



Newsletter August 2018

The school holidays are well underway and it is great to see lots of families making the most of the playground and Millennium Green. We hope you are all enjoying the summer. We are forecast to have a bit of rain over the weekend. Then it's warm and sunny again until the 6th August when OpenReach forecast it will be an even sunnier day for residents in Laverstoke and Freefolk! Read on for more on BT and an important consultation on Hampshire County Council savings, amongst other topics....

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



6th August Go Live

Finally we have a date for ordering Superfast Broadband - 6th August!!
Bob Hough, Chairman of the PC, has received the following update from the



Hampshire County Council Street Lighting, Transport & Concessionary Travel Consultation

Hampshire County Council is asking for residents' and stakeholders' views in a consultation on options for applying

head of Strategic Infrastructure Development at BT OpenReach: 'Live to Live migration is currently in process, and is due to be complete in early August. Therefore, you and the community will be able to place an order for fibre from the 6th August, with a service provider of your choice.'

I know many of you have been frustratedly checking on the BT and Openreach fibre checkers over the last 2 weeks with speed results that have varied daily. From Facebook we can see that some of you placed orders only to get them cancelled and others have gone live. Anyway we now have a definitive date. (Fingers and toes crossed!')



Watercress & Winterbournes - protecting our chalkstreams.

A couple of weeks ago at Lady Rose Hall, we had a talk from Maggie Shelton from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust about Hampshire's

budget cuts to subsidies for public transport and street lighting. This consultation closes at midnight on Sunday 5 August 2018.

The County Council is seeking to make savings through changes to financial support for public transport services. Feedback from passengers will be carefully looked at, alongside data on passenger journeys and the cost of providing individual journeys or services. The core funding for the operation of community transport schemes, such as Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Minibus Group Hire Schemes, are not included in these proposals. This consultation does include questions on proposals to change the discretionary discount for holders of older persons' bus passes on some community transport services. The County Council is also asking for views on proposals to switch off some street lights for two or more hours during the night. This would mean that some areas of the county would have no street lighting for a period of the night time.

The findings will be presented to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, for consideration when making decisions, later in the year.

The PC will be asking for further streetlight dimming down to 20% after midnight with switch off 01.00 – 04.00 (but

chalkstreams. We learnt how rare chalkstreams are, what lives in and around them, about their interesting history and finally, about a new Heritage Lottery Funded project called Watercress & Winterbournes.

Maggie told us that our internationally recognised winterbournes and chalkstreams are under pressure from pollution; abstraction; invasive species; an overburden of silt, and a loss of built heritage. We can help the Upper Test by joining the project.

Maggie explained that she would be working with local community groups, schools, health/well-being groups, artists, landowners, farmers and historians. An Upper Test Community Catchment Group (CCG) is forming right now to identify local projects. The evening rounded off with lively debate.

So what next? The CCG will meet in August. Volunteers will be able to sign up and Maggie will run training events (eg for monitoring species). By October 2018, community projects will have been included in the development phase Lottery bid. A successful bid will release the delivery phase and 5 years' worth of funding across the project area from 2020 - 2025.

Join Watercress & Winterbournes and

is requesting a test period first). Also it would like to see charges to bus concession users limited to 50p per day.

To have your say [click here](#) or, alternatively email environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk or phone 0300 555 1388 for a copy of the Information Pack and Response Form.

Don't forget to respond before midnight on 5 August 2018.



Strawberry fun!

No Andy at this year's Wimbledon, but happily the good weather continues – long may it last! Sessions begin at 7pm and continue until dusk, and are hosted by a committee member, so members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors too are welcome to attend a club night, for which 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 (please ask for details).

make a difference. For more information please contact Maggie Shelton at Maggie.shelton@hiwwt.org.uk or on 01489 774428, or visit our [watercress and winterbournes website](#).



Ride & Stride for Churches Trust

St Mary's Church Spire: The missing cockerel has turned into a golden goose! Further delays have meant that the work will not be finished until the first week in August, then the scaffolding will need to be taken down before we can see the spire in all its glory. We are hoping to have a blessing ceremony with the Bishop of Basingstoke in September, and would love as many of you as possible to come and share some refreshments with us in celebration. Watch this space.

Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 8th September. This is an annual fund-

Social and Playing members, as well as some most welcome Visitors, thoroughly enjoyed our recent Strawberry Sunday event on 8th July, when a good afternoon was had by all!

The next dates for your diary will be our daytime autumn tennis tournament and skittles evening on Sunday 23rd September, followed by our club walk and lunch on Saturday 14th October.

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Many of her summer courses fill up fast, so if you are interested then do contact Carol soon to get further information and book your place. Full details are available at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Carol on 07939 264999.

For more information about the Club visit our [website](#) or contact Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk or Wendy Helsby, secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk



raiser for Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust which has given a substantial donation towards our spire repairs, and for which we are very grateful. Basically, you visit as many churches as you can on foot, by bike, by car, by bus or pony, and get friends and family to sponsor you. You can then designate a church to receive your sponsorship money, and 50% of it will go to that church and the rest to HIHCT. We open both our churches for the day, with refreshments available at St Mary's. Do think about having a go. It is great fun if you get a group together. You can get sponsorship forms from me, or download from the [website](#).

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



Playground Tree Replacement

The trees that were removed from the playground will be replaced in the Autumn with a chestnut and a beech tree or two beeches, as agreed with the tree Officers at B&D. The idea is that they will slot in between where the horse chestnuts were removed. The size of

Have You Tried Archery?

The Hants Junior County Rankings for recurve, as at 1st July, show Jodie Buckner in top spot! She has pipped her father's score. Richard Buckner was 2nd in the Men's recurve. However he was also recently part of the 3rd placed Hants team at the National County championships at Lilleshall.

Fourteen people attended our latest beginners course at Laverstoke and they all passed the assessment at the end. Most were awarded achievement badges by international governing body, World Archery.

The Clubs Annual Open Field Tournament in July at Kingsclere was a great success. See the [website](#) for the full report. Lee Monteith came 3rd in American Flat bow and Alex Allam came 3rd in Under 18 Gents recurve.

Well done to the team for staging this event, and well done to those members shooting against many of the British Team. At the event, the BBC filmed a piece on Field Archery, which will be shown on BBC ONE, on a Sat morning in August.

Jodie has continued her great form receiving a silver medal on the second day of the Archery GB Junior National

trees are to be determined but they will be way bigger than mere twigs!



Kid's Big Butterfly Count

From now through to 10th August

Hardy's Cottage Garden plants have created a fun butterfly trail with prizes for kids. The idea is to show them the types of plants that butterflies love. They can also pot up and take home butterfly friendly plants such as Cosmos. Cost is £1.50 per child. No need to book just turn up Monday to Friday between 10.00 and 17.00.

See you there!



Noisy Night Basketball

On and off since the beginning of **July**, the basketball pitch at Laverstoke has been used at night by a group of

Outdoor Championships in early July. She also achieved a new Hampshire Bristol 4 record (that's 6 dozen arrows at 40 yds; 4 dozen at 30 yards; 2 dozen at 20 yards). She then continued with another silver medal in championships on the 21st & 22nd July. Whilst this time Dad, Richard, won a Gold medal at the same event!

After the success of 2017, we are holding sessions aimed at kids during the summer at Laverstoke archery range. However, anyone may come and try the sport during these times. Just turn up and pay a £2 registration fee and have as many goes as time permits on:

Monday 6th 1400 - 1600

Wednesday 8th 1100 - 1300

Friday 10th 1400 - 1600

Monday 20th 1100 - 1300

Wednesday 22nd 1400 - 1600

Thursday 23rd 1100 - 1300

lads, mainly from Whitchurch and Overton. It is great to see them being active and enjoying themselves **BUT** they have been driving across the Millennium Green and onto the tarmac court in order to use the headlights as a flood light! Luckily the ground has been hard as concrete in this heatwave.

They have been quite noisy, disturbing the closest residents and have left beer cans and rubbish on a few occasions. They have been asked by a councillor and the clerk to refrain from driving on the Green and finishing their fun earlier but they seem to have slipped back to their old habits. We would like to see a daylight only use of the court (latest 10 pm in Summer) with cars to be parked in the car park and rubbish to be taken home. So if your offspring is involved please can you ask them to take note and pass the message on as we do not want to have to stop their fun entirely. Thank you.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Watership Down Nursery:](#)

Day nursery offering full
child care services



Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)

11th Sept
9th Oct
13th Nov
11th Dec
8th Jan

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 Will & Lucy Jones on 01256 895504 or contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk

[Clubbercize](#) 20.00 - 21.00
Wednesday. Contact Chris Burch on 07979 417743

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
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Millennium Green:
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laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

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Lady Rose Hall:

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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](#)

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