



Newsletter June 2015

Our lead article this month is on an exciting new social recreational concept that we'd like to get going in Laverstoke and Freefolk. It's called the Men's Shed! Also in the news is our annual Parish Assembly and we include highlights below of the reports from the local police beat officer, ward Councillor, Bombay Sapphire and our PC Chairman.

Late breaking news - Hardy's Cottage Garden plants have just won their 20th RHS Chelsea Gold Medal. Congratulations Rosy, Rob and team!

And not forgetting an excellent Bombay Sapphire May offer for local residents

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



Pavilion: L&F Men's Shed?

Pavilion usage has been on our minds a while and a very worthwhile organisation called the Men's Sheds Association got us thinking about an innovative and socially exciting use of the space!

The Men's Sheds movement began in Australia when men realised they could come together around practical tasks on a regular basis, particularly if they had a designated place or workshop where tools and work in progress could be stored. This appeals to men both living alone or with partners and at all ages although the vast majority of 'shedders' are at or beyond retirement date. Many older men lose some sense of purpose with the loss of their work role, status, workmates, income etc and can find themselves disengaged from their community if the pub or sports is not their thing. Often general community activities do not appeal to men and social isolation can occur. Men with their own shed have often developed skills and interests but in a larger facility, with better or more equipment, those skills can be enhanced and in a more social environment too. Working alongside others and with a purpose in view, but without imposed demands, can be exactly what many men need.

This could be a fantastic opportunity for an L&F/Overton & Whitchurch Men's



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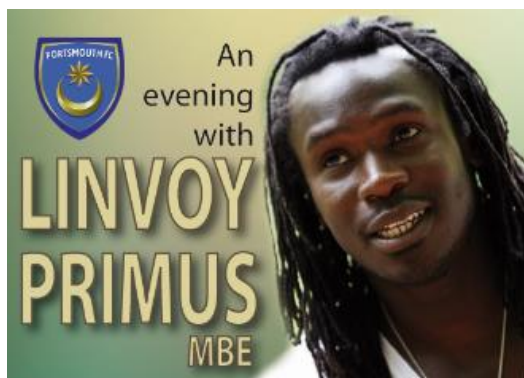
Annual Parish Assembly

We had a number of speakers at our annual Parish Assembly on 12th May- the Police, Borough Councillors, Bombay Sapphire as well as PC Chairman Bob Hough. We heard:

Our Neighbourhood Police team have moved to Tadley. Piers Ambler, who spoke, is our beat officer and there are 2 warranted officers, now covering S Basingstoke on an area basis. The top police priorities in Basingstoke, voted by the public, are home burglary, non-dwelling burglary & traffic speeding. For us locally the non-dwelling burglary is more of an issue due to the number of rural outbuildings and speeding which is covered by several trained officers. Overall Crime in L&F is very low - 51 incidents last year from RTAs to suspicious activity to assault/criminal damage, down from 60 the previous year. Although this is the safest place to live in Basingstoke area, it only takes an incident to completely change our statistics (one burglary this year was 100% up on last year!) Piers suggested joining the Hampshire alert

Shed group to form, gaining the benefits outlined above and also bringing life back to a redundant building. If you are interested take a look at the [Men's Sheds Association website](#) and also at the following couple of YouTube videos; [inside Hartford Men's Shed](#) and [Setting up a Men's shed](#)

We believe that there would be potentially quite a lot of support available to a group setting up in the form of grants from various bodies who support projects in the recreational/community/ social/health sphere. If anyone is interested in setting up a Men's Shed please contact Nicky at laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or on 07563 942360



Church Tea, Open Garden & Linvoy Primus

Midsummer Tea Party and Flower

Festival on Sunday 14th June 2 00 p.m. to 4 30 p.m. at St Nicholas Church, Freefolk. There will be a magnificent display of flowers on show in the quaint, attractive St Nicholas Church which belongs to the Churches Conservation Trust. Entry is free but there'll be plenty of cakes to buy and tea to drink in the church garden! Proceeds to the Churches Conservation Trust

Spring Pond, Laverstoke Lane. Open Garden and teas Saturday 27th June 2015 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. For further

system to receive texts, calls or email on latest incidents and activity to watch out for. Also to receive the monthly crime report drop an email to piers.ambler.15808@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Nik Fordham reported that BS have had a fantastic first year operationally with output up to 1.16la, making 500k bottles in one month alone.

Sustainability is key with use of the water turbine (lighting equivalent 2-300 lights bulbs per hour), Solar PV, biomass boiler powering the distillation process. Heat recovered is used in the glass houses. They have tried to fit in seamlessly with the village and be the best neighbours they can. They are moving from "ramping and scaling" phases to "normalisation". A new gin has been launched at Laverstoke recently: Star of Bombay.

On the Visitor side, Will Brix said over 25k guests and visitors have been received & April reached a high of 4300 with more expected in May. The long term objective is 100k p.a. The marketing, achieving 350k web site hits, 800m press impressions and 90% of Trip advisor reviews are over 4 out of 5 stars so far, is extending to focus on tourism and coach operators. Look out for a TV documentary made about the site going out shortly.

Our ward Borough Councillor, Ian Tilbury, introduced our newly elected Councillor, Colin Phillimore, who has effectively replaced Paula Baker. He commented that last year the Borough spent a lot of time considering the never ending local plan after the planning Inspector had thrown it out. The Borough have now

information see

website www.springpondgarden.co.uk Cost £5.00 per person. Teas and cakes available. Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Laverstoke

Linvoy Primus MBE is coming to Overton on Saturday 4th July. He was one of the best of the star names at Portsmouth Football Club and they even named a stand after him. He's coaching Junior football 3.00 - 5.00 pm at Overton Primary School. At 7.30 pm in St Mary's Hall, there's a Curry dinner with bar. Linvoy will be talking about his life in football and his conversion to Christ. Tickets £20 from Fireplace Shop, Overton or call 772083 me, Ian Smale!



Strawberry Sunday 5th July

The next tennis club date for your diary is Strawberry Sunday afternoon on 5th July, from 2pm until 4pm. Keen tennis watchers have probably already spotted that Wimbledon 2015 starts a week later than usual, so 5th July is the middle Sunday when – unless the weather has been terrible during the first week! – there is normally no play. What better way to fill the gap than by coming along to enjoy a fun game of tennis followed by strawberries and cream? Also in July, we will be hosting a tennis tournament as part of the 'Whitchurches Weekend'. There will be two events, one for adults and the other for juniors, both on the

agreed to increase housing numbers. Much pressure is coming from the M3 local enterprise partnership/zone, creating ribbon development along the M3 and driving growth in business. It is however sucking more people into the South. Over 270 new houses are to be built in Overton, 350 in Whitchurch and overall 845 new houses must be built in the borough each year. Suitability is based on sustainability. L&F is classed as moderately sustainable, even though we don't have shops, due to being on a bus route. The 2 primary schools were discussed. They have got together & agreed to expand Whitchurch by one full form entry rather than both taking in a half entry. It is expected that the Planning inspector will adopt the Local Plan next Spring.

Bob Hough thanked the Councillors who are no longer on the parish council for their commitment and hard work, most notably Caroline Jolly for steering the refurbishment of LRH to completion and managing the relationship between Bombay Sapphire/the local community during the BS build. He also thanked both Phil Nicklin and Richard Waters, for their support whilst on the Parish Council, and the current Councillors and Nicky for meeting attendance and the work they do in between. Reviewing the year he started with Lady Rose Hall. The successful opening was attended by over 120 residents. There are 3 regular users and the PC are on the lookout for more. The relationship between the Parish Council and

morning of Saturday 18th July. If you think you might be interested in taking part in this informal, American-style tournament, then please do get in touch asap with our Chairman Julie Bourne

at atchair@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk.

Club nights continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when play, hosted by a committee member, will begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. There will also be an opportunity to play tennis on Saturdays between 3pm and 5pm throughout the summer (please always check [website](#) for details).

WTC has an LTA registered resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Full details of the Junior Summer Programme for children from 4½ up to 18 years old are available from Carol at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or on 07939 264999.

Regular adult coaching sessions are taking place on Monday evenings through the summer, so if you are interested please ring Carol on 07939 264999 to get further information and book your place.

Ours is a friendly and growing club, and is always looking to welcome new members whether they are experienced, beginners or just want to get back into tennis. There is also the opportunity to join as a social member only, for those who do not want, or have little time, to play tennis.



Cllr Paula Baker Retires

Kingfisher, Whitchurch Tennis club, the Archery club and the Millennium Green continues to be good and the PC look forward to continue to improve the community site for all users.

Bombay Sapphire are now a part of the villages and Bob thanked them for their help painting the Community Centre and their kind financial gift which was put towards installing seating in the bus shelter outside the Mill.

Bob reported on the sad news of the passing away of ex Parish Councillor, Tony New, that we had included last month.

The PC have made Grants over the past year to: L&F Senior Citizens (run by Mady Oram & committee), Millennium Green for playground/Insurance & the Churchyard Maintenance of St Mary's.

Other areas that Bob commented on were: the continuing Bullington Cross wind-farm appeal whereby the Parish Council again sought local opinion and submitted their response to the appeal; the delays in upgrading to fibre broadband which unfortunately still persist. The PC have a contact at BT trying to get some concrete information and routes to completion. The final point was that village skips were a success last year and should probably become a regular item on the villages calendar - September is likely next date.

May has seen the retirement of one of the champions of Laverstoke and Freefolk.

Paula Baker was one of the 60 elected Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillors with responsibility for the Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon ward for 28 years! As a Borough Councillor she helped agree the Borough's policies to be followed in delivering its services, the spending plans and the borough council's part of the council tax. She has also been the Leader of the Council and the Mayor of Basingstoke!

Bob Hough, chairman of L&F Parish Council said: "We'd like to wish Paula a really happy retirement and much enjoyment from spending more time with her family. She has always taken a really keen interest in the area, supported our villages and been available at our local occasions such as Lady Rose Hall opening last year, village clear ups and of course many of our Parish council meetings." He added "We'll miss her wise counsel and input at our parish council meetings and would like to thank her for all her service. "

We're please to say we'll continue to see Paula around and about as she remains actively involved in the Millennium Green trust. Paula there's no escaping....



Not too Late to take Playground Survey

We would really like to collect some thoughts from you about the playground. We have created a very quick online survey. So far respondents have told us :

- 57.9% use the multiplay
- 21.1% Roundabout
- 15.8% Swings
- 5.3% General grassed area
- 100% of people feel that retaining the play ground an important part of the community

Please have your say, even if you don't have kids, maybe you have friends or relatives who visit with children. We want to hear from everyone! When we apply for grant funding it is important that we have the input from as many of the village as possible. It will only take about 3 mins for you to let us know what you think. [Click here](#) to access the survey. Alternatively leave a message for Lucy Arthur on 01256 896865 to get hold of a paper copy. Many thanks.

Also we'd like to remind you of a free way to raise money for this fantastic area: Easyfundraising. Go to the [Easyfundraising](#) link and sign up to support Laverstoke and Freefolk

Trading Standards latest warnings

Hants. residents should be on their guard following an increase in reports of a scam where attempts are made to defraud people out of large sums of money. The initial unsolicited contact is made by phone, with the caller claiming to work for an official body such as the Metropolitan Police, a bank, the Ministry of Justice or a fraud investigation unit. The caller will claim there has been unusual activity on the person's bank account and that money will need to be withdrawn or transferred in some way. The attempted fraud may then develop in different ways e.g:

1. A call will be received from someone claiming to work for the Police, stating they have persons in custody who are in possession of a cloned bank card. They will ask you to transfer a large amount of money into a 'safe' account and that you phone your bank. However, once you hang up, they will keep the line open so when you try to call your 'bank' you will, in fact, still be connected to the fraudster. The money will then be transferred into an unknown bank account which cannot be traced.
2. You will receive a call from a person claiming they work for the Fraud Squad at the Met Police and they have a person in custody who has stolen a large amount of money from your bank account. They will allege they require evidence to charge the person and will ask you to withdraw a large amount of cash from your bank account so they can check the bank note serial numbers. They will

Millennium Green. When you shop online, through this site, a donation is made. Every penny helps! Thanks again.



Outdoor Archery under way

The archery club has finished its indoor shooting for the winter, so if you haven't already noticed there will be a greater archery presence at Laverstoke.

The Waste bin outside the archery store/club room has been removed as club members were having to empty bags of dog muck. Please do not leave muck anywhere on the field, including under the hedge between the archery range and the tennis, where deposits have been found lately.

On Thursday 14th May the archers entertained 12 members of the Basingstoke round table, and gave them a try at archery. You can have a go too on 30th May the next club "Try the Sport" event from 1.00 to 4.00 pm, being run in conjunction with Archery G.B. The following month the club is planning to entertain members of a Local Visually Impaired club, and introduce them to archery. Archery has a very important place with the British

ask you to phone your bank to confirm the call is genuine, but they will keep the telephone line open. Therefore, when you speak to the 'bank' you are speaking to the fraudster who will advise you they are sending a courier to your home to pick up the money. The fraudster may then make subsequent attempts to obtain more cash for additional 'evidence'.

Hants Constabulary offers the following advice:

Never give out any personal info about your bank account to anybody over the phone. If someone calls claiming to be a police officer, ask for their identification number and police force. Hang up the call and advise that you will call them back using the 101 number. A genuine police officer will not mind waiting while you check. Call them back from a different phone if possible or wait at least 10 minutes before making the call. If you have given out information which could compromise your bank account security in any way, call your bank up to cancel your cards as soon as possible.

Never hand over money to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere. If someone comes to your door claiming to be a police officer or staff member, always ask for identification and make a note of their identification number. Ask them to wait while you verify their identity. Close the door and call 101.

Anyone who is concerned about similar incidents or has information relating to this report should contact the police by calling 101. If a crime is in progress, please call 999.

Pension Scams

Pension savers are being advised to 'scam

Blind Sports .

On Tuesday 30th June another beginners session of six/seven weeks will commence.

If you are interested contact the club coach

Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org.

A number of the archery clubs members have been competing around the South recently, congratulations on their achievements. The latest was Debby Lodge who achieved second place in the morning round of the Southern Counties Archery Society Longbow Championships last Tuesday. Richard Buckner is competing in first of a National series at Oxford, where he is on the same target as Amy Oliver, one of the archers who represented the country in the Olympics.

The club is through to the second round of a National knock out series, where they are away to Alton & Four Marks Archery Club.



CarFest South 2015 Licence Information

To fulfill their licence

obligation please find a summary of the CARFEST SOUTH 2015 event detailing the licencable activities, proposed hours and maximum number

proof their savings' as part of a campaign launched by the Pensions Regulator. From April 2015 new flexibility will give people aged 55 and over more freedom over how they access their pension. People approaching 55 may be contacted by scammers seeking to exploit people's interest in the change in law, asking them to transfer their money into bogus accounts or investment scams. The Pensions Regulator has set up a website full of advice for savers on how to spot a scam or what to do if they think they have been targeted by a scammer. For further information please go to [The pensions Regulator Website](#).



Exclusive Bombay Sapphire Masterclass Offer!

We hope by now that as a resident of Laverstoke & Freefolk you have visited the distillery. BS very much enjoyed hosting everyone back in September and would now like to invite you to the distillery for a Gin Cocktail Masterclass on either Fridays or Sundays in May.

Visit www.distillery.bombaysapphire.com and select the Gin Cocktail Masterclass from the list of experiences available. Enter the code LAV1761 to get 50% off a Gin Cocktail Masterclass on Friday or Sunday in May.

of people attending.

CarFest will operate for the 4th year in 2015, again at Laverstoke Park Farm, from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th August. The brainchild event of Radio 2 breakfast show DJ Chris Evans, raises money for BBC Children in Need. In 2014, along with CarFest North, they raised £1.5 million for the charity. The festival has 4 key components – cars, music, food and families.

Cars: This year sees a change to the hill climb format. The extended hill climb remains, however, the sevens theme has been swapped for the CarFest countdown! A sort of Thunderbirds countdown going from 12 down to F1! There will be a maximum of two track shows a day:

12. The Dirty Dozen – Cars from Chris Evans' collection
11. Vintage Eleven – A mixture of diverse classics
10. Race Car Ten – BTTC Jason Plato, Paul Newman's nissan race car, and a two seater Formula 2 car
9. Iconic Nine – Landmark cars
8. Hot Rod Eight – Britain's championship winning Hot Rods
7. Super Car Seven – the very best current super cars
6. Rally Six – historic rally cars from the past 50 years
5. Furious Five – Japanese retro and current super cars
4. Funky Four - Low Riders, pimped rides, beach buggies and custom classic camper
3. Dragster Three – includes a 250k Bentley Continental GT, Pro Chevy Street Drag FIAT Bubble Car

Bombay Sapphire look forward to welcoming you!



Scooters & Skateboards scare

There have been a couple of near miss incidents in the last 6 weeks with skateboards/scooters. Last bank holiday e.g. a child ran out from between the parked cars to retrieve his skateboard that had scooted onto the road, missing a car by milliseconds. Also comments have been received about lack of consideration given, by our pavement scooterists, to elderly people and those with young children getting in and out of cars. It is felt strongly that the onus is on parents to brief their children on safe and courteous behaviour. It is hoped that clearing the disused tennis court will provide an alternative hard surface for the children to bike and skate on. If they want to do it up (skim of tarmac) they can fund-raise (as the children in Overton did) and also apply to the PC for a grant.

2. Dynamic Duo – two generations of Batman Cars (Adam West and Michael Keaton)

1. Formula one –a collection of historic F1 cars, including a rare Martin Donnelly Lamborghini Lotus

Other car attractions: Around 30 car clubs will present their top 5 cars; Celebration of 60 years of Citroen, 50 years of the Ford Transit and 105 years of Alfa Romeo; Parade of Ferrari's & the Owners Club will show over 50 Ferrari's. Classic Car Auctions (CCA) will run an auction on Saturday 30th August of around 100 cars. They'll also be selling some cars with 100% of the sale will go to Children in Need.

Music:

Live music will operate from the main stage (two stages side by side) each evening. The bands booked are: **Friday**– Jools Holland, Scouting for Girls, The Boomtown Rats, The Lionels, Country Vibe; **Saturday** – Paloma Faith, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, Seasick Steve, Sophie Ellis – Bextor, Texas, The Feeling, Ward Thomas; **Sunday** – Bellowhead, Bjorn to Rock, Eddie and the Robbers, Level 42, Midge Ure, Take That, The Shires

Food:

1. Handpicked caterers, including Laverstoke Park Farm, will provide food
2. Laverstoke Park Farm operate Cookery Workshops
3. Britain's Best Pavilion featuring small producers and talks with be going on as well, from wine tasting to cheese demonstrations



Found in Laverstoke

1. On the Millennium Green Field, last week - Digital camera. Please contact Mady on 01256 895396
2. Found recently on the Archery field - a "Chubb" key. If you have lost one please contact Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org



3rd June Sustrans cycle event

Basingstoke and Deane Borough council has commissioned Sustrans, a leading UK charity that aims to encourage people to travel by foot, bicycle or public transport for more of their local journeys to help create a 'cycling strategy' and new cycle map in consultation with the people who live in, work in or visit the borough.

Further to the info we posted last month on this topic the Council and Sustrans are now hosting a consultation event on Wednesday 3rd June between 3pm and 7pm at Carnival

4. Cakes v Pies – a competition for visitors with final judged by Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood on Sunday.
5. Food and drink exhibition of premium brands and companies

Family:

1. Show Ground featuring Dancing Diggers, Motorcycle Quad Show, the Red Barrows, Monster Truck Displays and more
2. Kids Driving School
3. Big Top with a programme of children's activities
4. Goal Fest
5. Stunt School
6. Summer Camp
7. Air Displays

EVENT TIMINGS

Friday 28th August: Campers arrive from 7am; Festival opens 12pm. Hill Climb 2.30 – 5pm. Music commences 5pm. Bars and catering close 10pm. Music finishes and festival closes 10.30pm (These timings are approximate)

Saturday 29th August: Festival opens 10am. Hill Climbs 10.30 – 1pm, 2.30 – 5pm. Air display 1-2pm. Music commences 5pm. Bars and catering close 10.30pm. Music finishes and festival closes 11pm (These timings are approximate)

Sunday 30th August

Festival opens 10am. Hill climbs 10.30 – 1pm, 2.30 – 4pm. Air display 1-2pm. Music commences 4pm. Bars and catering close 9.30pm. Music finishes and festival closes 10pm. (These timings are

Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3DH. The event is a drop-in session over the course of the afternoon where anyone with an interest in cycling would be welcome to visit and participate in cycling discussions to help shape Basingstoke's cycle network and strategy.



Office Cleaner

If anyone knows anyone looking for a part time evening job.... Braden's at Laverstoke Grange are looking for an office cleaner 3 to 4 hours one evening per week. Contact Mady Oram on 01256 896444 if you are interested.

approximate) Fireworks are TBC at the moment but are likely to accompany the last music act of the evening

Monday 31st August

Campers to leave by 11am

VISITOR NUMBERS

Ticketed visitors per day: 18,800, of which up to 9,000 are campers. Staff, crew, guests, artists etc total 4,999.

SEP will be providing the traffic management expertise again this year and are liaising with HCC Highways dept regarding the implementation of a one way system again and speed limits on the roads around the event.

Brand Events and Laverstoke Park are working with Overton Parish Council to organise footpath access for local residents to provide an alternative to the C29.



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:
9th June
14th July
8th Sept



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7 - 8p.m.
Thursdays with John Ruffell
Tel: 07910 736432
[Yoga Friday](#): 10 - 11a.m. [Yogamaniac](#) Tel: 0788 4 384399
[Yoga Monday](#): 7- 8.30p.m. [Yoga with](#)



Contacts

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Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk:
Tel. 07563 942360 email: laverstokeclerk@gmail.com
Bob Hough, PC Chairman:

13th Oct
10th Nov

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 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.

[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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Newsletter:
lfparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Lady Rose Hall:
www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Resident's Help Line Tel.: 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](#)

[Overton Black Arrows Archery Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

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

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