

Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – 27 June 2018

Thousands welcome The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to Salisbury

Thousands of people (estimated at 5,000) lined the Market Square in Salisbury to welcome The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall on Friday 22 June as they visited the city to show their support for its recovery.

Their Royal Highnesses met with local businesses and people in the city centre including more than 500 children from local schools and attended a reception in the Guildhall to meet those involved in city's recovery work. Among the one hundred attendees were strategic leaders and representatives from the first responders, Salisbury District Hospital, Wiltshire Police and Metropolitan Counter Terrorism Police, the specialist task force and recovery group, the church, culture and arts representatives and local businesses and residents.



The Royal visit marks a significant and positive step in Salisbury's recovery programme highlighting that the city is getting back to normal. Other major events have also helped the city to attract visitors and shoppers. The Royal wedding party in the Cathedral Close, and the recently held OVO Energy Cycle Race attracted thousands of people helping to boost the local economy and showcase the city nationally and internationally through extensive media coverage.

Alistair Cunningham, chair of the recovery coordinating group, said: "We were absolutely delighted to welcome The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to Salisbury in support of its recovery helping to boost visitors in the city centre. While the recovery work is well underway, there is still a lot to be done and this visit has been a real boost for Salisbury.

"The atmosphere was so positive and thousands turned out to meet and cheer Their Royal Highnesses. We are all so pleased that they visited, and it was great to see so much support and such a warm welcome for this Royal visit."

Bustard Ride

Congratulations to the Bustard Ride team for triumphing in their 130-mile charity bike ride on Thursday 21 June in aid of [Wiltshire Mind](#).

Wiltshire Council corporate directors Alistair Cunningham, Carlton Brand and Terence Herbert were be joined by Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and energetic council staff for our very own Tour de Wiltshire.

From Trowbridge at 7am, the team undertook a scenic anti-clockwise route around all of our community areas, taking in Warminster, Salisbury, Amesbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Malmesbury, Chippenham and Melksham, before arriving back at the start ahead of schedule at around 6:15pm.



Staff at our hubs and Churchfields Depot also volunteered a few minutes of their time to cycle on the exercise bikes in the hope of matching those out on the road. The end result was a fantastic 725 miles cycled and an additional £315 for the total.



The great effort of the team out cycling the route as well all those racking up miles on the exercise bikes in our hubs and depots has resulted in us raising a massive £3,165 for [Wiltshire Mind](#) so far.

There's still time to donate so if you can spare a penny or two for this fantastic charity, head over to our Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bustard-ride-wiltshire>

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Armistice commemoration events

Many communities across the country are thinking about the Armistice; and what this means for our military and civilian communities today. The Armed Forces Covenant Fund is running an awards programme to provide communities with evocative silhouettes to support local events.

The application process is simple; and you can obtain up to 10 silhouettes. You'll need to tell us about the event that you will run to bring people together; but this does not have to be a big affair, it could just be tea and cakes.

Applications close on 16 July 2018. Go to http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/?page_id=215 for more information and to apply.

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Options on parade at Army Life Skills and Job Fair

Hundreds of service personnel planning their next steps found a range of information and help at the Army Life Skills and Job Fair recently.

The free event organised by HQ South West and supported by Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council was held at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre.

More than 60 organisations attended to offer advice and guidance for the whole service family including soldiers, spouses, families and veterans. Information was available on a number of

options including health and care, manufacturing, transport, building, finance and communications and IT to name a few.

Experts were also on hand to offer advice in a range of areas including education and training, housing, money, welfare and health.

Pauline Church, Wiltshire Council cabinet member for economic development said: "This was a great event which was very well attended. Our military offer a range of unique skills and experience that really contribute to our economy. I'm so pleased we had a good range of dynamic businesses and exciting education and training opportunities available for those planning their next steps or thinking of a new career."

Lt Col Peter Bates said: "I was delighted that the combined Jobs and Skills fair was considerably well supported by a variety of employers and providers. This gave the opportunity for hundreds of service men, women and dependants to benefit from what was being offered. It seemed to be a real success and there are requests coming in for another to be held within six months."

Home sweet homes for new residents

Two new bungalows built for elderly people in Mere are now occupied by residents.

Wiltshire Council own and run the council homes, which are designed to help older residents remain in their community.

The houses are energy efficient, cost effective to run and meet the needs of ageing residents.

The £450,000 scheme is part of the council's £35m programme to build 180 affordable homes by 2020.

The bungalows were built on an underused garage site by the council's contractor, Rigg Construction.



Flytipper caught after witness's tip off

A flytipper was issued a fixed penalty notice of £400 after a vigilant citizen tipped off Wiltshire Council when he saw the culprit dumping a van-load of rubbish in a country lane.

The quick-thinking witness watched the man unload cardboard boxes and carpet on a verge off Rockley Road, Ogbourne Maizey, Marlborough.



The witness noted the vehicle's registration, which helped council enforcement officers and the DVLA track its owner. The driver, from Swindon, was questioned under caution. He was issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice and ordered to clean up the mess by enforcement officers.

Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for waste, said: "I would like to applaud the very positive spirit of the member of the public and thank them for their quick thinking that has resulted in this fixed penalty notice. I hope this will encourage more people to report these types of crimes. Wiltshire Council is committed to crack down on waste crime like flytipping and fixed penalty notices are a significant tool in combating this illegal activity."

Residents can report fly-tipping at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or by calling 0300 456 0100.

New gym is worth the wait

Wiltshire Council is pulling its weight in the quest for fitness by funding a £50,000 makeover at Amesbury Sports Centre.

They are celebrating the launch of new-look fitness facilities with a free membership offer.

The overhaul includes a new free weights training space featuring an extensive range of equipment, including a Smith machine, dumbbell racks and workout benches.



Wiltshire Council has also replaced cardiovascular equipment in the main fitness suite, opening the gym out to make more space and redecorating to give the centre a fresher look.

New joiners can claim their first **month of membership for free** and this special offer is available until the end of June. Full details are available at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-amesbury>

What's on



If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the [events calendar](#) on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under [‘What’s on’](#).

Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon:

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

Tree wardens for Wiltshire - www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What's on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community - <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

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