



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter March 2016

There's great excitement amongst the village children and parents as the new parish play area is rapidly taking form! Nearly half of the tarmacing has been completed on the new multiuse court. It also looks, from the photo below, that our "youth club for mature gentlemen" have started putting their back into renovating the pavilion in order to make it a fab workshop for their projects.

Sadly dog fouling has caused much concern again and it is on the next PC agenda. And please put 19th March, village clear up, on your agendas!

Oh and there's some important road closure to be aware of. For more on all this read on.

The latest [Overton News & Views](#) can be found at this link.



Men's Shed - First Workday

The Men's Shed had its first workday in the Old Tennis Pavilion on Feb 27th. The first job on the list was to investigate the broken flooring which those present took to with gusto. After much crashing and banging it's been confirmed that some of the floor joists are indeed very rotten! The Men's Shed has now received a very kind donation of £500 from the Scheckter's which will be put towards materials to repair the floors and getting the building into a safer state.

The next work session is planned for **March 20th** from 10am onwards, if you know anyone with time on their hands who'd love to get stuck into some fixing-up please let them know.

The group aims to bring older men together to work on practical projects of their choice. It should be a social way of getting retired men out of their home/own shed and bringing them together with like-minded people.



A303 Popham to Bullington Road Closure

Received from Highways England:

A303 Popham to Bullington – Westbound Resurfacing

Further resurfacing of sections of the A303 westbound carriageway between Micheldever Services and the Laverstoke Lane/Kitelands junction, is taking place to ensure the network remains in a safe and serviceable condition. The work is currently scheduled to start on Tuesday 1 March 2016* and is expected to be completed by Friday 11 March*.

Traffic restrictions

In order to carry out the work as efficiently and safely as possible, we'll need to fully close the westbound carriageway from the M3 to the A34 overnight, between 10pm and 6am (Monday to Friday only). During the closures the main diversion will take traffic down the M3 or A33 to Winchester, then north on the A34 to rejoin the A303 at Bullington Cross.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during the work.

For more info on the "youth club for mature gentlemen!" email:
testvalleymensshed@gmail.com or tel:
07725 368012



Latest phone scam in Hants!

Hampshire Trading Standards Service would like residents to be alert to a telephone scam that has recently been reported.

The scam starts with a phone call from a male purporting to be 'Sgt Harris' from Hammersmith Police. He advises the resident that they have detained a member of bank staff under suspicion of fraudulent activity on the resident's bank account. The resident is asked to call 161 to satisfy themselves that he is a genuine caller. The resident then hangs up, but the scammer keeps the telephone line open. When the resident calls 161 an accomplice answers and confirms 'Harris' is a genuine caller.

The resident is then advised to call their

For any questions contact Highways England's customer centre: 0300 123 5000 or email:
info@highwaysengland.co.uk

*Please be aware that these works have been carefully programmed but are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. All our improvement work is carried out with the aim of causing as little disruption as possible.



Easter Service at St Mary's

Easter at St Mary's, Laverstoke with Freefolk is celebrated with a Family Communion service at 10.00 on Easter Sunday. There will be the traditional Easter Egg hunt after the service for the children (or the child within you!), so please do join us.

bank. Again the line is left open by the accomplice, but the resident thinks they have started a new call. The person answering this time claims to be from the bank, and after taking some security details and a mobile phone number, tells the resident that a large amount of money has been removed from their account, and put back in as counterfeit money. This money needs to be withdrawn from the account and handed to the Police at an arranged contact point. Further calls are made to the residents mobile phone number to encourage them to get the money.

It should be noted that there are variations on this scam and the information is not restricted to the above. Trading Standards would advise consumers never to give personal details to any person who has called them on the telephone, no matter who they say they are. The Police will **never** ask a resident to withdraw money.

If any resident is contacted by the Police, and they are suspicious, best advice is to get a collar number from the caller. Using a different phone, or after 20 minutes, call 101 and ask for the officer.

To report a scam or suspicious phone call, contact [Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline](#) on 03454 05 06 07, or the Police

Our Annual Parishioners Meeting (APCM) takes place on Wednesday 16th March at 19.45 at Spring Pond, Laverstoke Lane. The first 15 minutes of the meeting is for parishioners and we would love to see you with any ideas or suggestions for furthering our ministry in Laverstoke and Freefolk. Please do come - Brenda Bond, Churchwarden. Tel: 895594



Dog Fouling Continues!

Despite posting numerous times in the newsletter about the need for dog owners and walkers to take responsibility for removing dog mess we still have a bit of an

epidemic. Many of you posted comments on facebook recently and hopefully we can all work together to stop this. The clerk is enlisting the help of the B&D Community Safety Team and dog fouling is on the agenda for the next PC meeting on Tues 8th March at 7.30pm. So watch this space for a plan of action which we hope all residents will support.

on 101.



Revamped court!

Some of you may have noticed that resurfacing work is well underway on the old tennis court in Laverstoke. The area is currently being weedkilled and tarmaced by the contractors. Please ensure that during this time you keep any children and dogs well away from the area until the work is finished which, weather dependent, should be mid month. We'll then have a transformed play area.

And a big **Thank You** to those residents who have clubbed together for play equipment such as goals, hoops and nets that will be added when the contractors have finished. This is being coordinated by Steve and Jo Probut and Steve has also kindly installed the sleeving for the tennis and football posts.



Anyone for coffee?

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd April 2016 in the Kingfisher Day Centre Laverstoke at 10.00 a.m

Anyone who has any Nearly New (only), Bric-A-Brac etc please contact one of the Committee Members below and we would be delighted to come and pick it up. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any electrical goods.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 23rd April 2016. Come and have a cup of coffee with us!

Sue Walker 893574

Rita Giffen 893430

Mady Oram, Chairman 895396



19th March Sports Relief & Village Clear Up

Sports Relief is happily coinciding with our next village clear up. Please put the 19th March in your diary. We'll be meeting from 10 am beside Lady Rose Hall and tidying our lovely villages. The Tennis club, Millennium Green trustees, Black Arrows, Parish Councillors will all be out on the day and would really appreciate help from willing residents. Even if you can only give an hour or so that would be great.

To provide refreshment and to fund raise for Sport Relief 2016 there will be tea and coffee and cakes for sale. The tennis club have kindly agreed to champion the cake stall. They would appreciate any cakes being baked (just bring them in the morning) and of course cake buyers! Now let's hope for bright weather and a great turnout. All welcome to help!



Hampshire Junior Champions!

Encouraging Provisional Archery GB Indoor Postal Challenge results have been received for first year Recurve archers - Rob Aldridge was placed 83rd, Jon Gay 94th, Lee Monteith 127th and Luke Aldridge (Junior) 180th in the country.

In the Bare Bow class Brian Biles was 37th. Ladies Recurve, junior, Jodie Buckner was 199th. In the experienced archers male Bare Bow class Bill Jones was 22nd and in Recurve Richard Buckner was 22nd, Steve Allam 254th and junior Alex Allam was 358th.

A number of the club archers attended the Hampshire Archery Association County Indoor Championships and our juniors did well. Jodie Buckner became Hampshire Junior Lady Champion [under 12] and Alex Allam Gentleman Champion [under 16]. Richard Buckner took the bronze medal for Gentlemen shooting the recurve bow, followed by Steve Allam in 17th place, Mark Davies in 26th place, Terry Edwards in 29th place. Bill Jones



Household Waste Consultation 2016

Hampshire residents will be [asked their views](#) on how savings can best be made in the running of Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in a county-wide consultation due to be announced in the next few weeks, as the council looks to make further savings due to continued reductions in Government funding.

A number of different scenarios around possible changes to the service are being modelled for the consultation, including the possibility of charging for non domestic waste, reducing opening hours and the pattern of sites across the county.

Hampshire's HWRC service currently costs around £11 million a year to run and county and district councils together spend over £100 million each year dealing with waste – this is more than is spent on maintaining the highways and so it is really important to find ways to reduce these costs.

took the silver in the Gentlemen's Bare bow division.

Our juniors are competing in a winter indoor postal league and in January they beat Rochdale Archers by 120 points.

The next [club Frostbite](#) at Laverstoke is scheduled for 5th March. This is 3 dozen arrows at 30 meters at an 80 c.m. diameter target, divided into ten scoring zones.

On 19th March the archers intend to help in the clean up and work on our own range. Hopefully the fence will progress. We are also initiating several of our newer members into the safe ways and rules of shooting at Laverstoke. It is also "Sports relief weekend", so we will be selling refreshments to raise money for this cause.

The scheduled club evenings at Laverstoke commence Wednesday 30th March and then Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays thereafter. Individual members of the club can shoot at any times, subject to flying the RED flag.

Dates for the consultation on potential changes to the HWRC service will be confirmed later in the year, when the County Council will be keen to hear from as many people as possible about what they think of the different proposals.



BBC News item showing war time Mill!

Thanks to Jim Marsh for sending in **this link** from BBC News showing Bank of England Photos including Laverstoke Mill in the war!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-35370494>

Do you recognise anyone in the Mill?



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

8th March

12th April

10th May

14th June

Laverstoke and
Freefolk PC meetings



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

Other dance or fitness sessions: Does anyone know a teacher who may be interested in running a



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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.

Service times at St Mary's

Holy Communion
Services take place at St Mary the Virgin on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9.00 am.

class here on a Monday or Wednesday evening? Let [Nicky](#) know: 07725 368012

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

Easyfundraising Link

Millennium Green
[Easyfundraising](#) link. Sign up to support Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green. When you shop online, through this site, a donation is made. This is FREE to you. Also through the site above you can click a link on the top right hand menu to easysearch. This enables you to earn money for the green on all your searches!

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](#)

