



## Newsletter February 2017

If it's not too late to say it: 'Happy New Year to everyone in Laverstoke and Freefolk.' What better way to kick 2017 off than with news of a fantastic Local Infrastructure Fund grant that enables replacement of some of our old playground equipment to go ahead!

Please note that the Parish Council meeting for February has been pushed back from Tuesday 14th to Wednesday 15th at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall - we didn't want to ruin anyone's valentine fun! It is hoped that we'll get an update on Freefolk superfast cabinet as we have a BT representative attending.

And another important date for your diary is 18th March. The parish spring clear up and a fund raising Quiz Night are both planned on this day. For details of all this and more read on....

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



## **Millennium Green gets Green Light on Grant!**

The hard work of the Millennium Green team has finally paid dividends. After months of planning and applying for grants they have been awarded £30,667 towards replacing old playground equipment. In particular the old multi-play area and baby swing are to be replaced. This is great news for all the children and their friends in the parish. The grant was from Basingstoke and Deane's Local Infrastructure Fund and should finance the bulk of the cost. About £2000 only will then need to be fund-raised locally.

The Basingstoke Gazette photographer took some photos of the children playing on the roundabout. As he was trying to take some action shots standing on the roundabout he was overheard saying 'that's fast enough. I think we only need one child pushing!' So watch out for the photos in an upcoming issue of the paper.

Both the Millennium Green and Parish Council would like to thank Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for



## **BT at PC meeting Wed 15th February**

On 3rd Feb Kit Malthouse is holding a second Hampshire broadband summit which Parish Councillors and some residents are attending. It is expected that this might give suggestions of future technologies for the last 5% of Hampshire to get connected (locally that's those properties that remain unconnected in the parish after Cabinet 7 goes live.) HCC and BT will be talking.

In the meantime just when we thought we might start hearing some good news about Freefolk one of the cab 7 boxes opposite Priory Lane has been hit by a car. It looks like it is just the box rather than the cabling that's been affected but maybe that's just hope speaking louder than reality. Anyway the PC have invited a BT representative to the next PC meeting - Wed 15th Feb at 7.30pm. We are hoping that we'll have an update on when we can expect connectivity.

supporting the playground initiative.



## 18th March: Village Clear Up and Quiz Night

**18th March is a big day for the Village.** Please mark your calendars! We have our Spring Village clear up from 12 noon onwards. This will be followed by a quiz night at Lady Rose Hall. This is to help raise the final £2000 required to complete the playground project. Kick off will be at 8pm and is open to all adults. More details will follow closer to the event and we hope to see as many residents and their friends as possible!

Make sure you don't miss out on this fun whilst securing our children's play future!



## 2016 New Years Eve Shoot

13 members shot at the New Years Eve club shoot. The weather was kind, the cake good and the tea very welcome for keeping the hands warm - as pictured.

You may have noticed that new archery warning signs have been put up on the gates and fencing around the archery range. These are to replace the temporary signs that have previously just been pegged out before archery use. In the future the gates will be shut when archers are shooting. At this time please obey the signs and do not enter when the red flag is flying – you will be entering an area of arrow overshoot danger.

At the club AGM Les Soper-Dyer was awarded the clubs "Presidents Medal" for all the voluntary work he does in maintaining the shooting range at Laverstoke to such a high standard.

Big congratulations to William (Bill) Jones of the Black Arrows who ranked 1st in Hampshire for Gentleman's Barebow (shooting without sight or stabilisation



Littering seems to be on the rise as noticed in the PC car park beyond the pavilion and also along Laverstoke Lane towards Micheldever. We know that local residents take pride in the area, know where the litter bins are and don't discard their rubbish 'willy-nilly'. However it would be very helpful if we could all put on our best community spirited womble poses and stick litter in the nearest bins when we see it (but only if it is safe to do so!) Thank you. Great Uncle Bulgaria.



## Andre's Garden, Laverstoke Park

A couple of people recently suggested that it would be good to mention a new local farm shop that has opened - Andre's Garden. This is situated in the wonderful Walled Garden at Laverstoke Park. Andre

rods!). This positioned him 11th In England, and 21st in the U.K. This is for field archery which is shooting at targets at a variety of distances around an undulating, sometimes woody, course. It's rather like going around a golf course.

You may have seen some of our archers out in the frosty archery range some Saturdays. They are shooting in a postal league, aptly called "Frostbite Round". It is 3 dozen arrows at 30 meters onto an 80 c.m. diameter face divided into ten scoring areas. In November Black Arrows beat Dunstable Bowmen and were successful again in December against Bowmen of Wadebridge. Both times scoring 790.

Other recent wins have been at the Berkshire Open Indoor Championships where Alex Allam won Gold in the U18 Gents Recurve category, Richard Buckner won Silver in the Gents Recurve category, and his daughter Jodie was 6th in the Under 14 years old Ladies Recurve category. Eight other club members also shot extremely well in their respective classes. And last but not least Richard Buckner has been placed 7th In the Hampshire Archery Association County target shooting rankings for 2016. The PC wishes the archers every success for 2017!

and Monique grow organic produce here and also live in the grounds. Intrigued, I went down to have a look last weekend and if you haven't yet been to the shop you are in for a treat! Seasonal vegetables and fruit are available, all organic, and unusual varieties too. We've just been eating an unusual and delicious purple and white beetroot in our salad - great quality, healthy, as well as tasty.

The garden is part of Laverstoke Park Farm but is a local initiative driven by Andre. I contacted the LPF sales manager, Gary Winslade, to discover how this fitted into the overall farm picture since the farm shop in Overton was closed last Autumn. He explained that Laverstoke Park Farm meat is now sold to Ocado and Gourmet Burger Kitchen (buffalo burgers!), their Mozzarella is supplied to Pret A Manger and their buffalo ice cream to the Fullers pubs up and down the country. It is not expected that the fruit and vegetable side will grow hugely given the location and space available, and it is hoped that local people will therefore enjoy the output.

If you weren't aware you access the garden up Watch Lane, following the Andre's Garden temporary signs. However if the mysterious sign thief (whoever it is, please stop!) has been at work then follow the Overton Rugby club



## Pensioners Takeover Watership Down Inn

Once again this year, on Saturday 3rd December, we took over 50 pensioners and helpers out for a traditional Christmas lunch held in the Watership Down Inn. The pub and tables were beautifully decorated and a lovely Christmas tree greeted us as we walked in! The staff were so obliging and nothing was too much trouble. A delicious traditional roast turkey lunch, followed by Christmas pudding with brandy sauce was much enjoyed by everyone. It was a real treat for the Committee girls too as they could sit down and enjoy being waited on. All in all it was superb lunch in a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

You too can follow the party highlights on [YouTube](#), thanks to Howard!

A big thank you to Philip and Jules Denee, and of course to Steve, Billie & John the Chef's, Anna, Front of House Manager and all the staff for all their hard work in making this lunch such a success.

signs up as far as Home Farm.

Opening times are Friday afternoons 13:00 - 17.30 and Saturday mornings 10:00 - 14:00. You can also see Andre at work in the walled garden on the current Sugar Free Farm series on ITV!



## Free Will Writing Offer from Marie Curie

**Marie Curie along with local solicitors** are currently running a Free Will Writing Scheme in our area with local solicitors and have asked us to include the following in our newsletter:

If you are aged 55 or over you can now get your will written for free up until 30th April 2017 thanks to Marie Curie's Partnership with solicitors in Berkshire, West Hampshire (excluding Southampton) & New Forest. For further info contact Toni Denyer legacy adviser on 01883 832639 or email [toni.denyer@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:toni.denyer@mariecurie.org.uk)

Marie Curie is dedicated to the care of people with terminal illnesses. Our nurses

Whist writing we are a willing group of Committee girls who run two coffee mornings, or cake stalls, a year to subsidise various activities including a Christmas Party or lunch for our Senior Citizens in the Laverstoke, Freefolk and Wells-in the-Field area.

If you are not currently on our list of Senior Citizens and are eligible to join (62 years and over and retired) we would love to hear from you. Please give me a call.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Healthy, Happy and prosperous New Year

Mady Oram, Chairman. 01256 895396



## 'Home Instead' Cafe in Overton

**Home Instead, the Home care service providers for senior citizens**, have set up a monthly cafe on the second Monday of every month in Overton Community Centre from 2 - 3.30pm. It is an opportunity for anyone with memory loss or dementia, their carers, friends and

work in the homes of terminally ill patients across the UK, providing practical care and support. The equivalent of almost a quarter of all people cared for by Marie Curie last year was thanks to gifts left in supporters Wills.

Given the choice, most of us would want to die at home, surrounded by the people and things we cherish. Marie Curie makes this possible. Our nurses give free hands-on care to people with a terminal illness in their own homes, and vital emotional support to their loved ones. We allow families to make the most of the precious time they have left together. But the sad fact is, every five minutes someone in the UK dies without the care they need at the end of their life. That's why we urgently need to reach more people – and why we're counting on your support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this request. Your Support really will help make a difference. Toni Denyer

family members impacted and also those senior family members just looking for company to come and meet, reminisce, share experiences or just get out of the house.

The sessions are informal and include activities, free refreshment and access to information. there's no need to book and no need to stay for the whole session.

Why not call in and see what a visit to the Memory cafe can add to your day.

The next is on Monday 13th Feb. For more information contact Sally Regan on 01256 840660 or email

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## PC Meetings



## Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7.30 -  
8.30p.m. Thursdays with



## Contacts

Next meeting dates:

15<sup>th</sup> Feb

14<sup>th</sup> March

11<sup>th</sup> April

9<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> June

11<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 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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-7.30p.m. Wednesdays

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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](#)

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