



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter July 2018

Well what a glorious summer so far! Although the fields and gardens around us are taking a bit of a hit, we hope you've been able to take advantage of this lovely time of year. It certainly looked like people have made the most of the fine weather at a couple of very enjoyable recent events - the Hampshire Garden Festival at Bere Mill and the St Nicholas Tea party.

On Thursday this week we have our Watercress and Winterbournes river projects talk by Maggie Shelton, our new Community Catchment Officer. Read on for this and news from all your local clubs... and more.

Unless any planning applications come in, or unexpected business, the PC will next meet on 10th July and then not till 11th Sept. There will be the usual annual meeting break in August.



Watercress & Winterbournes

Thursday 5th July at 7pm
Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke, RG28 7NY



Come to a talk by Maggie Shelton from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust about your local chalkstream, its ecology and threats, followed by an introduction to the "Watercress & Winterbournes" Heritage Lottery Funded project.

"I look forward to seeing you. Come and hear..."

- about the special qualities of chalkstreams and why I am passionate about them
- about our community-led landscape partnership project
- how together we can keep the Upper Test healthy, robust and wonderful for generations to come
- how you can become directly involved in this exciting conservation project." Maggie Shelton, Community Catchments Officer.

If you would like to come and find out more, please call me on 01489 77 44 28 or email maggie.shelton@hiwwt.org.uk.



5th July Watercress & Winterbournes Talk

Maggie Shelton, Community Catchment Officer, will be speaking about our wonderful chalkstreams and will introduce the Watercress & Winterbournes (W&W) project at a talk on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7 pm at Lady Rose Hall.



Join In Strawberry



Hampshire Garden Festival 10th June

Despite their devastating fire at Bere Mill, Rupert & Elizabeth Nabarro insisted that we go ahead with the North Hampshire Medical Fund Festival over the weekend of 9th/10th June, and what a success it was. We cannot thank them enough. The sun shone, the crowds came, and we raised £25,380 for the Fund. Huge thanks to Sarah-Jane Shirreff and her amazing committee who worked tirelessly. We also could not have done it without all the volunteers who manned the gates, served in the tea tent and donated all the delicious cakes and items for the Tombola. Likewise, enormous thanks to those who donated incredible lots for the Auction and the Raffle which raised a substantial amount of money.

We had Alan Titchmarsh at the Gala evening, wonderful speakers on the Sunday, including Stefan Buczacki chairing Gardeners Question Time. There were stalls aplenty, live music, and loads of activities for children, including a fun Dog Show (judging taking place in our

Tennis Sunday 8th July

The good weather continues – at least on club nights, by and large! 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).

The next tennis date for your diary is **Strawberry Sunday** afternoon, on 8th July, from 2pm until 4pm. This is the middle Sunday of Wimbledon, when there is normally no play at the tournament – so what better way to bridge the gap in your viewing schedule than by coming along to enjoy a fun game of tennis, followed by strawberries and cream? Members and non-members are most welcome. (Of course, each of the seven lucky club members whose names were drawn in our ballot this year will be able to soak up the SW19 atmosphere at first hand, along with a guest!)

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

photo) – how proud they all were with their rosettes. There was something for everyone. If you missed it this year, be sure to come next year.

The money raised is going to buy a state-of-the-art Laparoscopic Simulator for Gynaecology with the remainder going towards Intrabeam Intraoperative Radiotherapy Equipment for Breast Surgery.

Brenda Bond (committee member)



Archery Club know Robin Hood!

6 Black Arrows club members recently shot an Open tournament at Yateley. It was a "Windsor round" (3 dozen arrows at each of 60, 50 and 40 yards, with a 122cm diameter target). Jodie Buckner, Alex Allam and Richard Buckner all got gold in their class. Steve Allam got bronze. Jodie and Richard won the family category with Alex and Steve winning silver. A team silver went to Jodie,

information and book your place. Full details are available at

carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Carol on 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, wanting to get back into tennis after a break, or experienced and hoping to play matches (WTC have teams in the very competitive Basingstoke summer league). There is also the opportunity to join as a social member only, for those who do not want, or have little time, to play tennis. Details can be found on our website,

www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk

For more information about the Club, please contact:

our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk or our Secretary Wendy Helsby, secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk



St Mary's Church News

Work on the spire has slipped behind

Richard, Alex and Steve.

At the end of June, the club entertained a group from the Basingstoke Round Table to try archery. They all enjoyed the event and want to return some time. During July the club will be having up to 28 members of the Whitchurch Cubs along to try archery.

Club members are all finding time to enjoy the lovely summer and on 13th June we held a club shoot. Our experienced archers shot a 'Warwick' (2 dozen arrows at 60 yards and 2 dozen at 50 yards). Those new to shooting shot a 'Short Warwick' (2 dozen arrows at 50 yards and 2 dozen at 40 yards), and the absolute beginners shot a 'Short Junior Warwick' (2 dozen arrows at 40 yards and 2 dozen at 30 yards). This was a great opportunity to get to grips with shooting and scoring rounds. There were no prizes but the event was followed by a BBQ, salads and cheese, followed by cake!

At the end of May the club staged the All British Field Championships, which many said were the best they had known. Awards were presented by Kirby Sinclair, MD of The Roasting Party (event sponsor).

On the 7/8th July the club are staging their annual Field Tournament, this time

schedule slightly, but we hope it will all be complete by mid-July. I would not want to be part of the team working at that height in this heat. For those living within earshot of the hammering, thank you for your forbearance. Hopefully we should not need to do this again until 2068!

As you know, Ian & Sue Smale have now retired and we are without a Rector.

Thankfully we have the wonderful Rev Ken Bell who will be helping us out, and vicars from the Registry. It could take up to a year before someone new is appointed. Ian & Sue will be a hard act to follow.

St Nicholas Church

The Midsummer Tea Party and Flower Festival took place on Sunday 1st July. Thank you to those who supported and enjoyed tea and lovely homemade cakes. Funds raised will go to the Churches Conservation Trust which maintains this little jewel of a church.



Talks at Hardy's

Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants are busy in this the show season. Currently

awards will be presented by William Hastings-Bass, 17th Earl of Huntingdon. Lord Huntingdon's full family name is William Edward **Robin Hood** Hastings-Bass. A few generations back the family did some investigations and a historian concluded that if Robin Hood existed he would have been the 2nd Earl of Huntingdon. The family can trace their roots back that far so they added 'Robin Hood' into their name. As the Black Arrows club shoots on his land at Kingsclere, we can say we have links with the legendary Robin Hood!!



Practise Your Tennis!

The application for B&DBC Local Infrastructure Funds for renovation of the old tennis practice area has been jointly submitted by Whitchurch Tennis Club and the Parish Council in June. It's now a long wait till September to hear if it has been successful. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the community and club members can look forward to a short tennis area, rebuilt practice wall and

they're at RHS Hampton Court awaiting judgement on their exhibit! They're hoping to follow the successes of last month - with their 23rd Gold Medal at Chelsea and a gold medal at BBC Gardeners World Live.

However they remain open every day between 10am – 5pm.

The Hardy's team are hosting a couple of not to be missed guest speakers over the next few months:

24th July - Harriet Rycroft – Rosy says

'We are looking forward to welcoming Harriet Rycroft back to the nursery, this will be her second visit to Hardy's as a guest speaker, this time she will be changing her emphasis from planting pots for winter and spring to planting pots for summer and autumn.' See Hardy's website for more details:

[harriet-rycroft-pots-for-hot-spots-and-shady-characters](#) -

20th Sept – Georgie Newbery – Join

Rosy and team at the nursery for a talk by the ever popular Georgie Newbery (pictured above) on growing cut flowers for your home. Georgie will be using seasonal flowers cut from the nursery to give her floristry demonstration. See website for further information:

[georgie-newbery-on-growing-a-cut-flowers-for-your-home](#)

tarmac'd area to the side and front of the pavilion. These areas will remain open for use by the community and will hopefully encourage local youngsters to take up tennis. The 2 WTC courts will also be repainted which will help with their longevity. It is also hoped that the new surface will provide a more stable surface/access for disabled people into the Men's Shed.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10th July

11th Sept

9th Oct

13th Nov

11th Dec

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



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

[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
kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com



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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](#)

meeting. Venue: Lady
Rose Hall, Laverstoke
Lane. **Note: no**

**meeting is held in
August.**

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