



## Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

### Newsletter March 2015

In our first Spring edition of News&Views this year we have included articles on a couple of planning topics. The Watership Down Inn has submitted a planning application for a 5 bedroom detached building. The development has been debated at recent PC meetings. The PC also sought your feedback in the last Newsletter about the wind farm appeal. Whilst on planning... the old pavilion is making our news again too. Read below for more on these planning topics.

This morning we have received official notification of the election of 7 Parish Councillors for Laverstoke and Freefolk. The instructions for anyone interested in being nominated are included here and also are being posted on the PC notice boards today.

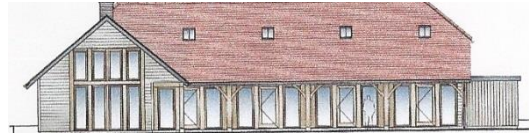
And please put Friday 3rd April 10.30 in your diary for the next village clear up!

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



## Village Clear up Good Friday

On Friday 3rd April we are organising a village tidy up session that will focus mainly on clearing the disused tennis court and surrounding area. We shall be removing weeds from the court, strimming and making a big bonfire from the already large pile of green debris that has been put there from previous tidy ups. We'll be starting at 10.30. Everyone is welcome to get involved - please bring any tools that you think may be useful. It's a really good way to meet other residents. Let's see if we can match the fantastic turnout at the last clear up day in January. Hot cross buns, cake and lots of tea and coffee will be available from LRH to sustain us. You never know if we do a really good job we may end up being able to play petanque or scooter on there yet!



## Watership submits 5 guest room plan

At recent PC meetings there has been much debate about the plan submitted for erection of a 5 guest room detached building in the grounds of the Watership Down. The pub wishes to expand its accommodation to meet the needs of both business visitors and tourists and underpin its business for the future. The building would run lengthways along the fence line the NW side of the pub (i.e. in the pub private garden and into old rabbit run area) Some local residents are concerned about the scale of the design (double storey, c. 5.5m high, c. length of current building) dominating the local scene. They are also worried about pressure on already limited parking, traffic safety at the B3400/Priory Lane junction, the blocking of light and views for side neighbours, as well as increased noise from facilities and potential future use as a separate housing development. There is, however, pretty much a consensus that a thriving pub is required in the village, and it is acknowledged that it employs mainly local people and supports local food and beer producers.

The Parish Council provided its comments to Basingstoke and Deane planners who must now make their decision. The PC has requested that the plan be amended to a single storey only, with all venting at the far end of the building; for parking to be made available; that long term occupation of the rooms be disallowed



## Millennium Green Playground update

Over the last few months we have been working with a number of companies to review possible solutions to refresh some of the play equipment in the Millennium Green play park. The play park is an important part of the Laverstoke and Freefolk community and used by many of our children. Unfortunately some of the equipment is in need of refurbishment or complete replacement to ensure that it is safe and continues to provide enjoyment for future generations of families in the area.

As we move forward with these discussions and plans we will hold a meeting in the Lady Rose Hall, where we would welcome feedback and support from the community – date and time will be communicated shortly. To enable this project to happen we will have to raise funds for the charity; while we can ensure that we leverage as many grants as possible, MG will still need to contribute. Therefore, if you have any fundraising ideas then please email them to [Nicky](#), the clerk. If you would like to be involved with this project or have any questions please contact [Lucy](#)

and that the building be "tied" to the pub i.e. not allowed to be sold separately.

For full plan details see Ref: 15/00508/FUL on the planning portal [Basingstoke and Deane planning portal](#)



## ?Pavilion Usage?

The Parish Council has been approached by someone wishing to use part of the old Pavilion building as a workshop. In order to fund renovation of the building to a usable state they would need to work in partnership with other like minded people who might also be interested in using an area within the Pavilion. If you are looking for new premises and would be potentially interested in hiring space please let us know. If the idea is popular we can then explore next steps. Contact Nicky [Parish clerk](#)



**Yoga - the answer to**





## Posting Times Changed

Apologies for my glaring glitch last month... the reference to Sunday post box collections should of course have been Saturdays as on the picture above and as corrected below:

Florence Portal Close: Mon-Sat 9am; Sat 7am

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

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



## Concessionary Bus Passes

This is a reminder that from 1st April 2015 older person's bus passes (blue stripe) issues by Hampshire County Council can be used from 9.30 am till 11 pm Monday to Friday and at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Disabled person's bus passes (orange stripe) are not changed and continue to allow free travel all day with the Hants County council area (excludes Portsmouth and Southampton).

## your bad back?!

Damien Rochford tells us of his experience of Yoga:

One motivation for me to take up an evening class of 'Yoga with Gloria', here at the Lady Rose Hall in Laverstoke recently, was a desire to try anything that would help remedy my annoyingly recurrent, and persistent, 'bad back' pain. The final decision though, to actually attend these Monday evening one and a half hour sessions, was kindly and sympathetically made for me by my lovely wife Fiona. She had booked and paid for the 8 week course as her Xmas present to me, and she was going to make sure I went!

My expectations at first, I must admit, were fairly low... 'better than going to the doctors' – 'it'll be worth a try, might do some good' – 'no gain without pain' I thought. Surprisingly there was little pain and noticeable gain. By taking you 'back to basics' Gloria teaches you how to better... Breathe, Sit, Stand, Lie Down, Relax and do nothing at all. The sort of things I thought I was quite good at already (!) but with the added bonus of a few twists and contortions thrown in. Gloria has a relaxed gentle style with a strong emphasis on breathing (you need to learn!), while moving, stretching and relaxing. This is a proper work out but it doesn't feel like it - in fact it's all very enjoyable. Early days still for me but already I feel fitter, stronger, more supple even agile, which is hard to believe. I'm really looking forward to booking onto Gloria's next course.

If you too would like to benefit from



## Archery congratulations

**Our congratulations to Jodie Buckner** who shot in the Archery G.B. November Challenge competition and came 19th in the country, in the class of under "12 years of age Girls". In fact she was seventh of those who were her actual age!

On 24th April there is a "Try Archery" session from 7.15 to 9.15pm in the Gym - Testbourne School, Whitchurch.

The Last archery evening indoors at The Testbourne Sports Hall is in the Gym on Friday 1st May. So you will see more archers about in the evenings at the Laverstoke Archery range after that.

On 30th/31st May Archery G.B. is holding its annual "Big Weekend" where clubs all over the country give the public an opportunity to "Try the Sport of Archery". We are joining in on the 30th May 1.00 to 4.00pm. at The Laverstoke Archery Range. Please make a note in your diary to try archery if you haven't before!

The next beginners course commences on Tues 30th June, 7.00 to 8.30 pm. at Laverstoke.

On the weekend of 18/19th July there is a gathering of Whitchurch's from all over the world. To find out more about the weekend

see: [worldwidewhitchurchweekend](#). Black

Gloria's Yoga class 7-8.30pm on Monday nights contact her on [Yoga with Gloria](#) or 0758 4621857. The next set of 6 classes starts on 13th April. All welcome.



## Tues 7th April Season Start

**News from Whitchurch Tennis Club:** It was a case of winners all round at our Race Night in February when members and friends enjoyed an exciting (and in some cases, lucrative!) evening at Lady Rose Hall, and the club raised a total of £572 towards the costs of maintenance. Enthusiastic betting was succeeded by enthusiastic eating, while punters took a break to chat over a tasty fish and chip supper. It seems that a good time was had by all – so much so that we hope to do it all again next year! And so to tennis! It is hoped that the first ball of the season will be struck on Tuesday 7th April when, given fair weather, play hosted by a committee member will begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For those who need a bit of encouragement, there will be a Rusty Racquets morning on Saturday 11th April. This is aimed at players who do not play regularly, or who have not played for

Arrows are staging a tournament at Laverstoke on the 18th July as part of the celebrations. A National round [48 arrows at 60 yards and 24 at 50 yards] is to be shot, in the morning. In the afternoon we are doing a "Try the Sport" at the fete at Testbourne School.

Bill Jones attended the Glamorganshire & Open Field Championships in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales, on the 28th Feb/1st March. The weather on Saturday was dry and fine, but cold. Bill finished the 24 target unmarked distance Field round with a score of 248 placing him in 6th place overall, and 4th in the Open, shooting Bare bow.

Sunday was 24 targets over marked distances and Bill achieved 271 on a cold wet day, placing him in 5th place overall and 3rd place in the Open on that day. The final two days scores placed him joint 4th in the overall and joint 3rd in the Open. Well done Bill.



## Windfarm Appeal: Objection

**Your PC has objected to the EDF Appeal** following the gauging of opinion in last month's newsletter. Although slightly fewer people objected than in Nov

a long time – so if this is you, why not dust off those racquets and give it a go. Non-members are welcome, and please bring your friends. Details will be published on our website.

Whitchurch Tennis Club 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](#) (Tel. 07939 264999).

Regular adult coaching sessions will be starting on Monday evenings from April, so if you are interested, ring Carol on 07939 264999 to get further information and book your place. The club is friendly and growing, 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 to, or have little time, to play tennis.

With plenty of opportunities for developing tennis skills at our club sessions, as well as a variety of social activities organised for members' 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](mailto:membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk) or our Secretary Wendy Helsby, [secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

2013 it was still the overwhelming feedback that the PC received. We had 69% (18) of respondents against, 31% (8) of respondents for. Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond. The PC greatly value resident's input when assessing what actions to take with these important planning applications and decisions.



## Couple of Cautions!

**Millennium Green Dog Poo:** Sorry can't believe I actually wrote that (!) but perrleeease can dog owners ensure that they take bags with them on walks, pick up their dog poops as they mess and the take them home with them. I have had reports of increase of mess on the Millennium Green (Rough Football pitch), in particular, and this from dog owners!! We also do not want to see bags dropped in the woods or elsewhere as this is even worse!

By the way in case anyone thought this pic was pointing fingers(!) this is absolutely no reflection on John and Tilly who just happened to be out walking when I was snapping away!!

**Children playing between cars in LRH car park:** we have had comments about



## Walking for Health

**National Initiative - Walking for Health** - is coming to Overton. Meet 10am on Monday 30th March at ORC Pavilion, Bridge Street and on subsequent Mondays. Short walks of one to one and a half hours bring health benefits and good social contacts. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Just turn up- no need to pre-book. However, if you'd like more informations contact Denise Williams on 01256 770434 or 07787 530677.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Basingstoke & Deane  
Election of Parish Councillors  
for the Parish Council or Ward (as applicable) listed below

## Laverstoke & Freefolk: 7 Councillors to be elected

**1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer,** Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH from the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding bank holidays) but **no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, 9th April 2015.**

**2. Nomination papers may be obtained** from the offices of the Returning Officer, Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road,



children playing in the LRH and Bombay Sapphire car park dodging in and around the cars on scooters and bikes. Please don't allow your children to play in the LRH or Bombay Sapphire car park unless adults are present. We are worried about them narrowly missing parked cars and more worryingly being hit by cars turning into the car park. Many thanks!



## Seeing the village in a New Light!

**We've had so many positive comments** about the new "old" style lamps in Laverstoke Lane. They add a very sympathetic touch to the conservation area. Thanks, finally, to Hants CC - well with the exception of the one lamp at the end of the lane that we have reported as not having worked yet!.

Basingstoke, RG21 4AH, during the times stated above.

3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 7th May 2015.
  4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday, 20th April 2015.
  5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st April 2015.
  6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th April 2015.
  7. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 p.m. on Thursday, 7th May 2015. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th April 2015.
- To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th April 2015.

**Karen Brimacombe**

**Dated: 27 March 2015 Returning Officer**





*Parish Council*

## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14<sup>th</sup> April  
19<sup>th</sup> May - changed  
from 12<sup>th</sup>, this is  
the Annual parish  
meeting followed by  
AGM.  
9<sup>th</sup> June  
14<sup>th</sup> 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 people  
wishing to speak.  
After public time  
parishioners are  
welcome to stay on



## 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](http://www.ladyrosehall.co.uk)



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**Bombay Sapphire Resident's**

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**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

but they are unable  
to interrupt the  
Council meeting.

Venue: Lady Rose  
Hall, Laverstoke  
Lane. Note: no  
meeting is held in  
August.

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