



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter November 2015

Well it's been over a year now since Bombay Sapphire opened its doors to paying guests in Laverstoke. It was with slight trepidation and concern that we watched to see if their visitors were perhaps going to swamp the village but it's pretty fair to say we've hardly noticed the 60,000 who have been to Laverstoke in that time. Plus it's been a great way to entertain our own visitors too! Happy Birthday BS!

In our November edition we thank Nixie Graham for her time on the Parish Council and are now looking to recruit another Parish councillor. That could be you! We had a very encouraging turnout at the first Men's shed meeting and bucket loads of enthusiasm infused by our Andover Men's Shed visitors. Look out for the next meeting date below....

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A Cracking Good Clear Up!

We cracked through the jobs list on the Village Clear Up day on 17th October. Thanks to the combined forces of the archers, tennis club, parish council and willing volunteers!

The Tennis area was spring, or rather autumn, cleaned and courts de-mossed and weedkilled. The archery hedging was cut on nearly all sides with archers and parish councillors in the Quiet Garden successfully manouvering and coordinating hedge trimmers. The archery field grass trimmings were all removed to the now enormous bonfire - which hopefully will be lit on Friday 6th November. The side of the Lady Rose Hall Ramp was weeded.

In Freefolk the old dilapidated garages were removed and burned and contents later disposed of in a dedicated 6 yard skip.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to improve the appearance of our villages. It is greatly appreciated!



Bombay Sapphire - 1st Laverstoke Birthday!

Last month the Bombay Sapphire Distillery in Laverstoke celebrated opening its doors to the world over a year ago! To date we have welcomed 60,000 guests from over 40 countries around the world. The feedback has been fantastic - and after 500 Trip Advisor reviews we maintain 4.5 out of 5 stars as an experience.

The distillation of every drop of Bombay Sapphire that is enjoyed throughout the world is perhaps one of our biggest achievements, which was also realised on 1st October 2014, and since this day we have distilled and shipped enough spirit for over 34 Million bottles of Gin. We continuously strive to maintain and deliver the highest quality spirit but also to provide inspiration for new and exciting gins such as Star of Bombay. This expression was voted the best new Gin 2015!



Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Sadly Nixie Graham has resigned from the Parish Council as she is moving outside of our parish. Bob Hough, PC Chairman, said "We're very sad to see Nixie leave us and want to thank her for her hard work on the Parish Council. We'll really miss her invaluable local knowledge."

If you would like to consider joining the Parish Council as a Councillor then let us know. It involves as much or little time as you can give. Anyone over 21 years of age can apply who is a Commonwealth citizen, European national and is an elector. To find out more speak to Bob Hough on 07990 570035 or Nicky Nicklin on 07725 368012.

A formal notice of vacancy has been posted in the Parish noticeboards. If by 20th Nov a request for election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to Returning Officer, Basingstoke & Deane Borough council, Civic offices, London Road, Basingstoke by 10 electors for the Parish, an election will be held to fill the

We are very proud to have reached these significant milestones, and look forward to pushing on further in our second year.

Will Brix and Nik Fordham, Bombay Sapphire.



Encouraging Turnout at Men's Shed Meeting

We had super support from the Andover Men's Shed double act of Sam Plummer, Vice Chairman, and Brian Cooke, Chairman (and National Membership Secretary,) at our first Men's Shed group meeting. This took place at Lady Rose Hall on 19th Oct. They brought a display and lots of leaflets and photos of their shed which was officially launched in July this year. They were really enthusiastic and great ambassadors!

They explained that they rent a building from Enham Trust that they

vacancy; otherwise the vacancy will be filled by the PC by co-option.



Watership Tasty News

November 12th: theme evening being held with wines from the Loire to Rousillon along with a mouthwatering tasting menu. The evening starts off with a glass of fizz and then 5 wines matched to the tasting menu. All the wines are introduced by Stone Vine and Sun's French representative, Francois. There'll be an eclectic mix of white and reds finishing up with a sweet pudding wine from the south west. Cost including food and wine £45 per head.

Christmas Menu We are taking bookings for our Christmas menu from the beginning of December.

If there was sufficient local interest we would be delighted to hold a quiz evening. Please lodge your interest at the bar.

have done up with a workshop, a lounge area, a trainset area and a wood store. They've received support from Aster their local Housing Association, from Hants CC, Test Valley Borough Council and MIND. Members, who are 50 and over, can come and go as they please and they "work" on both Shed projects e.g. building a Crazy Golf Course for Enham Trust youngsters or creating log reindeer to fund raise and their own activities. They also will do some work for the elderly but only where they cannot afford to pay professionals. There are currently 13 Sheds in Hampshire including Havant which is a women only shed.

Clive Fortune, our local Community Development Officer, and Simon Bryant, Hants County Council Public Health Consultant, also both attended and lent their support to our project.

Following the meeting we have had a volunteer come forward offering to be our treasurer and IT support person which is a great start. Thank you Steve!

If you missed out on the last meeting, no worries, you can come to the next meeting which is being scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wed 25th



Sports News

Whitchurch Tennis Club last tournament of the season has now taken place on 26th September. They were very lucky with the lovely weather and winners were Barbara Russell, pictured with chairman Julie Bourne, and also Luis Morris.

Just a reminder that John Ruffell 's Kettlebells class at Lady Rose Hall on a Thursday has been put back by 30 minutes so the new start time is 7.30pm.



Basingstoke Consults on Draft Cycling Strategy

Members of the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee of B&D have recently

November in Lady Rose Hall.



Hampshire Walking Consultation

The County Council has prepared a draft walking strategy providing a clear statement on the County Council's overall aspirations to help people access walking routes and promote walking as an everyday lifestyle choice.

The strategy aims to cover a wide range of topics, including increasing the popularity of walking, links to health and well-being, concerns around safety and security, and infrastructure. The County Council would like to hear the views of everyone who walks in and around Hampshire for all or part of their journeys, for commuting or leisure.

The strategy is intended to link with the County Council's broader planning policies and infrastructure delivery plans, and those of their partners, in order to encourage

considered a draft cycling strategy. Sadly it looks from the maps like it doesn't include plans for cycle paths beyond Oakley. The strategy document has been published for a period of public consultation that runs until Friday 11 December. Views are being sought on:

- The draft strategy document itself;
- The proposed Strategic Cycle Network and whether this is appropriate; and
- Where their priorities should be in moving forwards with the strategy in the future.

The document is available to view at:

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cyclingstrategy2015>

This also provides access to an on-line form to record comments (hard copies can be made available on request).

people to walk more often.

The overall aim is to encourage more people in Hampshire to walk regularly, particularly for short trips, such as to work, education or to the shops, to improve their health and wellbeing and contribute to the quality of life which sustainable travel brings.

Hampshire offers a wealth of walking opportunities, both for travel and for pleasure. The County Council invests significantly in servicing an extensive network of footways and a 2,800 mile rights of way network, comprising footpaths, bridleways and byways!

To have your say download the draft strategy document and complete the online survey at this [web site](#). The consultation closes at midday on 7 December 2015.



Fundraising for

Senior Citizens

Mady Oram writes: We held our second 2015 Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th October in The Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke. It was a lovely morning and very well supported by both our local people and those from other villages - which was super. We raised £429.70, which was absolutely amazing. Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility. Also big thanks to all on the Committee for their hard work, to the outside helpers and to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes etc. as well as everyone who came and supported us. Finally a big thank you to Tracy from the Kingfisher Day Centre for her very kind help.

We look forward to seeing all our Senior Citizens at our Christmas lunch on Saturday 5th December. For further information on L&F Senior Citizens contact Mady on: 01256 895396.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10th Nov

8th Dec

12th Jan

9th Feb

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



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

Kettlebell Fitness: NEW

Start Time: 7.30 - 8.30p.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

Easyfundraising Link

Millennium Green

Easyfundraising link. Sign up to support Laverstoke



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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](#)

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

and Freefolk Millennium Green. When you shop online, through this site, a donation is made. This is FREE to you.

Service times at St Mary's

Holy Communion Services take place at St Mary the Virgin on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9.00 am (based on the much-loved traditional Book of Common Prayer)

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