



Newsletter February 2018

It's that misty murky time of year (well, as we go to press) so what's better to do than read your local newsletter!

In this edition we've all the latest L&F goings on, sad news about our trees and some vexatious news from BT. If this makes you feel down then there's an upbeat new Clubbercize class starting in our Lady Rose Hall! And we're still on the look out for a new Parish Councillor - don't be shy contact one of our Councillors on the numbers shown in the article below.

You can also find a link to [Overton News&Views](#) here.



Poorly Chestnuts In Laverstoke

In the near future there will be quite a bit of tree work undertaken in the village both on PC and Millennium Green areas. We mentioned this in this newsletter in November and have since taken further arborial advice and obtained necessary permissions. The upshot is we have some particularly sad news and that is that the lovely horse chestnuts in the playground will need to be felled. They have fungal growth, cankers that are leading to white rot and two have leaf miner (Horse chestnut leaf-mining moth) throughout their crowns. They are unbalanced weight wise and are sounding hollow. All in all they are in a sorry state and so as a matter of safety they shall be felled, the stumps ground out and then replaced with beautiful new trees. Whilst the tree surgeons are on site they will be doing maintenance of other trees.



Latest

So as we know everything is installed. BT engineers on the roadside, and at the end of the phone, will tell you Superfast is good to go. However, one issue remains. All our telephone lines need 'patching over' from Cabinet 4 in Whitchurch to Cabinet 7 in Freefolk. This requires personnel at the exchange and at each of the cabinets. So until this gets done we cannot order our hoped for nirvana because it still shows us linking to Whitchurch. The pressure is on and they are getting fed up with our increasingly vexed calls.



NATO Talk Helps Raise Roof

NATO – Fit for Purpose? General Sir Richard's fascinating talk was a huge success, raising thousands of pounds for our spire appeal. We had a sell-out crowd, so thank you, everyone, for your support. Thank you too, to everyone who made the delicious canapes and donated the wine, including Overton Co-op, Tesco and Sainsbury. Proceeds from Sir Richard's books, sold on the night, have also been generously donated.

Shingles – We still have shingles for sale at £5 a time. If you would like to adopt one, please let me know. Brenda Bond, Churchwarden on bondb@btinternet.com.



From Weds 7th in LRH!

From Weds 7th at 8-8.45 there's a new type of exercise going down in Lady Rose Hall. Easy to follow dance routines (aerobics), to club anthems from the 90's to today. Add glow sticks and disco lights for a great atmosphere and fun.

Yes it's Clubbercise 'Bringing a night out to your work out!' here in our village, every Weds.

See [Clubbercise with Chris](#) on Facebook for some great videos and to learn more. Chris is looking forward to welcoming you. He can be contacted on 07979 417743 or just turn up a few minutes before 8pm this Weds. £5 entry (+ £5 for re-usable glow stick)



Founder Archer Dies

On Friday 11 January, Dave Hill sadly passed away, due to cancer and additional complications.

Dave (from Overton) and Peter Turner (from Laverstoke) founded our club - after meeting in the Overton youth club!

In 1962 they set-up an "arm" of the youth club dedicated to Archery. Dave was 20 years old at the time. In 1965 they set-up Overton Archers, and then in 1970 they created the Black Arrows - specifically to concentrate on the field archery discipline. In 1975 the two clubs merged to form the Overton Black Arrows as we are today.

Dave competed on the British team and was in the National field squad. He was our club's first Grand Master Bowman and competed in, and won, the British clout championships. Dave was course organiser for the world archery championships at Kingsclere, in 1982 and continued shooting at all levels and was an extremely active member of the Black Arrows until a few years ago. He



It's Back, It's Bad Again

The disgusting topic of dog poo has been creating a lot of tension gauging by recent increase in social media chat on the subject. For a small parish we have plenty of litter bins - all able to take dog poop and there is absolutely no excuse why dogs mess is not being picked up on any of the areas we walk. With the fabulous glow sticks even the dark isn't an excuse to see where your dog is. Please always take bags with you, pick up after your dog and deposit in your bin or a village litter bin. There is no excuse!

Thanks Morwenna for posting this picture on facebook, made the PC smile too.

continued with a great interest in the clubs activities, and whilst he couldn't make our Christmas dinner last year, he did come along to check that the field competition was "up to scratch" back in July. Even last week, he and Peter were discussing club matters and he commented on how well the club was going.

Peter will be giving an Eulogy at his funeral which will be at Basingstoke Crematorium at 11.00 on Thursday 8th February .

February sees the Black Arrows return to competitions, on the 3rd & 4th at the Hampshire Championships and Open shoot at Eastleigh and then at the Southern Counties indoor Championships, staged by Old Basing Archers, on the 25th.

On our own archery range we shoot a "frostbite round" [3 dozen arrows at 30 meters] on the first Saturday in each month at 10.15.

The Archery GB National Field Archery Ranking for 2017 has just been released. They show Bill Jones in 25th place in the U.K. Shooting Barebow (that is without sights or other attachments).



WTC Off-court Activity

Whitchurch Tennis Club's AGM is in the diary for 22nd March. They're also planning a likely re-run of last year's successful Whitchurch Tennis Club quiz night - the date has yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be in March. Tickets will be available from members and there will be food and prizes!



Watership Wining & Dining

The following foodie events take place on our doorstep, so to speak, over the next couple of months at the Watership Down Inn:

- Shrove Tuesday -13th February: pancakes!
- Valentines night - featuring



List Your Local Business

laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk has a Local Businesses section - see [Local Business](#) - and the PC would love to include any businesses run from the parish. Simply email laverstokeclerk@gmail.com with a couple of lines explaining what you do and include your contact details (and web link if you have one).



Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy!

Don't be hesitant if you think you might like to join the parish council but are unsure or need more info, speak to one of our Councillors directly. Bob Hough, our chairman is on 07990 570035 or Jo Probut is on 01256 893175. Thanks for

a number of special sharing dishes

- Greek evening - 2nd March
- Mothers Day - 11th March: traditional Sunday lunch to include 28 day hung British sirloin, a number of other roasts and fish dishes.
- Easter Friday - 30th March: Fishy Friday, specialising in a variety of yummy fish dishes.

On the new bedroom extension Philip says 'We will be commencing work on the new bedrooms shortly and will endeavour to keep any disruption in the building to a minimum.'



King George V Portals visit

Councillor Colin Phillimore was recently left this lovely picture of the day in 1923 that King George V visited

your serious consideration!

Portals. It's on its way to the archives at Bombay Sapphire.

Does anyone have any relatives in the photograph? Let us know at laverstokeclerk@gmail.com



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th March

10th April

8th May

12th June

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



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
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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Lady Rose Hall:

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line: 01256 890078

(Also use to alert BS security you are collecting **Defibrillator**).

Our neighbouring web-sites:

The [Official Whitchurch web site](#)

The [Original Whitchurch web site](#)

[Overton Parish Council web site](#)

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.**

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](#)

[Elderly](#) or

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail

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