



Newsletter June 2017

Summer's here and some warm weather to boot. Long may it last!

Hardy's have continued with their winning record at Chelsea with their 22nd Gold Medal. Many congratulations to Rosy, Rob and team! There's other good news for fans of classic literature with many activities taking place locally to mark the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death. Black Arrows archers continue to be successful in both local and national competitions and the WTC tennis season is in full swing.

We've some lovely events coming up with the Hampshire Garden Festival on 11th June at Bere Mill and also the St Nicholas Summer Tea party the following weekend. Sadly also an alert regarding the latest in online scams.

The Parish Council would like to thank Jim Marsh, who has stepped down from the PC, for all his help over the past couple of years. There is now a place available for a new parish council member. Read on for all this and more.....

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



Hardy's Win 22nd RHS Chelsea Gold Medal

Rosy Hardy and her team at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants have been awarded their 22nd RHS Chelsea Flower Show gold medal on their 25th Chelsea appearance. Rosy would like to thank Brewin Dolphin for their continued support with this year's exhibit (a large walk-through design which displayed herbaceous perennials in a landscape setting separated by a diagonal path and two still water rills). Plants included seasonal favourites: geraniums, ferns and grasses and a hosta that has featured in every one of Rosy's RHS Chelsea displays since she arrived at the show in 1992. Fantastic result Rosy and team!

ALSO:

A charity Open Day in aid of Naomi House & Jackspace is taking place on Saturday 10th June at the nursery. Please do come up and support!



Jane Austen Bicentenary Events

At the last PC meeting Councillor Anna McNair Scott reminded us of the plethora of events taking place in Hampshire this summer to celebrate the life and works of Jane Austen. Steventon (where Jane was born and spent the first 25 years of her life) has a parish [website](#) which is a good source of info.

The Mysterious Miss Austen at the Gallery, Winchester Discovery Centre now – 24th July, M – F 09.00-19.00, Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 11.00-15.00. Interesting exhibits are coming together for the first time plus a manuscript, in Jane's own hand, gives an alternative ending to her final novel, Persuasion.

Jane and her Alton Apothecary at the Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton 3rd June – 20th Aug. 10.30 – 16.30: the story of the apothecary that treated Jane when she was ill.

The Navy at the Time of Jane Austen: Fighting, Flirting and Fortune at Gosport Discovery Centre, Walpole Road, Gosport 15th July – 20th September 09.00 - 17.00. This is an exhibition exploring the importance of



Tournament Successes for Black Arrows

At a recent international tournament at Exbury, Hampshire, Jodie Buckner came 3rd in the Junior Ladies recurve class whilst Richard Buckner came 5th in the Gentlemen's class.

The Bank holiday weekend saw the 50th All British & Open Field Archery Championship in South Wales. Club member Bill Jones competed in barebow and achieved 15th place in Great Britain. Club President, Peter Turner, was one of the judges at this year's event. He competed in the first championships in 1968 and has been at every one since - either as an archer, judge or, on the organizing committee when the club staged the event at Kingsclere in 2012.

17th June sees the Archery Big Weekend, where clubs across the country hold events. We will be holding a have a go session from 14.00-16.00.

Summer holidays!

Following the success last year of our

the navy in Jane's lifetime.

Retail and romance: Jane goes to the Ball at The Sainsbury Gallery, Willis Museum, Market Square, Basingstoke 29th July – 7th October 09.00-17.00. Jane knew Basingstoke well and her letters are full of references to shopping, descriptions of what was worn to balls and lively gossip.

Jane's Winchester: Malady and Medicine at City Space, Winchester Discovery Centre 13th May – 24th July M-F 10.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-17.00 pm. Jane arrived in Winchester in May 1817 for treatment. This exhibition offers a snapshot of the city as it was then and its hospitals and doctors .

Winchester Cathedral tours with coffee and cake on first Saturday of each month June to Nov. Contact 01962 857275 or visits@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Outdoor performances of Pride and Prejudice on 28th, 29th and 30th June (bookable from Winchester Cathedral box office),

Jane Austen House museum

see website: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk .

24 'Sitting with Jane' benches public arts trail including one in Overton Community Centre forecourt. De La Rue are sponsoring the benches and at the end of the 'performances' they will be auctioned with money raised going to the ARK Cancer Centre Charity in Basingstoke.

summer have a go sessions, we will be holding a number of sessions in the school holidays. These are intended for school children to come along and try archery. There will be a small cost per session but no booking needed - just turn up for one or more sessions! On:

Tues Aug 1st 11:00 - 13:00

Thurs Aug 3rd 14:00 - 16:00

Tues Aug 8th 14:00 - 16:00

Thurs Aug 10th 11:00 - 13:00

Mon Aug 14th 14:00 - 16:00

Fri Aug 18th 11:00 - 13:00

Mon Aug 21st 11:00 - 13:00

Fri Aug 25th 14:00 - 16:00



Online Bank Account Scams

Here's a useful reminder to guard against scams currently being reported to the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service. Concerned residents have told them of situations whereby fraudsters have attempted to gain remote access to their computer.



Parish Council

Parish Council Vacancy

The PC would like to thank Jim Marsh for all his work as a Parish Councillor. He is stepping down due to work commitments but has kindly agreed to lend his support where his skills are required. Bob Hough, PC Chairman thanked Jim at the last PC meeting particularly for his arrangements for Watership Down Nursery's use of Lady Rose Hall and also for instigating the speed camera.

If you would like to be considered as a councillor or would like further info contact Nicky Nicklin on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com. 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. 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

The fraudster will make an unsolicited telephone call and pretend to be from a major company or organisation. They will impersonate well known internet service providers, computer companies, banks and law enforcement agencies. They may make claims that they can help with a slow internet connection or that there has been a recent data breach. They will offer to fix the problem and ask for remote access to the computer. Once this is given, they will gain entry to their victim's personal information including online banking facilities. At this stage they will transfer money from their victim's account into their own where it will not be traceable.

Case Study

Mr G received a cold call from someone who claimed to work for his telephone and internet provider. They said that there was a problem with his router and asked for remote access to his computer so they could carry out a fix. The caller said that if he did not allow this he would lose his internet connection. Once Mr G gave remote access to his computer the caller asked him to log into his bank account. Mr G said the caller continued to make threats that he would lose his internet access. Mr G became suspicious and terminated the call. Mr G contacted his bank and thankfully no money had been taken. He has since had the computer cleaned by a reputable

parish. They also must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.



Desmond on Beer Watch

By all accounts the Watership Down Beer Festival went well last weekend with lots of local beers available. All dutifully guarded by Desmond, as pictured!

The pub is proud to announce that a new menu started recently and is already proving very popular. I have been perusing the food on the [website](#) and am looking forward to trying the Homemade Bere Mill Galloway Beef Burger (topped with Smoked Bacon, Snowdonia Black Bomber Cheese, Homemade Tomato Relish, with the pub's Signature Chips)! It's lovely to take advantage of the local meat produced on our doorstep.

On the 30th June there will be a Summer BBQ at 6.00pm complimented with summer wines from Stone Vine and Sun. For further information or to book contact

company to remove any malware that may have been installed.

In other reported cases, sometimes the caller will take a long time to 'fix' the problem. They will then apologise to their victim and make an offer of compensation for the delay. They will ask their victim to log onto their bank account to check it has arrived. However, they will have installed a 'fake' screen showing the deposit has been paid but they will be working away in the background transferring money from the account.

To avoid falling victim to this scam:

- be wary of unsolicited approaches by phone claiming to offer a refund.
- avoid letting someone you don't know or trust have access to your computer, especially remotely.
- never log onto your internet bank while someone else has access to your computer.
- don't share one-time passcodes or card reader codes with anyone.
- don't disclose your 4-digit card PIN or your online banking password, even by tapping them into the telephone keypad.

If you are worried about a potential scam please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **03454 04 05 06** or go to their website for an [Online consumer complaint form](#)

the pub on 892254.



WTC making the most of the warm weather

The dry weather continues – great for tennis club nights, if not for gardens! Sessions begin at 6pm and continue until dusk. They're hosted by a committee member so members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors are welcome too - 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.

The sun continued to shine throughout the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend and several new families came to enjoy playing tennis at the club's Open Afternoon on Saturday 13th May. Our coach, Carol, encouraged the younger children to have a go and older children enjoyed using the full-size courts. Adults too were encouraged to play and had a great time mixing in, playing doubles with



11th June Hants Garden Festival Bere Mill

From plants to books, food to entertainment this year's festival to support The North Hampshire Medical Fund will be bigger and better - a great day out for the family. There'll be a Gardener's Question Time chaired by Daily Telegraph's Helen Yemm with a panel of 5 experts. Plant stalls, garden accessories and equipment and a chance to explore Bere Mill gardens. Enjoy a selection of local Hampshire food and drink stalls in the beer and tea tents. There will be a great variety of workshops and demonstrations plus entertainment for the whole family. Come and be inspired by great speakers with talks on garden related subjects. Tickets are: £9 adults, £4 5-16 yrs, £20 family (2 adults & 2 children) and free for under 5yrs. Tickets include free entry to all talks, demonstrations, children's activities & entry to Bere Mill gardens. Dogs on leads are welcome. For more info see: www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk

regular members. Delicious cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks were enjoyed by all!

Our friendly Summer Tournament will be held on Saturday 17th June, in the afternoon. The tournament will be followed by a BBQ.

After that, put Strawberry Sunday afternoon in your diary: 9th July, 2 - 4pm.

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. To get further information or to book your place contact carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or tel 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 summer league, in which the club made a great start when the mens' doubles team won its first match 6-2, against Overton. For full membership details including social only membership see www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk





Summer Tea Party 18th June

Jane Austen is the theme to this year's St Nicholas Church Summer tea party and Flower Festival on 18th June. Come along between 2-4pm when home made cakes and refreshments will be on sale. Enjoy this quintessentially English occasion in beautiful surroundings in Freefolk and at the same time help raise vital funds for The Churches Conservation Trust too. This fund manages the upkeep of St Nicholas church (see visitchurches.org.uk)

Jane Austen fancy dress is optional!



Roundabout Watering?!

The playground works are **underway**. The old equipment has been

Local Open Gardens

By popular request, National Garden Scheme Open Gardens in June that are reasonably local:

3/4th - 30 Compton Way, Winchester
SO22 4HS 2-5pm

8/15/18th - 2 Church Cotts, Tufton,
Whitchurch RG28 7RF 2-5pm

10/11th - Bere Mill, Whitchurch RG28
7NH 1.30-5pm

11th - Tylney Hall Hotel, Rotherwick
RG27 9AZ 10-4pm

14/24th - Down Farm House, Whitchurch
RG28 7FB 1.30-5pm

18th - Conholt Park, Hungerford Lane,
Andover SP11 9HA 11-5pm

18th - The Deane House, Sparsholt,
Winchester SO21 2LR 2-6pm

18/21st - Wildhern Garden, Wildhern,
Andover SP11 0JE 2-5.30pm

22/25th - Tanglefoot, Crawley,
Winchester SO21 2QB 2-5.30pm

25th - Dower House, Headbourne
Worthy, Winch. SO23 7LD 2.30-5.30pm

25/26th Spring Pond, Laverstoke Lane
RG28 7PD 2-5pm

See the [website](#) for all garden openings.

taken out and new turf laid which is being watered rather uniquely in the picture above! Please can everyone be very conscious not to walk on the new turf whilst it is settling, as per the signs. (We don't want the whole process delayed by having to replace the turf.)

The new safety surfacing and equipment should be installed in time for the beginning of the summer holidays. Fingers crossed it's going to be a good one.



Clearing the Pavements

The PC got bored of waiting for Street Cleansing by B&D so cleared the worst of the pavement dirt on road from Bombay Sapphire up to the Bridge. Well done Bob!



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th June

11th July

12th Sept

10th Oct

Laverstoke and

Freefolk PC meetings start at 7.30pm with up to 15 mins public time.

Anyone is welcome 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

- [KB Titans Martial Arts](#)

18.30 - 19.30



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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.**

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](#)

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