



Newsletter June 2016

We've so much going on in June and time's running away with the newsletter! We're now in the midst of the detailed planning of the Ginkhana family fun event on the afternoon of 18th June and hope EVERYONE in the villages can make it! And not forgetting this coming weekend - the 12th June - brings a really big event to the parish with the, not to be missed, Test Valley Garden and Literary Festival at Bere Mill.

And in May Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants won another gold medal and a silver for the The Brewin Dolphin Garden: Forever Freefolk - shown in our photo above.

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



18th June 2.30pm in the Show Ring

Saddle up for our Ginkhana. You're in for



Hardy's Historic Chelsea Show

an old fashioned family fun and fund raising day - no horses required - on the Millennium Green, Laverstoke Lane.

We're kicking off with the Grand National Fancy Dress Parade - so get your horsey outfits ready. We'll be flat racing and steeple chasing and throwing in some cross country too - for all ages (foals, colts and nags!) The afternoon will unfold with other fun activities for toddlers through to adults - obstacle course, penalties competition (sorry can't think of horse analogy!)... The tennis club will be running a Rusty Racquets session and the Black Arrows will run some "Try archery" and the Watership Down nursery some toddler activities. There'll be a Nose Bag tea and cake stall to keep us sustained. We hope to finish the afternoon with a Tug of War (we promise the usual chaos) and prize giving.

And then into the evening with a Gin marquee with gin kindly donated by Bombay Sapphire. We hope to have music too and a communal BYO BBQ.

All funds raised will be for the playground refurbishment in the Millennium Green.

We're really excited to announce that once again Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants pulled off a stunning result at the Chelsea Flower Show. They received their 21st RHS gold medal. Medals aside Rosy is also a history maker - she is the first person to show both a trade stand and a show garden and win Gold and Silver medals for both of them. This makes Rosy the holder of an impressive 22 medals!

Chelsea's most decorated female exhibitor presented her usual large display of herbaceous perennials in the Floral Marquee as well as her first ever Show Garden sponsored by Brewin Dolphin: Forever Freefolk. Whilst Rosy was busy being interviewed by Monty Don we snapped Rob Hardy on their glorious stand in the main marquee.

Well done Rosy, Rob and team!

And if you'd like to recreate their exhibit here's the link to their plant list: [Hardy's](#)



Bere Mill event FREE pass for volunteers

The Test Valley Garden and Literary Festival, taking place on Sunday June 12th 10am - 5.30pm is going to be an



Spring into Summer at Watership

Thursday June 9th Wine Tasting Menu

With a mouth watering tasting menu including Smoked Duck Rillettes, Watercress Roulade, Scallops and Lamb Two Ways you'll be in for a treat at the 'Spring into Summer' wine tasting event at the Watership. Accompanied by a selection of wine from South West France whose quality has improved significantly over the past few years. The wines will be introduced by Francois Dupont from Stone Vine and Sun. 7.30 for 8pm start. £39.50 per head.



Holiday Have a Go

School Summer holidays are going to be

an amazing event, so please come. With an emphasis on the great outdoors and literature there are fabulous activities for children too.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the gates and also the car park – anyone interested? You will get a free pass to the event (worth £10) and will only need to do a two hour stint. Please contact me on bondb@btinternet.com if you can help.

Brenda Bond

For further event information

see: www.testvalleyfestival.co.uk Admission: adults £10, children (5-16) £5 Under 5s Free (to include all activities in the children's area.)



Visitors welcome at club evenings

Just a reminder that club evening sessions, at our beautiful courts in Laverstoke, begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. Each session is hosted by a committee member, so members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors too are welcome to attend a club night, for which the club asks a small fee towards the costs of

busy down at the Laverstoke archery range with a number of "Have a go" sessions, aimed principally at school children!

These are not formal training sessions, and no booking is needed - simply turn up with £2 to register and shoot some arrows!

Dates are ALL in August, as follows:

- Mon 1st, 10:30 - 13:30
- Wed 3rd, 12.00 - 16.00
- Tue 9th, 14.00 - 16.00
- Fri 12th, 10:30 - 13:30
- Mon 15th, 14.00 - 16.00
- Thu 18th, 10:30 - 13.00
- Tue 23rd, 10:30 - 13.00
- Fri 26th, 14 - 16.00

Open to all but aimed at school children.

Also Individual "Try the Sport" sessions can be arranged for any age, at £20,00 for up to two hours. For further information contact

Peter Turner Coaching

coordinator. Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org

Other News

New police contact Emma Page, PCSO has just replaced Piers Ambler in a reorganisation which aims to provide

upkeep. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the ever-popular weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons (please ask for details).

Social and Playing Members all thoroughly enjoyed our recent Progressive Dinner, walking around Whitchurch to partake of delicious food and wine at various members' houses. A great time was had by all!

The next tennis date for your diary is Strawberry Sunday afternoon, on 3rd July, from 2pm until 4pm. This is the middle Sunday of Wimbledon, when there is normally no play at the tournament, so what better way to bridge the gap than by coming along to enjoy a fun game of tennis, followed by strawberries and cream? Members and non-members are very welcome.

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors (4½ up to 18 years old) and adults. Regular adult coaching sessions will be starting on Monday evenings from May. Full details are available from Carol at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are experienced, beginners or just want to get back into tennis. There is also the

Overton, L&F and Steventon with more dedicated police time. Emma can be reached on emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Don't forget to report offences, including speeding and coursing, dial 101 if it's a non-emergency and dial 999 for an emergency (where speedy response is necessary and proportionate).

Superfast knowledge: Does anyone in the parish have any technical knowledge that could help the PC with identifying superfast broadband solutions e.g. using 4G?

Grapevine: We heard in the news that Sir Richard Shirreff has published a book in May called "2017: War with Russia" definitely one to propose for book club reading list.

opportunity to join as a social member only, for those who do not want to, or have little time, to play tennis. Details can be found on our website, www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk or contact our Membership Secretary [Lynda Frith](#), or our Secretary [Wendy Helsby](#)



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14th June



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



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Bob Hough, PC Chairman:

12th July
13th Sept
11th Oct
8th 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.

Other dance or fitness

sessions: Does anyone know a teacher who may be interested in running a 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!

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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](#)

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.

