



Newsletter May 2015

In case you are wondering what happened to our April edition.. we have decided to fall into line with the naming of Overton News & Views which comes out at the same time. You haven't missed a newsletter!

In this edition we are covering a wide range of topics. We knew that the Windfarm plan would drag on and in the latest development EDF have submitted updated documentation to the Planning Inspectorate. In particular more visual images! The PC election ended up uncontested with 6 candidates out of 7 being nominated. So if you didn't get your nomination in on time now is your opportunity to get involved! We're revamping the PC web site and have an opportunity for all local business owners to provide a few lines of content in a dedicated business section. The Millennium Green have their AGM on 19th May and will be discussing their playground plans. They would like you to take part in their usage survey. There are also a few events happening locally in the coming days and weeks. For all this and more read on....

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



Clear up Thanks

Many thanks to all those who gave time on Good Friday towards clearing the old tennis court in Laverstoke. It was fantastic to see so many local faces and even one of our old neighbours, now living in Whitchurch. Part of the old fence was taken down, trees coppiced, weeds cleared and all the old scrap metal removed. We shall plant climbing clematis and roses up the remaining fence and hope to have the surface of the old court scraped so that the children have another hard area to play/scooter on. Clare Albert raised £42 from selling the old metal and this will go towards grass seeding the rough strip to the side of the new courts. It's amazing what a bit of teamwork, along with hot cross buns and tea, can achieve!



Parish Council

New Parish Council formed

The recent Parish Council election process resulted in 6 nominated Parish Councillors being elected. As there were less than 8 nominated there will be no vote taken (for Parish Councillors) on 7th May.

Richard Waters has retired from the PC after serving for several years. Bob Hough, re-elected as Chairman, thanked Richard for his service to the Community and particularly for the use of his great local knowledge.

David Ellis has been warmly welcomed as our new Parish Councillor. I am sure many of you will know him from the village where he has lived with Jenny, his wife, and family for over 25 years. His finance skills, involvement in the Millennium Green trust and long history in the local area are welcomed by the PC.

As there is now one Parish Councillor position vacant the PC would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining. For more information please

Charity Open Day 3rd May

Hardys are supporting Naomi House & Jacksplace by holding an open day on 3rd May from 10am – 4pm. It will include:

- Behind the scenes tour of Hardys and their Chelsea gold medal exhibit
- Free entry and parking
- Delicious refreshments
- 15% off Hardy's plants

Please come and help support these fantastic hospices. Everyone welcome!



Dumping of Rubbish in Laverstoke

Kingfisher are having issues with people dumping large items behind their bins. The Day Care Centre are not allowed to put any items into their bins that haven't come from their building. They try and keep the area as tidy as possible but are struggling with this unacceptable dumping. A hoover was the abandoned offering of last week. If you see anyone trying to leave stuff please email the [PC](#) or tel 07563 942360.

contact Nicky
on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or call:
07725 368012

The AGM of the PC and the Annual Parish Assembly are both taking place on 12th May starting at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall. It would be lovely to see as many parishioners as possible.



Millennium Green AGM & Survey

Last month we told you about the plans that we are making for the repairs/replacement of some of the playground apparatus. We would like to invite the community of Laverstoke and Freefolk to input to the plan. We will have a presentation and exhibition about the play area at the Millennium Green AGM on the 19th May at 19:30 – 20.30 in Lady Rose Hall. Please join us to ensure that we have broad community feedback.

Before the event we would really like to collect some thoughts from you about the playground. We have created a very quick online survey. Please take 3 mins to let us know what you think. [Click here](#) to access the survey. Many thanks.

Behind Marsden Court fence line there is a pile of old garden waste that has been tipped onto the Millennium Green. Please dispose of your garden waste appropriately, at the official waste sites, if you are not going to compost it yourselves! Thank you.

Ok rant over!



Windfarm Appeal Hearing starts 13th Oct

As you know EDF are appealing against the decision of all 3 Planning Authorities to reject the Windfarm. The appeals have been conjoined and are due to be heard at a public inquiry commencing on 13th Oct 2015 for 16 sitting days! Formal notice of the venue details will follow.

EDF have updated a number of documents to help support their case. They have prepared a revised indicative grid connection route, updated drawings of site access, run a detailed residential visual amenity study (basically many views from local properties and footpaths showing what the windfarm might look like) and updated an ecological survey. You can email [Nicky](#) or 07725 368012 to organise to see the documents or go to Basingstoke and Deane offices.



News from WTC

A good number of players have attended the first few club nights, and were rewarded by some welcome sunshine. We look forward to many such evenings between now and the autumn! Club nights are 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, starting on 9th May (but please do always check our website for details).

After an off-putting early morning downpour, the sun also shone on our Rusty Racquets morning on 11th April when a number of non-members joined members in some informal doubles, with coffee, homemade cakes and chat between games.

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 at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 07939 264999.

Regular adult coaching sessions will be starting on Monday evenings from the end of April/beginning of May, so if you are interested please ring Carol on 07939



A34/M4 Junction 13 (Chieveley) Weekend Closures

Weekend Closures/Restrictions will be occurring as part of the ongoing works to refurbish the bridges at Chieveley and Welford. Specifically they need to demolish and replace the bridge beams.

Due to the specialist equipment required, including large cranes which will need to sit across all three lanes of the motorway, it is necessary to close sections of the roundabout over full weekend periods. To keep the number of closures and overall disruption to a minimum, work will take place on both bridges simultaneously on these weekends.

The scheduled weekends are:

Friday 8th to Monday 11th May
Friday 29th May to Monday 1st June
Friday 5th to Monday 8th June
Friday 12th to Monday 15th June
Friday 19th to Monday 22nd June
Friday 10th to Monday 13th July
Friday 17th to Monday 20th July
Friday 31st July to Monday 3rd August
Friday 7th to Monday 10 August

Movement at the junction will be restricted as follows:

1. Full weekend (9pm Friday through to 5.30am Monday) – the gyratory sections

264999 to get further information and book your place.

We are a friendly and growing club, and are 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
or our Secretary Wendy Helsby,
secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk



Calling all Local Businesses

Do you run a business in Laverstoke and Freefolk? We are looking to include a business section on our new PC web site. We need a couple of lines about your business, contact email, telephone number, address, your logo (Jpeg) and

directly below the M4 bridges and the A34 north and southbound approaches to the junction will be closed.

- Traffic will only be able to travel from the M4 westbound to the A34 southbound and from the M4 eastbound to the A34 northbound
- Traffic will not be able to travel M4 westbound to A34 northbound, M4 eastbound to A34 southbound, A34 northbound to M4 east and westbound, and A34 southbound to M4 east and westbound

2. Weekend nights (9pm to 5.30am) – the M4 east and westbound carriageways, between the slip roads, will only be closed overnight. The M4 will remain open during day-time hours (5.30am to 9pm).

Significant delays are expected during these weekend closure periods, and it is advised that you plan ahead of your journey to allow for extra time or avoid this route where possible.



Dogs being Stolen

A recent spate of dogs being stolen (for fighting) in the surrounding

link to your web site. Please email to Nicky, [the clerk](#).



B&D Cycling Strategy

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.

The final strategy aims to promote cycling for commuting and leisure with the map helping people to find the best route for their journey.

The first stage of the process is to ask local cyclists to give online feedback on any areas of cycle route where they have encountered difficulties and/or to make suggestions for new routes or facilities. This consultation website is now available [here](#). By following the link, users are directed to a map of Basingstoke which can be easily annotated with comments using the instructions available for download below. The mapping consultation closes on 18 May 2015.

In the next few months the council and Sustrans will be consulting with people on cycling issues and are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved in a workshop as part of this

area has put us on alert. It has been reported that dogs are being taken whilst on walks and from gardens. In some cases it appears that clandestine markings are left on exterior walls or adjoining roads and pavements to signify valuable breeds to be stolen at a later time. Dog owners are being asked to keep their eyes open and ears peeled and to not leave dogs in gardens alone.



April 1st Rural Police Changes

Tadley is now the home of all the Basingstoke Rural Team police. Paula Deery is the PC covering the South area which comprises Hurstbourne Priors, Whitchurch, Laverstoke & Freefolk, Overton, Oakley and the Candovers up to Newnham, along with one other officer.

Each beat now has a dedicated PCSO but no longer a dedicated Beat Officer. Our PCSO, responsible for community engagement is Piers Ambler. However, all calls to the Police, if not an emergency, should be made via calling 101 rather than by calling individual officers. There is now a reporting process that goes through their Resolution Centre where the majority of low level crime will be dealt with over the telephone. No crimes should be reported to individual officers via email. The benefit of all this is

process. To register to take part contact us on 01256 844844 or email transport@basingstoke.gov.uk.



Tony New - Farewell

It is with sadness that we report that on 13th April Tony New passed away. Tony was always greatly interested in the village right up until he died. He had been an active Parish Councillor for many years and a governor at Laverstoke Primary School. He was well known having been born at 20 Laverstoke Lane in 1927, and having lived in Laverstoke his whole life.

Tony attended Laverstoke Primary and then Whitchurch Secondary school leaving as most did then at the age of 14. He started his long career at Portals in 1941 initially at Laverstoke Mill and then transferring to Overton as a qualified paper maker. In 1948 he met Iris, his wife, at The old House at Home in Overton and they were married in 1951. They started married life living with his parents in No 20 and had three children - Janet, Shirley and Andrew. After his Mother moved to

that if there should be a sudden increase in crime in an area the team will look at it rather than any one individual. Mmm!



2nd & 3rd May Rugby FestOval

Our local Rugby Club, Overton, who play at Laverstoke Park, are holding their 13th Biennial FestOval. On Saturday there is an International Clubs Senior Rugby tournament. The Festoval marquee will be serving food and drink all day and you are all invited to watch. It is a great opportunity to see your local club in action. In the evening there is a ticketed event with food and a Live band at £10 per person. Over 18s welcome and everyone under 25 will need ID. Evening tickets are available from Sue Hunter on 07920 265604.

On Sunday 3rd there is an U14s, U16s (a.m.) & Colts 1(1-3.30 pm) Tournament followed by the International President's 15 vs Overton Camel Corps. Do come up and support your local club!

Salisbury Tony took on the tenancy of the property. However in 1960 Tony made his one and only lifetime house move to number 18 Laverstoke Lane.

Tony always led a very active social life and through the Portals bowling club became a very good bowler playing for Hampshire County. When he retired from Portals in 1991 he had more time for his beloved bowls. He was involved in various local clubs and sat on several committees. Recently he had been delighted to receive a life vice presidency from Basingstoke & District Bowling Association. Tony also was a keen crib player enjoying the local league. With his family he enjoyed watching Sunday cricket at Laverstoke Park, stopping in at "The Gerry" for a well earned drink on the way home!

He enjoyed "beating" on local shoot days and loved gardening too. He supplemented his well stocked garden with 2 allotments at the end of the lane, keeping his family plentifully supplied with veg.

Tony will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humour. He was blessed with a twinkle in his eye that could make any remark amusing. He loved his family above all else and will be missed every day by his far reaching family and friends.



Midsummer Tea Party & Flower Festival

Sun 14th June at St Nicholas Church, Freefolk 2 – 4.30 pm is the timing of this year's tea party of the season. The theme this year is “Royal Ascot”, so get out your hats and come along! It is in aid of Churches Conservation Trust. If you haven't been before you are in for a quintessentially British treat.



Laverstoke & Freefolk Senior Citizens

We held our first Coffee Morning of the year on Saturday 25th April in The Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke. After a damp start it turned out to be a lovely morning. The event was very well supported not just by our local people but also lots of people from other villages, which was super. We raised £298 after expenses, which was amazing. Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility. Also to all the Committee girls for their hard work, to the outside helpers, to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes etc, and a thank you to everyone who came and supported us. Finally a big thank you to Tracy from the Kingfisher Day Centre for her very kind help.

Mady Oram, Chairman Tel: 01256 895396



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

12th May - (changed from 19th), this is the Annual parish meeting followed by AGM.

9th June

14th July

8th Sept

13th Oct

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



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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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](#)

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.

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