



Newsletter March 2017

We had the first good Superfast Broadband news in a long time at the Parish Council meeting in February. The extent of coverage will be greater than expected and we share the details below.

18th March is our Spring Village Clear Up. Please volunteer some time to keep the village looking good. We are looking to trim, saw and tidy so tools and willing helpers required from 12 noon onwards. Meet beside Lady Rose Hall. Thanks for your support.

Also on the 18th at 7.30pm gather your teams of up to 6 people for the playground appeal Quiz Night. For more on how to get tickets for this and lots of other news read on....

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



Superfast Cabinet 7 Update

At the PC meeting on 15th Feb we received the first good news on Superfast broadband since the Race to Infinity programme was won by Whitchurch in 2011. Our expectations were set that we'd be amongst the first to get good broadband in the UK - rather than the last! However, some visible light is appearing at the the end of the long tunnel with news that an engineering programme manager has finally been assigned to get Cabinet 7 in Freefolk up and running. We are expecting that people will then be able to subscribe to Superfast in the summer, latest end September.

The even better news is that far more of the village is to benefit from fibre from Cab 7 than we anticipated. It is expected that Superfast benefit (24Mb/s or above) should be achieved in Freefolk along B3400 to Laverstoke and down Laverstoke Lane to below the wooden bungalows. The maximum speed from the cabinet will be 80Mb/s and this drops over distance so e.g. the pub might achieve 75Mb/s and along Laverstoke Lane it would be at 24Mb/s.

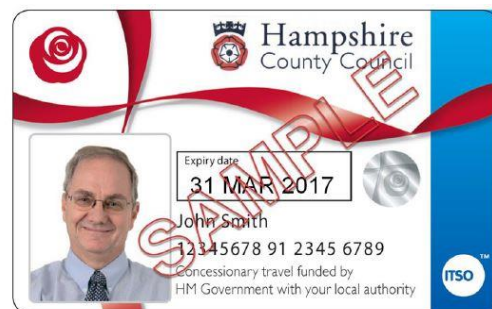
Houses further down Laverstoke Lane, beyond the bungalows, will also be moved onto Cab 7 but will not receive Superfast



Playground Appeal Quiz Night 18th March

Calling all you would be whizzy quizzers and maybe also the rest of us less whizzy who are just happy to support the fundraising for the final £2000 push for the Laverstoke Playground! We need teams of up to 6 people at Lady Rose Hall on Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm for 8 pm start. Tickets cost £5 per person including food. There will be a cash bar and prizes to be won! Tickets can be obtained from Overton Gallery or Clare Albert on 07776 214311 or LandFfundraising@gmail.com.

This should be a fun way to support the final appeal for funds for the playground.



Concessionary Bus Travel Important Info

For concessionary passes that expire 31st March 2017, Hampshire County Council

speeds. However they will be much nearer the cabinet than previously. To achieve higher speeds in Laverstoke the PC may investigate a Community Fibre Partnership with BT. BT investigate and price a solution. They fund some of the development with the gap funded by a mix of other sources such as Better Broadband Vouchers for those with <2Mb/s, Hampshire County Council funding, community contribution etc. We might even be able to benefit from solutions longer term that are currently being trialed such as VDSL that doubles speeds over 2 to 3km long copper lines.

For those that like the details. This is what still needs to be done:

- 16m of ducting in Whitchurch town centre. (Roadworks permission already agreed with Highways)
- New copper network (300 pairs/300 lines of copper cables) from Whitchurch to Cab 7 (even with fibre to the cabinet, phones still comes over copper as not everyone wants to subscribe to Superfast)
- Brand new fibre to Cab 7 from Whitchurch (however the fibre line goes all the way back to Andover - via existing fibre networks in Cab 4).
- From Cab 7 to homes they'll use the existing copper cables and network.

Timeline: It will take 4 consecutive Sundays to bring cable through Whitchurch - currently awaiting start date as traffic lights required. The copper & fibre runs to Cab 7

will issue the new passes prior to this date. It is not necessary to enquire about a new bus pass unless your circumstances, address or appearance have changed.

If you do not receive a replacement bus pass once your current pass expires please contact the concessionary travel team via email: concessionary.fares@hants.gov.uk or ring 0300 555 1376 or visit the HCC website: www.hants.gov.uk/transport

A resident has also kindly pointed out that the 861 service on school days only that leaves Laverstoke 07.50 (to Peter Symonds at 08.20) and the 86 leaving Laverstoke at 09.28 (to Winchester bus station at 10.15) can be taken by anyone and means that you don't have to change in Whitchurch to get to Winchester. Good news for anyone with mobility issues. The 09.28 is probably also eligible for concessionary pass (technically the concessionary pass is for bus use after 09.30 but as there's not another bus direct through to Winchester it should be acceptable). There are also a couple of return buses too in the afternoon. For more info contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or www.travelinesw.com



Part Time Position in Kingfisher Day

will be done during normal work days; the draw rope is already in.

We'll keep you posted!



Police Beat Surgery

Emma Page from our our Neighbourhood Police Team says: I will be running a Beat Surgery on Saturday 4th March 2017 between 11-12:30 in the OPC Information Office, St. Mary's Hall, Overton. If you have any issues or problems, please come along and speak to me. In the meantime I can be contacted via e-mail at emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



Gentle Reminder: Hedges, Parking and Dogs!

Centre

Part-time Job available - We have a vacancy for a paid part-time Care Assistant / Cook on Wednesdays and Thursdays, for 7 hours a day. The role is varied and interesting, consisting of caring for the elderly; bus escorting and cooking. Full training will be given. You must have a warm and friendly nature, be happy to work towards an NVQ Level 3 if you haven't got one and undergo a DBS check. For more information and full job description please call 01256 893333.



Black Arrows Junior success

The Junior archers are continuing to do well in competitions. In the Perrins Junior League our local team recently beat Six Towns 'B' and are 17th out of all 48 recurve teams based on total score.

The Black Arrows have been awarded the task of staging the "English Field Championships" for 2017, at The Warren, Kingsclere, on the 8/9th July.

6 archers attended the Valentine's day shoot at Old Basing Archers at the Hampshire Court Hotel. Despite being an indoor shoot, it was so COLD it might as

It appears dog owners are making good use of the new rubbish bin in the Millennium Green field and the dog poo problem has greatly improved. However, please continue to clear up after your dog. There are still a few piles of dog mess being left which as well as being an offence are an obvious health hazard and somewhat unneighbourly! It's not always easy to keep track of your dog if they're off to the lead, so please be watchful to make sure they're not fouling other people's gardens, grass verges and pavements as you walk on ahead.

Parking: Please avoid parking vehicles up on or blocking the pavements. It makes it very difficult for residents with pushchairs, wheelchairs etc to pass if the pavements are blocked.

Hedge cutting:

It would be great if you could take a look at cutting back any hedges that you have that overhang pavements and roads sooner rather than later. Be cautious though as the RSPB recommend not cutting hedges and trees between March and August to avoid damaging or destroy birds nests. The website states: 'It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.' However it is also important that pavements and roads are kept clear of overhanging branches so please be careful when you tidy.

See RSPB [website](#)

well have been an outdoors frostbite round. Richard Buckner came 4th and Alexander Allam picked up a Bronze in the U18 class! Overall the club did well considering the event had World Record status and so many of the top British archers were competing.



Want a Better Marriage?

St Mary's in Overton are running a Marriage Course Day on Saturday 11th March at 49 Waltham Road from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. It is for those who are getting married in church but is open to anyone else getting married and those who are already married but want to have a better marriage. It will be run by Ben and Rachel Turner. Numbers are limited so book early by emailing rachelturner@doctors.org.uk See www.stmarysoverton.org.uk for more information. Open to all couples in Laverstoke and Freefolk.

Celebrate your mother

Sunday 26th March is Mothering Sunday (Mothers Day). St Mary's Church in Overton will be holding a special family service to give thanks for mums and highlight the comfort role that mums especially excel at – 'Strong in the Broken Places'. The service is open to all and should finish in plenty of time to go on to a



Anyone for Tennis!

The AGM is preceded by a Spring Clean morning on Saturday 11th March. Any and all members are welcome between 10am and 12pm for this annual tidy-up session, with tennis to follow on afterwards. Please bring along gloves, old paintbrushes and weed sprayers!

If the weather obliges, the first club night will be on Tuesday 4th April when play hosted by a committee member will begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons (please ask for details).

For those who need a bit of encouragement, there will be a Rusty Racquets afternoon between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 8th April. Come along for a game, bring friends/family who have not played or are a bit rusty to have a go. This is an open social event with refreshments. Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, or experienced and hoping to play matches, or just want to get back into tennis. Alternatively you can join as a social-only member. Details are on our www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk. For more info please contact:

Mothering Sunday lunch afterwards! 10.30 am.

There will be a normal communion service at St Mary the Virgin at 9.00 am that morning using the much-loved, traditional Book of Common Prayer but with the same 'Strong in the Broken Places' message.

RIDE+STRIDE



In aid of Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust

Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust is looking for

someone to take over the role of area co-ordinator for their annual Ride + Stride fund-raiser as Richard Mallinson, who has done it for many years, is stepping down. Thank you, Richard, for all the time and commitment you have dedicated to this worthwhile cause of preserving our beautiful old churches.

Richard assures me that it is not onerous and you don't have to ride or stride yourself! Please let me know if you might be interested and would like more details. Julia Hodgson – 01256 771685

Membership Secretary Lynda Frith,
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Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14th March

11th April

9th May

13th June

11th 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.



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7.30 -
8.30p.m. Thursdays with John
Ruffell Tel: 07910 736432

[Watership Down](#)

[Nursery](#) Contact Will & Lucy
Jones on

contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk

KB Titans Martial Arts 6.30 -
7.30p.m. Wednesdays with
Ulrike Maier on 07974 274863

To book the hall for your events
see

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk



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Resident's

Help Line Tel.: 01256
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Our neighbouring web-
sites:

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.**

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](#)

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