



Newsletter February 2015

Thanks to those who responded to our bus shelter seating survey in the January Newsletter. We're pleased to say that we shall be going ahead with a bench, supported by a kind donation from some recent Bombay Sapphire fundraising.

It was great to see so many faces at our "Meet the Parish Council" informal coffee morning on Sunday 22nd Feb, hosted by our chairman Bob. We are actively looking for potential parish councillors as we have an election of all the councillors due on 7th May (along with the general election!) and some current councillors are standing down. The nomination process will open shortly. See below for details.

EDF have appealed to the secretary of State following the refusal of planning permission for the 14 turbine Windfarm partly situated in our parish. The Parish Council ran a survey in Nov 2012 which resulted in 76% of respondents objecting to the Windfarm with 17% for and 7% ambivalent. The PC took this as a mandate to object to the plan. The Parish Council wish to re-gauge opinion and request your feedback NOW. Let us know below as we have a PC meeting on 4th March to discuss the appeal.

Your copy of the March [Overton News & Views](#) will shortly be available at this link.



WindFarm Appeal: Your latest views needed

We have now heard formally that EDF are appealing against the planning decisions made by Basingstoke and Deane Borough, Test Valley and Winchester City Councils to refuse permission for the proposed 14 turbine windfarm at Bullington Cross. (Appeal Ref: APP/H1705/W/14/3001603)

4 of the 126m turbines would fall within our Parish. Over the past couple of years we have provided much information on this topic through this newsletter. In 2012 we emailed a survey to understand the views of residents. Overwhelmingly the residents who responded were against the construction of the windfarm with 76% against, 17% in favour and 7% ambivalent.

With this mandate the Parish council objected to the plan on grounds of negative visual impact (both locally and for many miles); Airborne noise, ground vibration, light flicker and light pollution (red lights at 80m); MOD helicopter re-routing, potential closure of Popham as valued local business, Negative impact



Parish Council

Parish Councillors up for Election in May

Ever wished to have more of a say in your local area? The Parish Council needs active, interested and committed people to serve and get involved in its work, to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect our community. Parish councillors play a vital part in representing the interests of the community and improving the quality of life and the local environment. Furthermore they influence other decision makers and can deliver services to meet local needs. Some of the issues that concern parish government are planning, highways, transport and traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way. With the Localism Act of 2011 the Government aimed to devolve more power at a local level.

So if you want to get involved NOW may be your opportunity! All 7 of the Parish Councillor positions are up for election in May.

on Wildlife and the setting of a precedent for further schemes in the vicinity.

In order for us to assess latest opinion on this important issue, please take a minute to give us your current view, even if you responded before. We need this **NOW or by 3rd March** at the latest. We simply want to know are you: **For, Against or Ambivalent to the Windfarm** by Emailing: laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or call 07563 942360 & leave a message with your name and your view on this. Your responses will of course be treated in confidence.

The PC will be meeting on Wed 4th March at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall to discuss their appeal representation, if any.

The EDF appeal will be determined by an Inquiry. If you wish to make comments directly or modify/withdraw your previous representations you can do so by emailing Leanne.palmer@pins.gsi.gov.uk or going to the [Planning portal](#) or sending 3 copies to:

Ms L Palmer
Planning Inspectorate
3/26 Hawk Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol, BS1 6PN

The Deadline for comments on the

A nomination process will start at the latest on the 30th March. It will be kicked off upon publication of a "notice of election" in the Parish Noticeboards. Nominations must then be delivered by 4pm on Thursday 9th April to the Electoral registration Officer. If more than 7 nominations are made then the parish will vote on 7th May for its Parish Councillors as well as for the General Election. If less than 7 are received then the Parish Councillors are co-opted.

Qualifications for standing for election

You need to be at least 18 yrs old on the date of your nomination and be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other EU member state. In addition you must meet one of the 4 following criteria:

1. Be registered as an elector in this parish
2. Have occupied as tenant or owner land or premises in the parish for 12 months
3. Your main or only place of work for the past year is in the parish
4. Have lived in the parish or within 3 miles of it for the previous year

Also you must not be disqualified by:

1. being employed by the PC
2. being subject to bankruptcy restrictions order
3. having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or more

appeal is 9th March 2015.



Memory Lane: Laverstoke Primary School

Do you recognise anyone in this photo? As a clue.... Mady Oram kindly sent this in and it was taken in 1953 or 54. Mady is in the back row, second from right. Let [Mady](#) know.



Posting Times Changed

I am hoping by now that everyone has noticed the post collection times have changed in Laverstoke and Freefolk. The box shown above is at the end of Florence Portal Close. Collection times:

Florence Portal Close: Mon-Sat 9am; Sun

without the option of a fine in the past 5 years

If you are interested in standing as a parish councillor and wish for further information please contact Nicky, on [Parish Clerk email](#) or 07725 368012.



Next events at Watership Down

Remember Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday 15th March. Last year the Watership had a very successful Mothering Sunday where parties pre-ordered a joint to be carved at the table...

To celebrate the Indian New Year the pub will be hosting a Curry Night on Friday 20th March.

Not forgetting Easter Day - Sunday 5th April. There'll be a children's Easter Egg Hunt after lunch.

For further information on any of these events or to book a table just pop into the

7am

Laverstoke Mill gateway: Mon-Sat 4pm;
Sun 9am

Manor Cottages, Freefolk: Mon-Sat 9am;
Sun 7am

Many apologies to Roundwood -
Laverstoke Lane closure tonight has
prevented me from checking your times.

If you miss both your local box and the
Laverstoke Mill box then a later collection
is made at 6.45pm from the postbox at
Basingstoke delivery Office, Priestley
Road. Hope that's useful folks!



News from our Seniors

Still no tennis yet, but it will not be too
long now, with the season due to start
just weeks after the club's Annual
General Meeting.

The AGM will be held at The White Hart
at 8pm on Wednesday 18th March. All
are welcome to attend, to look back at the
tennis and social events of 2014, and
forward to the club's plans for the coming
year.

With plenty of opportunities for
developing tennis skills at our club
sessions as well as a variety of social
activities organised for members'

pub or phone: 01256 892254.



Not yet registered to Vote?

With both the general Election and Local
Council elections fast approaching in
May, make sure that you are registered to
Vote. Only individuals on the electoral
register are able to vote. The final
deadline is Monday 20th April. Visit
www.aboutmyvote.co.uk to find out more or
to download a form to post. To register
directly online visit [Register-to-vote](#). It
takes about 5 minutes and you just need
your national insurance number.



Youth Commission on Police & Crime!

Following a highly successful pilot in
2014, recruitment is taking place for this
year's Youth Commission on Police and
Crime form across Hampshire & Isle of

enjoyment, 2015-16 promises to be another great year! For more information about the Club, please contact: our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk or our Secretary Wendy Helsby, secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk



Hedge cutting, Maintenance.....

Thank you to Jon Harley for cutting our beech hedge in Laverstoke Lane, bordering the rough car park. It's a great improvement and much appreciated.

Hopefully users of the Marsden Court bus stop will have noticed that the shelter has now been cleaned!

Finally, Bombay Sapphire have given us notice that Meller's will be undertaking final snagging works shortly and therefore there will be trades' vans around for a period of a couple of weeks. This will be managed by BS and, as such, there will be no tolerance for noise, mis-parking etc. Vans will be parked in the corralled area.

Wight.

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to enable young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Hayes. Simon Hayes is keen to continue to work in partnership with young people from across Hampshire & Isle of Wight to ensure their voices help to shape decisions about policing and crime.

We are aiming to recruit up to 25 Youth Commission members aged between 14 to 25 years from across Hampshire & Isle of Wight. We are keen to ensure that the Youth Commission is made up of a diverse group of young people who reflect the local communities. We are particularly interested to hear from young people who have had personal experiences with police, crime or the criminal justice system.

The Youth Commission is a brilliant opportunity for a wide range of young people to gain new knowledge, skills and experience. Youth Commission members will work directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner, key police officials and other partners. They will also play an important role in helping to run events and gather the opinions of other young people about police and crime.

If you would be interested let the [Parish](#)

[Clerk](#) know and she will forward you the application form.

The deadline for return of applications is:
Friday 16th March 2015

For more information visit the [Youth Commission web site](#).



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10th March
14th April
12th May
9th June
14th July

Laverstoke and Freefolk PC meetings start at 7.30pm with up to 15 mins public time. Anyone is welcome to attend to ask questions, make suggestions or air views on local issues during the public time. Time will be split equally between the number of

Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7 - 8p.m. Thursdays with John Ruffell Tel: 07910 736432

[Yoga Friday](#): 10 - 11a.m. [Yogamaniac](#) Tel: 07884 384399

[Yoga Monday](#): 7- 8.30p.m. [Yoga with Gloria](#) on: 0758 462 1857

Other dance or fitness sessions: Does anyone know a teacher who may be interested in running a class here on a Wednesday evening? Let [Nicky](#) know: 07563 942360

To book the hall for your events see www.ladyrosehall.co.uk



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lfparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Lady Rose Hall:
www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Emergency Only Tel. no.: 01256 890078

Our neighbouring web-sites:
The [Official Whitchurch web site](#)
The [Original Whitchurch web site](#)
[Overton Parish Council web site](#)
Our Local Sports Clubs
[Whitchurch Tennis Club](#)

people wishing to
speak. After public time
parishioners are
welcome to stay on but
they are unable to
interrupt the Council
meeting. Venue: Lady
Rose Hall, Laverstoke
Lane. Note: no meeting
is held in August.

[Overton Black Arrows Archery Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for the
Elderly](#)

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