



Newsletter April 2018

We hope you have all had a Happy Easter and made the most of any holiday time you may have taken! Enjoy your April L&F news.

In case the next newsletter doesn't hit until afterwards... the Annual Parish Meeting and PC AGM is on 1st May at 19.30 at Lady Rose Hall. It would be great to see as many local people as possible. This is your opportunity to bring up the things that you think are important in the parish and debate them with other residents.

The Millennium Green team would like to thank every one who supported their quiz night on the 24th March and supported the auction so generously. A whopping £1655 was made which will help towards the tree works and grounds maintenance that is due to start this month through to November. And whilst on maintenance, please keep the 7th April free for a village clear up afternoon. It's great way to meet others in your local community.

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



Village Spring Clean 7th April

The annual spring clear up afternoon is nearly upon us - Sat 7th April at 1.30 pm at Lady Rose Hall.

On the list are bus stop sweeping, sign cleaning, LRH roof sweep, raking chippings in the old trim trail area, laying chippings on the Batts wood path and any clearing required following Laverstoke tree works.

Please bring yourselves and any equipment you think might help. For any further info contact Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com.



Archers Don't Stop In



New Timetable

From Tuesday 1st May, Bombay Sapphire are introducing a new timetable for the shuttle service. Following customer feedback, the new timetable means that the shuttle will arrive at the distillery in time for our Gin Cocktail Masterclasses, and offers more consistent journey times throughout the day. [1st May timetable](#)



Reinstating Old Surface

Both the tarmac around the pavilion and the practice wall are in need of renovation and the tennis club are actively seeking

Snow

The archers recently held a workday at Laverstoke - even the snow didn't stop it and they even managed to barbeque afterwards.

At the start of the outdoor season, Richard Buckner won the gents recurve at Whitehill last month and Jodie Buckner, Mark Davies and Steve Baker all got Personal Bests. A great start!

The clubs last beginner course had a 100% pass rate and the next one starts at Laverstoke on Tuesday 5th June. For details contact

Beginners@OvertonBlackArrows.Org.

The club has finished indoors, the clocks have changed and you will now see more of our members at Laverstoke - including many of the archers from the last beginners course. So watch out for the RED FLAG flying as it means someone is shooting.



Tree Works

The tree works in Laverstoke have

funding to reinstate them. The area is looking unkempt and also mud is being taken onto the courts. It is planned that the surface will be painted green with white lines laid out behind the practice wall. The area won't extend quite as far as shown in the above drawing. It will be tarmacd only as far up as the court gate with the residual area between the pavilion and tennis court remaining grassed. It won't be fenced but cars will not be allowed onto this area and the surface will not be suitable for football boot studs. Priority will be given to WTC's coach Carol for teaching children but basically it will remain open for community use. It will also enable better disabled access to the Men's Shed and the tennis courts. It is expected that the work will take place in late Autumn.



Church News

St Nicholas, Freefolk: Our first service of the season at St Nicholas will take place on Sunday 6th May at 9am with Holy Communion, and thereafter on the

progressed well although the ground opposite Lady Rose Hall is now rather a sad site. The rain during the tree works has churned the grass to mud so after the stump grinding has been completed (around 9th April) the area will be re-seeded. That part of the playground will remain fenced off until the grass has taken. The children's equipped play area is unaffected.

The main focus for this area will be the replanting in the Autumn. We shall keep you updated on the planning for 2 trees.



Temporary Signs Reminder

This is a reminder that there are strict **rules on** the posting of temporary posters along the highways. Consent is deemed on temporary notices or signs which are intended to advertise any local event being held for charitable purposes, which may be religious, educational, cultural, political, social or recreational, but not for any commercial purpose. This permission would include e.g. an advertisement for a

first Sunday of the month until September. We are so lucky to have this iconic little church in our midst.

Spire repairs: Work should commence on the re-shingling of the spire on Tuesday 3rd April. It is amazing that we have managed to raise all the money needed to pay for this in just a year, and heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who contributed and made this possible. There are still shingles for sale if you would like to dedicate one to a loved one. Please let me know if you are interested. Brenda Bond, Churchwarden on 01256 895594 or bondb@btinternet.com



Tennis Nights Start Once More

Whitchurch Parish Hall was full for our fun Quiz Night on Saturday 10th March, presided over by quiz master Liz Jones. Many congratulations to the well-informed team from London Street, which finished top of the class, also to the winners of the lottery and raffle. Good fun was had by all, and around £500 was raised towards the costs of maintaining and developing

church bazaar or a village fete. Any signs must not exceed 0.6 square meters. They can't be displayed more than 28 days before the sale or event begins and must be removed within 14 days after it ends. Commercial signs need planning consent. For full details see [outdoor advertisement guidelines](#) on the Gov.uk site.



Home Security Scam

Hampshire Trading Standards are asking residents to be alert to a telephone cold call they have received reports about. The caller questions the resident about their home security, and a home visit is offered. The aim is to sell the resident a security alarm system.

Concerns are that residents may unwittingly give out details that could compromise their own security. By agreeing to a home visit, they may be sold an alarm system which may not suit their needs.

the courts.

Our annual spring clean of the courts on 24th March saw the courts being swept and sprayed and the area around the courts weeded and tidied.

If the weather plays ball, the **first club night** will be on Tuesday 3rd April when play hosted by a committee member will begin at 6pm (in April only, 7pm from 1st May) and continue until dusk. **Club nights** are on Tues and Thurs, with **weekend tennis** continuing on Sat afternoons.

For those needing a bit of encouragement, there will be a **Rusty Racquets** afternoon between 2pm and 4pm on Sat 7th April. Come along for a game, bringing friends/family who have not played, or are just a bit rusty, to have a go. This is an open social event with refreshments.

This will be followed on Sat 28th April by the second **Progressive Dinner** of the year, when each delicious course is enjoyed courtesy of a different host – details will be sent shortly to all Social and Playing Members.

And last but not least, news of **two** six-week **Davis Cup tennis courses** for children, one for four to seven year olds, the other for children aged between eight and 11. The cost will be £25 per course, and the dates will be confirmed shortly. Each participant will receive a free tennis racquet (and some tennis

Trading Standards advise residents not to agree to work, or to give out security details, to unknown persons over the phone. Best advice is to obtain at least 3 written quotes from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards 'Buy With Confidence' Scheme or a recognised trade association.

Members of the Buy With Confidence scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Details can be obtained by telephoning 01962 833620, emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk or via the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Traders who agree work at the home of an individual or at a place other than their usual business premises are required by law to provide consumers with a 'Notice of Right to Cancel', which gives a 14 day cooling off period.

For further advice or to report an issue to Trading Standards contact our partners at the [Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline](http://CitizensAdviceConsumerHelpline.org.uk) on 03454 04 05 06.

For urgent enquiries, or where installation

balls) together with a nice T shirt with their name on it, plus a certificate on completion of the course. The club is also making a 'special offer' of half price family membership. Courses will run if full, but in fact we anticipate that places will be taken quickly, as last year's courses were very popular. If you would like more information, please contact Carol on 07939 264999 or email carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible.

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



The PC are waiting a further response from BT as we go to press.

We're giving BT one more chance to respond with a confirmed date of installation. If this isn't forthcoming we'll be bringing out our 'heavy gun' in the form of Kit Malthouse.

has been agreed too, contact Hampshire County Council's **Quick Response Team** on **01962 833666** (Monday – Friday 0900hrs to 1700hrs), where specially trained officers are on hand to provide advice.

If assistance is required outside of these hours please contact Hampshire Police on their **non-urgent number 101** or dial **999** if you feel threatened or intimidated.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10th April

1st May, NB not 8th

5th June, NB not 12th

10th July

11th 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



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 Wednesday.

Contact: Ulrike Maier on ulrike.kbtitans@gmail.com or 07974 274863

[Clubbercize](#) 20.00 - 21.00

Wednesday. Contact Chris Burch on 07979



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Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line: 01256 890078

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

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.**

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



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Our Local Day Care Centre:
[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for
Elderly](#) or
kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:
landfreefolkmillenniumgreen

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](#)

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