



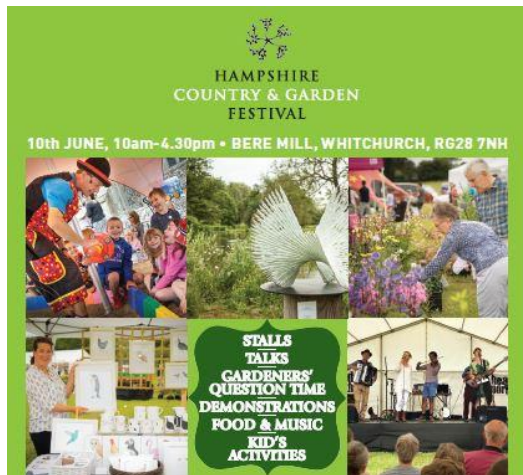
## **Newsletter March 2018**

Hope you all managed to keep warm and snug through the beastly easterly! It certainly looked like it wasn't just the children making the most of the snow day, on their toboggans!

We were terribly saddened at the news of the Bere Mill fire last month and can't imagine the impact on the Nabarro family. We wish them all the best as they piece together their future plans. Despite all this the 2018 Hampshire Garden Festival is planned to go ahead in June. We include details of the event that is aptly themed around regrowth, regeneration and the benefits of the great outdoors.....

In this edition we also include news of this year's Millennium Green fundraising quiz night - bookmark 24th March. Tree works in the area will commence on 21st March. Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants are open for their 2018 season. Read on for all this and more!

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

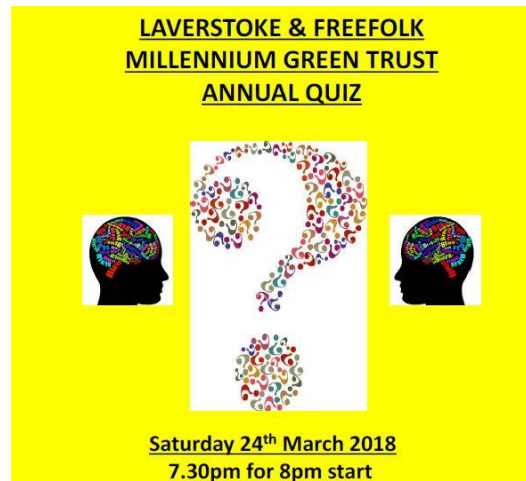


## Country & Garden Festival 10th June

The Hampshire Country & Garden Festival is dedicated to promoting the fun of the great outdoors and all it has to offer. We are celebrating the benefits to our health and wellbeing of gardening for all ages, healthy eating, inspiring speakers, learning new creative skills, enjoying music plus a wonderful array of childrens' activities - in the most welcoming environment, the beautiful grounds of Bere Mill on the River Test.

Despite the terrible tragedy of the recent fire at Bere Mill the Festival will go ahead. The event will give us the opportunity to celebrate the power of regeneration and regrowth that gardens and the great outdoors inspire in us.

The Festival promotes all that is great about Hampshire, from food and drink to music, workshops and demonstrations, plant experts and nurseries. Whether you



## Sell-out quiz night to be repeated!

Lady Rose Hall will again be the venue for this year's fundraising quiz night on 24th March in support of our open spaces - Children's Playground, Quiet Ornamental Garden, Woodland & Open Field Area and Beautiful Pond Area. This was a 'sell out' event last year and given the limited spaces we suggest booking yours soon!

Gather a team of up to 6 (max) and get your brains going. The tickets are £7.50 per person to include food. There will also be a cash bar and, of course, **prizes** to be won! Arrive 7.30 for an 8pm kick off.

To secure your tickets email your name and number of tickets required to: [LandFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:LandFundraising@gmail.com). If you don't have a team no worries we shall create teams on the night too.

This is a simple (well hopefully!) and

are an avid gardener or a family looking for a wholesome day out this is the event for you.

As well as a truly memorable, fun and informative experience all the money we raise is going to the North Hampshire Medical Fund which supports our local hospitals and patients in Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester.



## Tennis Social & AGM

For all those who want to stretch a brain cell or two, the Club will be running a fun Quiz Night at the Whitchurch Parish Hall on Saturday 10th March, starting at 7pm. Open to everyone, this is a chance to get a group of friends together, in teams of 6 to 8 please, with a unique name, or if a smaller group we can match you with others.

A fish and chip or sausage and chip supper is included in the advance ticket price of £10, and the bar will offer wine and soft drinks at reasonable prices. If you are vegetarian please let us know, and we can arrange a veggie alternative

enjoyable way to support our local amenities so please secure your tickets asap!



## Hardy's Open Now!

We love our plants and also enjoy sharing our plant know-how with fellow gardeners. If you prefer to see, touch and smell the flowers before you buy your plants, then our Nursery Shop is the place to visit. The Nursery Shop Opening Times:

1st March to 30th September - 10am - 5pm - Daily, 7 days a week



## Active Arrows

A record 15 club members attended the Hampshire Indoor Championships, shooting, a "Portsmouth" round (5 dozen

for you. There will also be a raffle and a lottery!

To book your team please contact our Social Secretary Liz Jones on 01256 893109 or email

[social@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:social@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

The AGM will be held at The White Hart at 8pm on Thursday 22nd March. All are welcome to attend, to look back at the tennis and social events of 2017, and forward to the club's plans for the coming year.

This is followed by a Spring Clean at lunchtime on Saturday 24th March. All members are welcome between 12pm and 2pm for this annual tidy-up session, with tennis to follow on afterwards. Please bring along gloves, brushes to sweep the courts and weed sprayers if you have them!

If the weather obliges, the first club night will be on Tuesday 3rd 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 more information about the Club, please contact:

our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith,  
[membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

or our Secretary Wendy Helsby,  
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arrows at 20 yards at a 60 c.m. diameter face, divided into 10 scoring zones).

Thanks to Ian Priestley for organizing the pub lunch. Richard Buckner took the overall Silver - pipped to first place by just 5 points. Alex Allam became Champion in gents U18 recurve, Jodie Buckner became Champion in ladies U14 recurve. These 3 also became the Champion mixed recurve team whilst Bill Jones and Kosila Priestly took the Bronze in the Barebow team competition (her first ever competition.). Well done all!

Club Juniors are continuing to do very well, beating Trackside in the January Perris league by 38 points. Alex Allam is now lying 6th in the under 18 Gents Recurve Class, Dan Lirianos is 16th in the under 14 Gents Recurve Class and Jodie Buckner is 3rd in the under 14 Ladies Recurve Class.

Congratulations to Richard Buckner, who shot in the Southern Counties Archery Society Regional Indoor Championship. He was 3rd Southern Counties Region recurve gentleman and highest scoring Hampshire male recurve archer.

Meanwhile daughter Jodie was second in recurve under 14's!





## Tree Works Timetable

Starting on 21st March, the tree works in Laverstoke will commence with the tree felling in the playground. Work in the pond area and rough car park will take place after this. We shall be putting up signs and taping off the tree area from the playground. The bench under the chestnut tree nearest the roundabout will be taken out. (It is concreted in and we hope to be able to re-site it elsewhere if it survives the move.)

From 28th March cars and caravans in the rough car park will need to be moved away from the trees, and preferably out of the car park, whilst the work is being undertaken. You will be using the car park at your own risk. Signage will go up and please ensure you follow instructions as we can't hold up the work if cars are left in the way. Many thanks for your support in this.

Tree works should be finished by 6th April.



## Easter at St Mary's

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke with Freefolk.

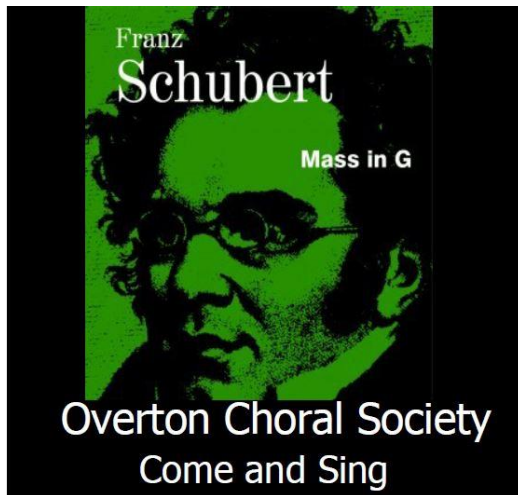
Mothering Sunday 11th March – Family service at 10 am. Please come along and celebrate all mothers everywhere. There will be posies for all the ladies. Your children would love to present you with one.

Easter Sunday 1st April – Family service at 10 am followed by an Easter egg hunt (sorry, parents!).

Spire repairs – We finally have a date. Work will start on Tuesday 3rd April, hopefully with minimal disruption to the local residents.

The final total raised at the talk by General Sir Richard Shirreff was £5,428, far exceeding our expectations, so thank you everyone. We still have shingles to adopt at £5 a time so let me know if you would like to buy any. There will be a draw with a monetary prize at the end of the sale.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden on  
[bondb@btinternet.com](mailto:bondb@btinternet.com) or 01256 895594.



## Come & Sing!

**Calling all wanna-be singers** – Overton Choral Society is holding a Come and Sing on Saturday 17th March from 10am-4pm in St Mary's Hall, Overton. We will be having a go at Schubert's Mass in G. Music will be provided as will refreshments (yummy homemade cakes), but bring a packed lunch. Cost - £10 for a really fun and stimulating day. Contact Lyn Hardy on [lyn\\_hardy@hotmail.com](mailto:lyn_hardy@hotmail.com) for more information.



## Mother's Day at Watership!

**Why not put your feet up on Mother's Day** on 11th March! Enjoy a traditional Sunday lunch to include 28 day hung British sirloin, a number of other roasts and fish dishes.

The pub will be having a Fishy Friday on Good Friday, 30th March - a variety of yummy fish dishes will be available.



## Lumbering giant

**BT this week provided the following update:**

"The final piece of work is being planned and work packages built to allow progression. This is not the normal procedure for Cabinets going live and the outstanding work is one that has only been seen on a few occasions across the country.

I should be able to provide an estimated completion date in a couple of weeks once all the planning cycle has completed.

I appreciate the frustrations of the community given their patience to date and the fact that we are so near."

So to summarise we estimate that in about 2 weeks we'll be given an estimated date for our lines to go live at Cabinet 7 in Freefolk. Grrrr - what a lumbering giant!



*Parish Council*

## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> April

8<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> June

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](mailto:contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk)

- [KB Titans Martial Arts](#)

18.30 - 19.30  
Wednesdays. Contact:



## Contacts

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**Lady Rose Hall:**

[www.ladyrosehall.co.uk](http://www.ladyrosehall.co.uk)

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.**

Ulrike Maier on  
[ulrike.kbtitans@gmail.com](mailto:ulrike.kbtitans@gmail.com)  
or 07974 274863

To book the hall for your party or events see  
[www.ladyrosehall.co.uk](http://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](#)

**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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