U13 cricket team who became Wiltshire Champions and will play in the South of England regional finals this month.

Warm regards,
Laura Jones
Chair, Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday July 21
Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre at 7 pm

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

For dates of meetings, minutes, agenda's, contacts,
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REPORT from the Parish Council

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

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st July. ALL residents are invited to attend.

Grass cutting season began in late May, no hedge trimming will take place until the end of July and bird-nesting season is over but we will be monitoring some of the wilder hedgerows and obstructed paths.

PLAY PARKS: We have evidence of dogs (dog poo found) being taken into some of our Play Parks. Please do not do this. These areas are designed to be for children and not all children are comfortable with dogs. Dog fouling is a cause for concern, it is unsightly and causes mess but also carries many health risks. Dog faeces can include bacteria and parasites that are harmful to humans, particularly young children as their immune systems are not fully developed. Dogs can deposit roundworm eggs known as *Toxocara canis* in their faeces. If swallowed, these tiny organisms are quickly transmitted between animals and people causing illness and disease. Roundworm larva can potentially cause stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma, and, in some rare cases blindness. These eggs can remain active on the ground for many years, even after the initial dog mess has worn away.

OLD SARUM: A student at Wyvern St. Edmunds got in touch to suggest improvements for the skate park. He delivered an excellent presentation to the Operations Committee, who remain very impressed. There is no allotted budget for improvements this year and it would very much depend on what is built on the adjacent land, as any works would require conversations about construction access. If you would like to see improvements to the Skate Park, please do get in touch.

BISHOPDOWN FARM: Cllr Waller was delighted to see that Sanctuary Housing has finally begun to make good their properties in Bishopdown Farm. We hope those residents affected are now enjoying a much better quality of living standard as a result of this work.

Please see details on page 19 regarding a campaign to ask Salisbury Reds to improve the siting of a bus-stop in Salisbury that serves Bishopdown Farm bus-users and to provide seating for those who need it

After residents reported concerns about the Zip Wire at Saunders Avenue Play Park, it was removed for safety testing. It has now been re-installed.

Our thanks to the Neighbourhood Police Team for bringing their mobile Police Unit to Hampton Park Pavilion in June, PCSO Geanina Tablet assures us that their combined arrival with the new Kebab Van (Wed & Fri from 5 pm) was purely coincidental they also kindly attended Farm Sunday at the Laverstock Water Meadows in June (see pages 15/16).

We are witnessing more young people using the Pavilion as a football net, which is not good for the fabric of the building, especially when so many of them seem to have a powerful goal- kick! There is no current budget available for installing a permanent single goal net on the Green, and of course, some residents may not consider this appropriate but other Parish Councils have installed single nets on their shared open spaces with much success. We would like to hear residents views on this before we investigate this possibility further. If your son or daughter would like to see a single goal net installed on the Green please ask them to write or email us.

The Pavilion Committee are working hard on preparations for the annual FUN DAY on THE GREEN on August Bank Holiday (see page 39).

LAVERSTOCK: The new drains have been installed at the Village Hall. Many of our younger residents are looking forward to Happys Circus which comes to St Andrews School field on July 12th.

We have installed a new Parish Council Notice Board outside the One Stop shop in Laverstock and the board outside the Parish Office at Hampton Park Pavilion will be replaced in July.

LONGHEDGE: We'd love to hear from residents interested in making more use of the Greenfinger Community Garden area alongside McCudden Play Park and Liddell Gardens.

Community Speedwatch

We now carry out regular speed checks. Our Speedwatch Co-ordinator says we still need more volunteers, so please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team. Please Contact laurajones@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

DO YOU READ THE PARISH NEWSLETTER?

We are looking at the future of the newsletter as the Parish continues to grow. We have already improved the carbon footprint and environmental impact of printing the newsletter over the past three years but want to hear from you, about how you would like to receive information from us in the future.

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or you can email communications@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk
or you can write to us c/o The Parish Office, Hampton Park Pavilion, Ash Crescent, Bishopdown Farm SP1 3GY

YOUR VIEWS ARE WELCOMED

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/2025/02341 Erection of commercial unit Fahr industries, Spitfire Road, SP4 6GB **APPROVED**

PL/2025/02095 Erection of Garden Pergola 12 Throgmorton Hall, old Sarum, SP4 6BQ **APPROVED**

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

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

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. **WITHDRAWN**

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

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 **REFUSED APPEAL**

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

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2025/05012 Single storey extension, 3 Silverwood Drive, Laverstock, SP1 15H

PL/2025/04655 Works to Trees 13 Green Lane, Ford SP4 6DE *No Comment*

PL/2025/04505 Single storey extension, 17 Greenwood Avenue, Laverstock SP1 1PD *No Comment*

PL/2025/04383 Fell 2 Scots Pines, 8 St. Teresa's Close, SP1 3FP *No Comment*

PL/2025/03776 Outline permission two dwellings, Beehive Cottage SP4 6BL *No Comment*

PL/2025/02080 Replacement windows at Tithebarn, Wolferstan Drive SP1 3XZ *No Comment*

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

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/2025/01066 Alterations and loft conversion, 1 Melvin Close, SP1 1PG 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*

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 13th August, 2025

6.30 pm

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Neighbourhood Watch



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NW

Last Month we had National Volunteer week 1st-7th June, did you sign up or are you still thinking about it.

Why not join your neighbours and join Neighbourhood Watch, you can do as much as you want. Just by signing up you make our Parish Safer.

By signing up you don't have to run a scheme many people sign up just to receive the alert messages.

If you want to start a scheme it can just involve a few houses or your road.

Every little helps to create our NW community. Don't put it off do it now.

visit www.wiltshirenhw.org for details

If you would like to meet up with me and have a chat about signing up, or starting a small scheme please email me.

HOLIDAYS

Make sure your neighbours know you're away. Make your home look occupied. Don't post on Social Media your plans or photos, wait until you get home. Information you post can get circulated by friends of friends so don't circulate what shouldn't be in the public domain.

Ross Walker

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Sarum Probus Club

We are club for retired or semi-retired business or professional gentlemen that provides the opportunity to meet on a regular basis, listen to interesting speakers and join together in activities. We meet in Sarum College, The Close, Salisbury, on the second Friday of the month. Coffee is served at 10.30 am and the Meeting proper begins at 11am with a talk presented by an outside speaker, followed by a small amount of business. Meetings end by 1pm and members can stay for Lunch afterwards. There is also an informal meeting on the fourth Friday of each month, decided by members. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact our Secretary, Peter McLean by: Tel: 01722335534 or Email: mcleanp512@gmail.com

WHAT'S IN A NAME 11.

REES DRIVE, LONGHEDGE

Rees Drive is named after Major Lionel Rees of the Royal Flying Corps who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his action during the Somme offensive in July 1916.

Rees was born in Caernarfon on 31 July 1884. He attended Eastbourne College and then the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich. He was commissioned into the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1903 and spent many years in Africa where he learnt to fly at his own expense. He was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps in August 1914 and became a flying instructor at Upavon.

In 1915 he took command of 11 Squadron flying the Vickers FB5 Gunbus and in July the squadron moved to France. Rees was awarded the Military Cross and promoted to Major. In early 1916 he took command of the newly formed 32 Squadron flying Airco DH2 aircraft.

On 1st July 1916 during the early days of the Somme offensive Rees encountered a large formation of German aircraft that he initially mistook for British. He was attacked and fought back, damaging two of the German machines. He was then wounded by a bullet in the thigh and struggled to control his aircraft. He continued the engagement until he ran out of ammunition, returned home and landed safely in spite of his wound. The attacking formation of German aircraft was broken and driven back by his single-handed action.

After convalescence Rees commanded the School of Aerial Fighting at RAF Turnberry (now Trump Turnberry) for the remainder of the war. He transferred to the new RAF and reached the rank of Group Captain before retiring in 1931. He returned to active service for 3 years in 1939. After the war he retired to the Bahamas where he died in 1955.

An RAF Bae 146 jet of No 32 Squadron was named in his honour on 21 June 2019.

By Andrew Prince



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Delivered in partnership with Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and iChoosr, an independent group purchasing provider, Solar Together uses the principle of group buying to secure competitive prices from vetted installers. This means residents and businesses can get a better deal than they might get on the open market — with no obligation to proceed and clear, personal recommendations provided to every household or business that registers.

The scheme is open to homeowners, small and medium-sized businesses, and commonhold associations across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Now in its fourth year, the scheme continues to grow in popularity. In previous years it has enabled more than 1,700 Wiltshire households to install solar panels and battery storage, with a combined investment of over £15 million into local green energy. The panels installed through the scheme are expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by 33,500 tonnes over their 25-year lifetime.

The scheme includes the option to install:

Solar panels (solar PV)

Optional battery storage

Optional EV charge points

Battery-only installation for those with existing panels

Cllr Paul Sample, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate and Waste, is already a satisfied Solar Together customer. He said: “I used Solar Together to provide my solar panel requirements, taking part in the scheme last year. I have already saved hundreds of pounds off my electricity bills - as well as saving tonnes of carbon. I particularly like the mobile phone app which shows how much I’m generating from hour to hour.

TO REGISTER visit Wiltshire Councils website www.wiltshire.gov.uk





Castle Hill Country Park

Summer is here and the longest day has passed. There's plenty to see when you're out and about at Castle Hill Country Park including a group of Dad's And Babies, getting together to walk and talk, sharing experiences and tips about fatherhood 'new and old'. The first walk was on June 28th - follow the Castle Hill facebook page for future dates and info, or email russellb@wiltshirewildlife.org

Jake Taylor moved on to start work for the Pembrokeshire National Park in June we look forward to welcoming his successor soon and wish Jake the very best in his future post.

Russell Brooks, Castle Hill Country Park, Community Engagement Officer



Kings Coronation Orchard Opens on Farm Sunday



Last winter the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust (DBCT) appealed to community groups to help them plant an orchard in celebration of the crowning of King Charles III on the land they own and manage for community benefit at Laverstock Water Meadows. In June Laura Jones, Chair of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council was invited to cut the ribbon for the opening ceremony helped by members of the 1st Laverstock Scouts who were also running a stall at the Open Farm Day, and joined by representatives from the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection and Emily from TWO Bird Experiences with DBCT Trustees and volunteers.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed the Open Farm Sunday with community groups from across the Parish. A chance to press THE button on the Police Truck, make owls nests, walk the nature trails, enjoy the sunshine at the pond dipping platform, see the tractor in action and much more. River Bourne Cafe was open for snack and refreshments and the water meadows were a hive of activity all day.

If any readers are interested in joining DBCT on the meadows or indoors for evening talks keep an eye on our events and volunteering web pages or look out for our instagram posts www.dbct.org, [@laverstockwatermeadows](https://www.instagram.com/laverstockwatermeadows)



VE Day 80th Anniversary Street Party

On May 5th Laverstock celebrated the VE Day anniversary with a full house of joyful voices singing those favourite songs which captured the indomitable British spirit that helped to win the war. The Skylarks led the singing and we all joined in, waving our flags to the music of George Formby and Vera Lynn. The Laverstock District Evening WI did a great job serving mountains of tea and cake, and Ruth Newman entertained us with stories of Laverstock during the war. It was a real team effort and raised £700 for the hall funds.

The Skylarks meet at the Laverstock Village Hall on Thursdays, 2 - 3.30pm and is a choir for people who have been affected by cancer. We'd love to welcome new members. For more information call Sue on 07525786207 or email laverstockskylarks@gmail.com



Join us for a lovely afternoon
tea in aid of Cancer Research UK

Strawberry Cream Tea



Sunday July 06 Woodside, Duck Lane, SPI IPU 3 - 5.30 in the afternoon

Various Sales Table, Tombola and Raffle
With special guests - The Skylarks!

A lovely thank you to Volunteers

Our Chair, Laura Jones and Cllr Baker (in his new role as a Wiltshire Councillor) were invited by Milford House Care Home in June to officially present thank you gifts from Barchester Care to volunteers at Milford House who give of their time to enhance the life and experience of residents there. From taking time to chat over a cup of tea to giving beauty care and running Art Sessions, volunteers at the home are a vital connection for many of the residents. Nick, who as a local Scout Leader as well as being a Councillor knows all about the rewards and challenges of being a volunteer, gave a brief speech after a lovely lunch with staff and residents and the happy faces in the photos say it all!



People Power sees Park & Ride Bus Stop Re-located

In late May, Bishopdown Ward Councillors Lesley Waller and Estelle Williams campaigned with residents who used the P&R7 to urge Salisbury Reds to address the unsuitability of the temporary bus stop on Castle Street, which was causing issues for both road users and bus users.

Catching the bus outside Tesco next to an overflowing waste bin with no shelter and no seating was challenging, especially for those with health problems or who felt vulnerable by an area that can be a city centre hot spot for anti-social gatherings. Congestion

on the busy pavement at the entrance to Tesco causes much distress, especially for those people with walking difficulties using frames, sticks and wheelchairs. On June 13th Cllr Baker, who is now also a Wiltshire Councillor announced that he had received an email from Wiltshire's Bus Network manager saying that the PR7 stop would be moved to Endless Street on the 27th July. The email stated "following some pressure from passengers and ourselves, there will be some juggling of the bus stops in Salisbury city centre with effect from 27th July. As part of this, the starting point of the PR7 bus to Bishopdown Farm will move away from Castle Street to bus stop B on Endless Street. That stop has seating and a Real Time Information display and is next door to the bus stop used by bus service R2 which serves the neighbouring Bishopdown housing estate."

Cllr Lesley Waller responded to the news, saying "whilst I appreciate that we have been heard by Reds, I am afraid that this move will not resolve the issue of 'pavement congestion'. We really would like to return to our original bus stop L. on Blue Boar Row which provided shelter and better seating for the elderly people who need to sit whilst they wait. Further, the pavement there is wider. The P&R7 provides a busy and important service to our tourists, and they deserve the best bus stop. Endless Street is second best."





LAVERSTOCK & FORD HISTORY GROUP

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Our April speaker was local legend Frogg Moody talking about his time at the Old Manor Hospital. He began as a gardener in 1988 and finished as head gardener. The original hospital was opened by the Finch family after they had had two hospitals in London and Laverstock House. Patients might stay in the hospital for years and the regime could be brutal by modern standards but in later years they could be put on digging crops instead. Gentleman patients might get access to billiards tables. In Frogg's time the gardens were self-sufficient with surplus fruit being turned into wine and flowers being used for local flower-arrangements. Eventually, the hospital closed down and everything sank into ruin. The chapel suffered in particular. One area had a bad Japanese knotweed infestation and the main building was left very unstable, supported by scaffolding. A very interesting talk on a local subject.

In May, Michael Harvey, who looks after the rose collection at Mottisfont Abbey, gave us a talk. He has built on the work of Graham Stewart Thomas who created the rose garden at Mottisfont. He brought in many historic roses to prevent them disappearing and Mottisfont now has the national collection of historic roses. Many of the roses only flower once and they are never dead-headed: the hips are left over winter as a display and wildlife food. A very good talk indeed.

In July we welcome John Hallet from Arundell's and on 16 August we have our Summer Show at the Village Hall.

David Hutchinson, Programme Secretary
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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

DON'T PANIC ABOUT POWER CUTS

The risk of power cuts is increasing - as highlighted by the recent experiences in Spain and Portugal and at Heathrow. Reasons for the increasing likelihood of power cuts include:

1. Rising electricity demand.
2. Challenges with balancing the grid due to intermittent renewable energy sources.
3. More frequent and severe weather events.
4. Cyber or physical attacks on the electricity network.
5. Power cuts may be localised or cover a wide area, as in the case of Spain and Portugal. They may last for a few hours or, in a severe case, for a number of days.

Loss of power can have significant impacts on daily life, businesses, and public health and safety. They can disrupt essential services like heating, cooking, and access to information, particularly affecting vulnerable individuals. Businesses experience financial losses due to downtime and potential equipment damage. Public health and safety are also compromised, with potential impacts on medical services, sanitation, and transportation.

BUT – a little preparation now can reduce the impact of a power cut. Some simple steps you can take include:

1. Keep a torch handy.
2. Store some bottled water and non-perishable food that doesn't need cooking.
3. Have a battery or wind-up radio.
4. Keep a supply of cash in case ATMs are not working.

If you're eligible, sign up to your energy supplier's Priority Service Register to let them know that you need additional support during a power cut.

If your landline will not work during a power cut, your landline provider might offer you a free solution (such as a back-up battery unit), for a minimum of one hour, that would enable you to call the emergency services during a power cut if you needed to.

If you use medical equipment that requires a power supply, make a plan with your care provider and/or clinical care teams about what will happen in a power cut.

During a Powercut Keep away from hazards such as power lines. Electricity at high voltages can jump gaps with no warning.

Turn off items such as irons, ovens, electric fires and fryers.

Check in on vulnerable neighbours.

If you are not able to boil water, please try to use ready-to-use baby formula.

Following these steps should reduce the impact of a power cut and mean that there will be no reason to panic.



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Further advice on Power Cuts can be found at: www.prepare.campaign.gov.uk

We are keen to attract more volunteers; if you are interested in joining the Volunteers, please contact the coordinator, Jon Gunns :
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Art and Crafts Exhibition and Sale ***(with Refreshments in our riverside garden in Laverstock)***

Phoenix Artists (Mel Cane and Mary Gilson) are holding an art exhibition and sale of their work together with craft stalls at
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Sunday 20th July	10.00 – 4.30 pm

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ANOTHER HEARTFELT 'BIG THANK YOU!'

Our gratitude to Charley for all her time and commitment to Old Sarum Youth Club. Charley retires as Youth Leader this summer, (the last session is on July 14th) but she will remain as Treasurer.

Old Sarum Youth Club is seeking more support to help run the sessions. If you have the time and experience of working with young people, and are DBS checked then you may be a life-line for the Club. Please get in touch with Nina by emailing oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com



In May, the Pantry at old Sarum Community Centre celebrated its third Birthday, this food waste project has grown bigger and better since it first opened its doors. Huge gratitude to managers Nina Cope and Gemma Philips, and



all the volunteers from the local community and beyond who help to keep the shelves stocked and the Pantry running. **OPENING HOURS:** Tues 8.30 am - 9.30 pm Weds 9 am - 12.30 pm Fri 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Different food items are equal to 1, 2, or 3 points
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WHAT'S ON AT OLD SARUM & LONGHEDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE created June 2025



LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

April became a difficult month because we had to cancel our usual committee meeting and then due to the Easter Bank Holiday Monday we couldn't meet for our general meeting either. Laverstock Village Hall is always busy with eighteen regular weekly user groups so it was not possible to simply switch to another evening.

However, on the 19th May we finally reached our Membership Renewals and Campaigns meeting, which was well attended. This year's resolution was 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' which was unanimously agreed and our decision now goes to head office as part of the Wiltshire Federation vote for onward action. After the serious decision making and discussion we played some jolly board games - Sequence, Blockus, Beetle, Quirkle and dear old Dobble which proved that there is a strong competitive streak in our WI.

Despite interruptions to our usual meetings the Lunch Club and Coffee Club have continued. Hixons, and The Fox and Goose both came up trumps and the Coffee Club which meets at the Farm provides relaxed occasions to put the world to rights. At the end of May a trip to the Heale House gardens is planned and during June some of our members will be exhibiting their artworks in the Young Gallery at the Library.

In June we have our AGM followed, as it is our birthday, by 'Nostalgic Birthday Celebrations with a Twist'! On 21st July we are looking forward to our Speaker Helen Inglis telling us about the excellent and inspiring work done by Alabare.

We welcome new members and if you would like to learn more about your local W.I.

Please contact Louise Hall by email:
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Or by phone on 01722 326 549.



NEW SARUM WI

Our VE Day 80th Celebration on 8th May was one of the main highlights for our group this year so far. Serving tea and cakes in a beautifully decorated hall at the community centre, the event was enjoyed by members of the community as well as our own members. A live performance from Beverly Rutter, provided a nostalgic atmosphere with songs from the forties and fifties and the guests were inspired to join in by dancing and singing along! In addition to ticket sales, a tombola and the sale of jigsaws helped to raise £251 for our nominated charity, Alabare Barford Development Centre.

For our April meeting, a talk by Ruby Vittorino Moody on the 19th Century Salisbury Poisonings was followed by a presentation from Jon Gunn describing the role of the Community Emergency Volunteers in the area.

The Annual Meeting in May evening was very well attended. Our speaker from Salisbury Boots No7 team spoke about 'Enhancing your makeup and skin care routines', and we had the opportunity to try a selection of products.

In June, we are looking forward to welcoming Dr Emily Dunbar, Curator of the Young Gallery in Salisbury.

After hibernating in the winter months, our Sarum Striders walking group has recently enjoyed walks in Coombe Bissett and Bishopstone, appreciating beautiful scenery and great company! A group of members also joined the Wiltshire Federation WI walk from Woodhenge to Stonehenge, meeting members from other WI groups in the County and sharing experiences. In order to provide opportunities for walking shorter distances, we are shortly starting the Sarum Strollers walking group, meeting fortnightly with the chance to enjoy socializing whilst walking. Another opportunity to be physically active has been provided by the Panthera Dance Company, where some members have been attending musical theatre dance classes. Our thanks to Ellie for providing great dance choreography suitable for our age and experience! Soon we look forward to having a go at playing lawn bowls at Salisbury Bowling Club and further croquet sessions at Hamptworth Golf and Country Club.

Socially, we have enjoyed coffee and chat at Qudos and Culture Coffee, and lunches at the Pickled Frog and Charlie's Kitchen.

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 7.15pm start.

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It's time for our annual Garden Party in St Andrew's churchyard! We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who wants to join us – it's open to everyone of all ages. Donations will be invited for our Holiday Project – this is the project which enables families on low incomes to have a holiday in our caravan at Rockley Park. As I write this, the family we raised

money for last year are at the caravan, this is the message they want to share:

'It's a wonderful break for families who are experiencing difficulties in their day-to-day life and know that finances may not allow them to just be away and be together without all pressures. It's a godsend and a precious time together. A precious gift to give.'

Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from this?

Before that, on 10th July, we will be learning more about our Literacy campaign, which highlights the importance of educating women all around the world. And then on 11th September we will hear from Richard Sharp, a member of Salisbury's Eco group.

If you would like to know more, please contact Pip Carter 07854827233 or Joan Prior 07833781075. You would be welcome to come along to any meeting which particularly interests you.

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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

Since the last Newsletter we have had Easter plus two Bank Holidays in May and the local elections, but most important of all the weather has been glorious!

Ladies' group has welcomed new members, and we hope they enjoy our meetings and the friendship.

In April we had Alan Jones visit our group who told us that 'It's not what you say.' Alan talked about body language which is part of who we are and either consciously or unconsciously can say a lot about what we are thinking. So, it's probably good to be aware of the messages we are giving!

At our May meeting members heard that we are to have a BBQ in September and Carol Taylor has kindly offered for us to hold it in her garden at Potters' Way. Also, in May we heard from Amanda Butler from the David Shepherd Foundation who support Rangers in Zambia who rescue orphan elephants. The Rangers look after orphan elephants gradually releasing them back into the wild. This can take several years, and some have been successful including one orphaned elephant who has gone on to have two calves which she has brought back to the Rangers for them to see. Amanda spent 3 weeks in Zambia helping with the orphan elephants.

In June we will be looking forward to Andy Bell telling us about the Ups and Downs of being a Traffic Warden (now known as Civil Enforcement Officer) and in July Jackie Dimmock tells us about 30 years as a Police Officers. Some interesting stories for us to hear.

We welcome new members and for more information about our group please contact Moya Hill at moyahill@hotmail.com or phone Carol Taylor on 01722 322702

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July 16th Ron Taylor – Stourhead to Stanpit

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Boscombe Down Aviation Collection

BDAC held a full day of activity for VE Day featuring the Squippers, and Piper Kieth returned with the Wiltshire Caledonian Pipes and Drums, a spectacular sight as they mustered by the remains of Hangar Three before marching to Hangar One to entertain visitors and volunteers. Other guests included, Wessex Archaeology who displayed artefacts relating to the local area in the Second World War and kind donation of an original RAF Old Sarum Haskard Range model plus the Operation Nightingale display of artefacts found at Aldbourne relating to Easy Company, 101 Airborne (Band of Brothers). Marc Heighway gave a riveting talk on RAF Beaulieu. Keta & Rebecca from The Gurkha Welfare Trust provided visitors with an insight into the Trust and the incredible work they do supporting Gurkha veterans and their families, plus the Round Canopy Parachuting Team - Great Britain - Neil, Guy



and Mike who also brought his airborne Jeep. The re-enacting paratroopers and the 4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment Living History Group showcased a range of weapons and the history of the battalion throughout the Second World War and The Beats, Vintage Dance Troupe gave a stunning performance amongst the collection.

The resident Royal Air Force Survival Equipment - squipper Association also provided parachute packing demonstrations throughout the day alongside the C-47 cockpit and parabike, the latter on loan from the Cirencester War Museum. A packed day!

On June 10, members of the AOP Association gathered for a commemoration at the Air memorial. They were joined by members of the Army Air Corp to honour the memory of those who died in the service of their country. A big highlight was the chance to get up close to the Apache Helicopter flown in by the AAC and the chance to view the Corps Presentation Albums. A special thank you to Guyatts who had cleaned and prepared the Memorial and surrounding area, following the devastating fire at Hangar Three. Peter Hope who wrote an article for D-Day 80 last year, has sent us a three-part article , which begins below:



1944-45 - THE ZENITH OF THE AIR OBSERVATION POST

PART ONE. By Major PEA Hope RA (Retd)

The Air Observation Post (Air OP) was the very successful wartime solution to the problem of observing artillery fire from the air. It was carried out by Royal Artillery pilots flying various marks of Auster aircraft, which were supplied and serviced by the RAF.

On 5th March 1945 the Air OP reached its greatest operational strength; 15 squadrons and one South African flight, a total of 186 aircraft, although this was supplemented by the use of reserve aircraft that were pressed into action for the use of Army and formation commanders. Eight of the squadrons were formed at Old Sarum, which served as the training and wartime hub for all Air OP activities in the UK. The Air OP served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Greece, Yugoslavia, Palestine, Burma, Malaya and Java. This expansion to its zenith was a far cry from the first deployment of four aircraft to France in 1940.

The original aim was to provide air observation for one battery at a time so it may be interesting to see how the Air OP developed artillery observation, other roles and how they carried them out. The key to this development was voice communication by radio.

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HF radio had to be used so as to be compatible with ground and naval forces even though VHF is much better for relatively short range work. Using standard Army sets allowed the Air OP to engage targets with a large number of guns as well as carry out other tasks. The radios were difficult to tune, requiring an operator in the ground role. This added considerably to the work load of the pilots. The main problem with HF radio was that its performance dropped off at dusk as static interference increased.

Directing Gunfire.

Directing and controlling gunfire was, of course, the main task of the Air OP. Guns of all Western Allied forces were directed, including Italian artillery after they changed sides in 1943. The smallest calibre used were the 3-inch guns of Grant tanks firing in the indirect role in Burma and the largest were the 16-inch guns of the battleship HMS Rodney off Normandy. Ranges varied between 4,000 yards for the tanks and 42,000 yards for the Dover guns firing deep into Normandy with a time of flight of 80 seconds. These guns fired 62 rounds on 19th September 1944 and some 200 rounds altogether with considerable success. Tanks in the indirect fire role were also used on the Ravenna front in Italy when 21 Shermans of the 27th Lancers fired under the direction of 657 Squadron. Assistance to tanks firing in the direct fire role was also provided, particularly in Italy. Captain Leworthy of 657 Squadron several times successfully directed Sgt Miller of 12 RTR onto targets that could, initially, be best seen from the air.

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