



Newsletter May 2017

It's that bluebell time of year! And also the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM. The meetings will take place back to back on Tuesday 16th May at Lady Rose Hall, starting with the Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm. Note this was originally due to take place on 9th May but has had to be pushed back a week. We have invited County and Borough Councillors, as well as the police, to give us an update. So if you only make one PC meeting a year this is probably the one to come along to.

Read on for details of an exciting new river headwaters project, a forthcoming Councillor vacancy, Watership Down Inn events, the local quiz league and more!



'Watercress & Winterbournes' Project

The PC and Millennium Green are supporting a bid for Lotteries Landscape funding to improve the headwaters of the River Test and Itchen. It is called the 'Watercress and Winterbournes' project. The chalk river headwaters are at risk from pressures of water abstraction, pollution (e.g. phosphates and nitrates), invasive non native species, physical modifications and climate change. There has also been a decline in traditional river skills such as river keeping, water management, habitat management and building repairs. The project is being led by a team of specialists with the support and hopefully (!) active involvement of local communities. The PC will also be encouraging the support of local river bank owners. The lotteries funding will be used to help improve water quality, biodiversity, water levels and promote education/heritage.

We have highlighted the Millennium Green pond as one area that could possibly benefit from the project. It is heavily silted, lacking aquatic wildlife and



Parish Council

Parish Councillor Required

One of our seven Parish Council positions will shortly be coming available and this could be your opportunity to get involved in improving your local area. You don't need any particular skill other than enthusiasm and a can do attitude. You do need to attend monthly PC meetings (normally the second Tuesday of the month) at Lady Rose Hall from 19.30 - 21.30. It would be great if there were any folks in the Home Farm, Roundwood, Bere Mill and Freefolk areas that would like to join the council. However, the position is open to anyone who is a British subject over 18 years of age, an elector, resident within the parish or within 3 miles of it or having their principal or only place of work in the parish. They also must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you are interested or know someone who may be please contact clerk, Nicky Nicklin, for further information.

Email: laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or tel: 07725 368012.

in need of some TLC but benefits from being publicly accessible which many parts of the Test are not.

For further information contact
laverstokeclerk@gmail.com.



L&F Seniors

On a cold but beautiful sunny morning on Saturday 22nd April we held our first Coffee Morning of the year in The Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke. Although we seemed to be down a little on numbers this time, we had a steady flow of local people coming in to support us, and lots of children which is always good to see. We raised £411.00 after expenses, which was fantastic. Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility, to all the Committee girls for their hard work, to the outside helpers, to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes etc, and of course to everyone who came and supported us. Finally a big thank you to Nicola & Kim from the Kingfisher Day



The Local Quiz League

Time to rest the “brains”. The Pub Quiz Teams in the Whitchurch, Overton and District Quiz League are taking a well-earned rest during the “summer” term. Teams battled for League positions from September last year through to the end of March. Congratulations go to The Bell, Whitchurch as League winners for the last season, with The White Hart, Overton being very worthy “runners up”. In addition to the main League, winners of the Handicap competition were The George from St Mary Bourne, with The White Hart, Overton again in the runners up position.

Congratulations to all the Teams and players who took part in the quizzes, and the whole League would like to thank all the Pubs for supporting and hosting the Teams throughout the season.

The Quiz League will commence the 2017/18 season early next September. Matches are held on Monday evenings starting at 8.30pm, with Teams consisting of 6 players. In addition to massaging the brain, we aim to encourage a friendly and convivial evening “out”.

Centre for their very kind help.

Mady Oram - Chairman. 01256 895396



Active Racquets!

Whitchurch Tennis Club has benefited from glorious spring weather in early April, setting the scene for our first few club nights. Sessions begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. They are hosted by a committee member so members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors too are welcome to attend and the club asks a small fee towards the costs of upkeep. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the ever-popular weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons.

Our good fortune with the weather continued with our Rusty Racquets afternoon taking place in glorious sunshine. This was one of the warmest days of the year so far.

Our next Open Day, part of the Great

If you would like to join a Team, or establish your own, please contact your local Pub, or contact Bob Helsby on 01256 892036. We look forward to seeing you.

QUESTION: In which London Borough is Canary Warf

(Question from the Handicap Final competition) Hey no looking it up on your phone!

ANSWER: is embedded randomly somewhere else in this newsletter!



Laverstoke with Freefolk Churches:

A reminder that our first service of the Summer at St Nicholas Church will be on Sunday 7th May at 09:00. Thereafter, on the first Sunday of the month until September.

On Sunday 18th June, we will be holding a Tea Party and Flower Festival at St Nicholas from 14:00 - 16:00 in aid of the Churches Conservation Trust. The theme

British Tennis Weekend, will be on Saturday 13th May, from 14.00 - 16.00. All will be welcome to come and play, including smaller children who can have a go using our Junior net.

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Many of her summer courses are filling up fast, so if you are interested or want further details contact her on carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, or experienced and hoping to play matches (WTC have four teams in the very competitive Basingstoke league this summer), or just want to get back into tennis. There is also the opportunity to join as a social member only, for those who do not want, or have little time, to play tennis. Details can be found on our [website](#).

For more information about the Club contact our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk or our Secretary Wendy Helsby, secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk

is Jane Austen. Come and see the clever flower arrangements and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake. By all means, dress up in your bonnets! Any donations of cakes would be very welcome.

Brenda Bond - 01256 895594 or

bondb@btinternet.com



'Big Archery Weekend' in June

We will be holding a try session at Oakley Junior School as part of "Oakley sports weekend" on Sunday 30th April, 14.00 - 16.00.

On 17th June 14.00 - 16.00 "Try the sport" at the Laverstoke archery range will be run as part of the "Big Archery Weekend" in conjunction with Archery G.B. This is an event staged by clubs all over the country.

Looking ahead we shall be at Tower Hamlets Micheldever fete on 15th July and we shall be running the school holiday "Try the sport" during August at Laverstoke.

Our juniors finished 3rd in the 4th division of the Perris League this year, coming 20th out of the 48 teams in the



May Bank Hol Cheers!

The Watership Down Inn have their annual Beer Festival on Friday 26th to Monday 29th May. Approximately 18 local ales will be available along with a Barbecue throughout the weekend. On Friday evening from around 6.30 a Magician will be entertaining one and all. There'll be plenty of Music on Saturday evening and hopefully plenty of sun too. Cheers!

Friday 30th June promises a Summer BBQ complimented by a wide range of wines from Stone Vine and Sun offered by the glass or bottle. Reservations are recommended!

For further info contact the pub directly on: enquiries@watershipdowninn.com or 01256 892254

league. Well done to Alex, Luke, James and Jodie!

The archery field has looked a little unkempt lately due to our mower having wheel problems and parts were not available over the Easter holiday. Hopefully it will be back in action soon.

The next beginners course will start at Laverstoke, on Tuesday evenings, in June. For details

contact: Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org



Local Open Gardens

Last month we included a piece on the National Garden Scheme Open Gardens. By popular request this month we are including the upcoming local ones:
11 & 25 May - 2 Church Cott. Tufton
RG28 7RF. 14.00-17.00



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

16th May PC AGM & Parish meeting (NB not 9th)

13th June

11th July

12th Sept

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



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

- [Watership Down Nursery:](#)

day nursery offering full child care services
Contact Will & Lucy Jones on 01256 895504 or contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk

- [Kettlebell Fitness:](#)

19.30 - 20.30 Thursdays.
Contact:
John Ruffell on 07910 736432 or john@johnruffellfitness.co.uk

- [KB Titans Martial Arts](#)

18.30 - 19.30 Wednesdays. Contact:
Ulrike Maier on ulrike.kbtitans@gmail.com or 07974 274863

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



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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](#)

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

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