



Newsletter August 2017

The newly laid grass is looking very green in the playground in Laverstoke and as we publish we can see the new basket swing frame has gone up! It makes all the months of planning and fundraising by our Millennium Green team worthwhile. We have had to reschedule the 'Bring Your Own' barbecue in the playground due to inclement (well, 'downright awful') weather. The new date is 3rd September at 3.30pm coinciding with the end of the school holidays. Put it in your diary!

Freefolk Car Park plans were well received at the public meeting on 11th July and the project continues! We've included a BT update below and lots more besides....

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



Superfast News

For those of you who have been following the PC meetings and minutes you will know that our Superfast rollout (some irony there I feel!) is part of BT's 'legacy' Race to Infinity project rather than the Hampshire Broadband programme. We have been assigned a Programme Manager this year and have been applying pressure which has really helped move things in the right direction. The latest news is that the fibre cabinet has been re-erected close to the end of Priory Lane and work to joint the copper cable there is currently taking place. The majority of the underground cabling back to the exchange from Freefolk should also have taken place by now.

Unfortunately there has been a delay due to issues with parking in Whitchurch. A 4 day road closure has been agreed (between Highways and BT) but with no date/timings as yet. Once this last part of the cabling and duct work has been completed they hope to 'blow' the Fibre through in one go.

We should have fibre enabled by the end of the year. It is expected that superfast (25Mb/s min) should then be achieved up to where the wooden bungalows at the



Playground Works Underway

On 31st July the playground equipment installation has started. Yippee! You may have noticed in the last few weeks that grass was laid and watered where the previous equipment was removed. Well now the contractors have started with the installation of the basket swing. A seesaw and multiplay unit will follow on 7th and 8th August, along with some magnifying posts.

Thanks to all who contributed by taking parting in the fund raising events over the past year, or who have donated to the Millennium Green Trust which incorporates the playground. To help celebrate we shall have a Bring Your Own BBQ food (and drinks!) party on Sunday 3rd Sept at 3.30pm. This was originally scheduled for the 23rd July when rain sadly put a 'kibosh' on proceedings. However maybe that was for the best as the children will now be able to take full advantage of the playground whilst the adults take full advantage of offspring being more fully entertained!

southern end of Laverstoke Lane lie (and of course similar distances from the cabinet in the Laverstoke Park direction.) Speeds beyond this distance will drop off but may still be an improvement.



Freefolk Car Parking

Car Parking was on the agenda for public time at the July PC meeting. The Parish Council is intending to formally surface the land that they own beside Manor Cottages to create a car park for use by both local residents and church users. Surfaces are being looked at including grass & concrete. An outline plan has been proposed with feedback that a herringbone layout might be preferable if reversing out of the car park is allowed by planners. The next funding round for Local Infrastructure funding is in November. In the meantime the PC will progress their plans and get quotes from contractors. The project has been well received by residents. Thanks to all those who came to the meeting to have their say.



Holiday Hold Ups

The PC has recently had a number of emails warning of road closures on the main roads around the area over the summer holidays and beyond. So if you are planning a journey be aware of the following potential hold ups and allow extra time!

A303 Thruxton Hill, Kimpton Quarley and Picket Twenty – Bridge

Refurbishment Highways England are replacing the bridge deck waterproofing membrane material, expansion joints and resurfacing across each bridge. This is scheduled to start anytime now and should be completed by Jan18. Works will primarily be undertaken at night. Narrow lanes and a 50mph speed restriction will be in place for the duration of the scheme. For some of the work it will be necessary to close sections of the A303 overnight (9pm to 6am) as well as some weekends (9pm on a Fri through to 6am Mon):

- Thruxton Hill and Kimpton Quarley – the A303 will be fully closed between the A338 Parkhouse Cross and A343 Hundred Acre junctions for up to four



Ride and Stride

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 9th September in aid of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Historic Churches Trust which issues grants to historic buildings, like our own St Mary the Virgin, to help with major repairs e.g. our spire!

If you would like to take part either cycling, walking, 'bussing' or car, to visit as many participating churches as you can, please contact me for a sponsorship form. Perhaps you could form a Laverstoke & Freefolk team and do it together? Either way, you could raise money for St Mary's, in particular, by stating your interest, and the HIHCT will make a donation.

St Mary's will be open from 10 am on the day, with refreshments available and, hopefully, someone to greet you on your travels.

Please do look at the web-site, and let me know if I can be of help.

Brenda Bond, Church Representative.

weekends during September and Oct 17. There will be Eastbound and Westbound diversions

- Picket Twenty - the A303 will be fully closed between the A343 Hundred Acre and A3093 Picket Twenty junctions for up to four weekends during Nov & Dec 17, with both East and West bound diversions in place

See [Highways England](#) for more info

M4 Junctions 12 to 13 Hermitage (West Berkshire) – Bridge

Refurbishment Works

Work to the two bridges which carry the M4 over Ashampstead Road and Dark Lane is now in its final stages/to be completed in August 17. Work will then start to three further bridges along the M4 near Hermitage (replacing beams along the central reserve and more.)

Preparation works are scheduled to start in mid-August 17 and will be done using overnight lane closures and occasional full overnight M4 closures. The main work will then start in Oct 17 and is scheduled to take eight months. It will primarily be undertaken during day time with some night time work as necessary. Traffic management will be in place on both the M4 east and westbound carriageways and on the local authority roads beneath each bridge.

A33 - A £10.6 million programme of road improvements by HCC will begin



Big Archery weekend & more!

The Big Weekend took place on 17th June. It is a nationwide programme aimed at encouraging new members to join their local archery club. 46 people came and shot with the Black Arrows on a very hot day in Laverstoke. In parallel they ran a Try the Sport at Whitchurch School fete where over 50 tried the sport. A great promotion of archery in just one day!

Yateley "Windsor" shoot: 11 members shot with great success. The weather was warm with a mix of cloud and sun and a few members scored 'personal bests'. In the Gents Recurve Richard Buckner came first whilst daughter Jodie won the Ladies Junior Recurve. Alex Allam won Gents Junior recurve. David Priestley, Dave Roseman, Mark Davies and Jo Bevis all finished in the top 3 of their classes and Black Arrows won the team competition (well done Richard, Mark, Rob Cornelius & Jodie) Ian Priestley won the black colour prize.

Junior National Outdoor Champs: Jodie

7th August to relieve congestion between Crockford roundabout and Great Binfields Lane roundabout on the A33 in Basingstoke. It's expected to last around 18 months and to minimise travel disruption, lane closures will only occur during off-peak hours, with the existing number of lanes open during peak times.

A303 Bullington to Popham (Hampshire) – Drainage Maintenance

Highways England, will be undertaking essential maintenance work to the drainage system along the A303 between Bullington (A303) and Popham (M3). The work should have started and is due to be completed by Nov 17. Lane closures will be in place on the A303 east and westbound carriageways overnight (between 9pm and 6am) until Sept. During Oct there will then be occasional full overnight closures of the A303 between the M3 (Popham) and the A303 (Bullington). During these closures a clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A34 and A33.



Local open Gardens

Continuing by popular request, National Garden Scheme Open Gardens in

Buckner attended her 1st National competition for Juniors at Archery GBs headquarters in Lilleshall. She came 10th out of 30 for Under 14 Recurve Girls over the weekend. A great result making her 10th in Junior in Great Britain!

Watership Down Field shoot: We held our annual field shoot at Whitehill, on the outskirts of Kingsclere. This shoot was also combined with both the Hampshire and English Field Archery Championships. It was a great success and the club received many compliments - about the course itself and also about our catering, cakes, ice lollies - the lot! The club can be incredibly proud of a successful event. Seventy-four archers attended shooting a mixture of American flatbow, Barebow, Compound, Compound Barebow, Longbow, Recurve and Traditional. 12 members assisted along with the Whitchurch scout groups. Duncan, with assistance, cooked the huge amount of food that was consumed over the two days. Mark Davies took some fantastic photos

see www.overtonblackarrows.org/photos

We also had 5 members shoot this year with the following results:

Gents recurve: Richard Buckner 5th (2nd in Hants) & Steve Allam (Sunday only) 8th (4th in Hants). Barebow: Bill Jones 10th (1st in Hants.) & David Priestley 12th (2nd in Hants) Compound: Eric Dunlop 13th (3rd in Hants)

August that are reasonably local:

2nd - Dean House, Alresford SO24

0NL (12-4.30pm), 3th (10am-4pm)

6th - West Silchester Hall, Bramley Road, Silchester, RG7 2LX (2-5.30pm)

6th - Diple Mill, Diple Road, Hartley Wintney, Hook, RG27 8JP (2-5.30pm)

8/10th - Hill House, Old Alresford SO24 9DY (1.30-5.00pm)

13th - Bramdean House, Alresford SO24 0JU (2-4pm)

16th - Wildhern Gardens, Andover, SP11 0JE (2-5.30pm)

19/20th - Old Camps, Thatcham, RG19 8LG (10-5.00pm)

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



Scam CAB & Police/Ambulance calls

Hampshire Trading Standards have recently sent us the following warnings about 2 particularly worrying recent types of suspicious telephone calls.

The first is where a caller claims to be calling from the Citizens Advice Bureau and offers to help clear outstanding debts. The caller may claim that they

Remember that we are running “Try the sport” for the school holidays throughout August, see details in previous News&Views or see our [web site](#).

From the beginning of September, on Wed evenings, we shall be shooting indoors at Testbourne Community school. That will not preclude members shooting during the day or early evenings. Our next beginners course starts in September, for details email Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org.



Anyone for tennis?

Happily the (mostly) good weather continues – at least on club nights, by and large! Sessions begin at 6pm on a Tues & Thurs until dusk, and are hosted by a committee member. Members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors too are welcome to attend a club night for a small fee that goes towards court upkeep. Weekend tennis continues on Saturday afternoons. Social and Playing members, as well as

have been asked to contact the resident by a concerned person. It is important to know that Citizens Advice would not contact residents in this way and any person affected by debt can seek advice though their local Citizens Advice. Details of how to find a local Citizens Advice can be found on www.citizensadvice.org.uk

The second is where the caller claims to be assisting the Police & Ambulance Service. They offer a visit to carry out a security check and to see if medical assistance is required. Residents are urged not to agree to a visit or to engage in conversation. This may be an attempt at selling a home security system or burglar alarm and exaggerated claims about the effectiveness may be made. For a ‘Buy With Confidence’ directory of traders approved by Trading Standards, to report scams or to get advice, call [Citizens Advice Consumer Services](#) on 03454 04 05 06

some most welcome Visitors, thoroughly enjoyed our recent Strawberry Sunday event on 9th July, when a good afternoon was had by all!

The next dates for your diary will be our club walk and lunch on Saturday 16th Sept, followed by our daytime autumn tennis tournament and skittles evening on Sunday 8th Oct.

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Full details are available at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members. Details can be found on our [website](#) or contact our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

12th Sept

10th Oct

14th Nov

12th Dec



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

- [Watership Down](#)
[Nursery:](#)

Day nursery offering full child care services
Contact Will & Lucy Jones
on 01256 895504 or



Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)
laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk:

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Bob Hough, PC Chairman: Tel.

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.**

contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk

- [KB Titans Martial Arts](#)

18.30 - 19.30
Wednesdays. Contact:
Ulrike Maier on
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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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