



## **Newsletter May 2018**

What a fabulous time of year with the spring flowers in bloom, bluebells abundant and glorious sunshine (well, for this bank holiday weekend at least!)

The PC would like to remind everyone that the June PC meeting has been pulled forward to 5th June and in this month's newsletter we have the latest on BT, details on parish defibrillator training and lots more....

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



## Defibrillator Training Thurs 17th May

One of our residents has kindly agreed to run a defibrillator familiarisation session for us in Lady Rose Hall in Laverstoke. It is suitable for 11 year old and upwards. It will also include an opportunity to practice basic life support on a resuscitation dummy, if you wish. There is no pressure and there are no tests!

There will also be a chance to walk down and take a look at the Bombay Sapphire device, pictured above, that BS have kindly agreed the village can use.

If you would like to take part for free, at 8-9pm on Thursday 17th May, and gain a new, potentially life saving skill then please let Nicky know on [laverstokeclerk@gmail.com](mailto:laverstokeclerk@gmail.com) or call 07725 368012 and leave a message with your name, requesting a place.



## Latest on BT/Openreach

The BT project manager we have been working with has managed to get all the copper and fibre in place, but he mentioned that our project is in a list of works with those shouting loudest often progressing fastest. So our Parish Council Chairman, Bob Hough, decided to take matters into his own hands. He fired off an email to the Openreach CEO and one lunchtime this week he went to bother the OpenReach HQ. Bob met a lady having a smoke on the pavement outside who turned out to be the MD of Infrastructure Delivery for Openreach. She has taken on our project and has promised to push it through. The date for works is scheduled for July, Bob is going to keep bothering them...



## Spire repairs underway

Spire repairs are slowly progressing, and we look forward to their completion. I think the bell-ringers, especially, will be delighted not to have to wade through twigs and bird droppings when they ring our bells.

Now that the "Summer" season is upon us, we will be holding our first service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 6th May at 9 am, and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month until September. This special little church has an ambience all of its own, so do come and join us. Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



## Playground Grass Seeded



## Juniors get Olympic Coaching

Overton Black Arrows are Winners! Unbeaten this year in division three of the Perris Junior Indoor Winter Postal league, Alex Allam, Jodie Buckner and Dan Lirianos won all seven matches.

On the second May Bank holiday the club is staging the British National Field Archery Championships and Open - on behalf of "Archery Great Britain"!

In the National January Challenge (postal shoot/indoors) the best placed club archers were Bill Jones 20th in Gents Longbow, Richard Buckner 11th out of 727 (!) in Gents Recurve and Bill Jones 5th in Gents Barebow.

Richard Buckner and daughter Jodie,

The Millennium Green team spent a happy few hours last weekend harrowing the churned playground and then seeding it with grass! The area is no longer looking quite so sad. Thanks to everyone for keeping off until the grass is established enough to mow.

We are starting to investigate replacement trees, one idea is to get a tree pack from the Woodlands Trust.

Thanks also to everyone who turned out on the village clear up day on 7th April. The wood chippings from the tree felling were spread over the old wooden playground area, the area behind the children's court was tidied too.



## Beer Festival Bank Hol

Your local Inn is holding it's annual **Beer Festival on 25-27th May**. There will be a magician on Friday evening at 6pm - perfect entertainment for families! Live music is being performed on Saturday with a BBQ all weekend and not forgetting of course that there will be 20 local beers and 2 ciders on offer!

shooting recurve target bows, have been selected to shoot for the Hampshire County Archery Association team, against Sussex, in May.

Recently Alex Allam and Jodie Buckner, were awarded a day's coaching by Archery GB with the GB Olympic Coach, at the Elite training centre in Lilleshall Shropshire. This was in recognition of their achievements during the winter season.

Our photo shows Alex and Jodie with the Olympic Coach and an Olympic archer.

Our next beginners classes start on Tuesday the 5th June for six weeks at Laverstoke, contact [Beginners@OvertonBlackArrows.Org](mailto:Beginners@OvertonBlackArrows.Org) for further information or to book a place.



## Tennis Action

Many thanks to all who helped at our Spring Clean morning on Saturday 24th March. The courts and the general grounds are now in good shape and ready for a summer of action, thanks to a team of stalwart regular helpers. By the time you read this, several weeks

On the 18th May the Watership's summer lunchtime and evening menus will be available. Having had a sneak preview, I'm looking forward to the Surf and Turf Salad (tiger prawns, matured rump steak...) and Spiced Maple Sticky Toffee Pudding - yum! - amongst lots of other goodies.

And last but not least, Tuesdays and Thursdays will continue to be steak night throughout the summer.



## **Pensioners' Fundraiser**

On Saturday 21st April, a beautiful sunny day, the Laverstoke and Freefolk pensioners held our first Coffee Morning of the year in The Kingfisher Day Centre, Laverstoke. Lots of people come to support us including some friends from the Men's Shed, which was lovely. There were lots of children too - they all love buying from the toy stall and seeing if they can win on the Tombola. We raised an amazing amount of £426.31 after expenses, which was fantastic. Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day

will have passed since the first ball of the season was served. Please note that from 1st May, club nights will begin at the slightly later time of 7pm and continue until dusk, hosted by a committee member, so that 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 of the courts. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the popular weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons (please ask for details).

After the success of Rusty Racquets in early April, 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? (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 atmosphere first hand, along with a guest!) Members and non-members are most welcome.

And last but not least, as part of the LTA's Davis Cup Legacy initiative, Carol will be running two 'Tennis for Kids' courses for children who have not played tennis before (one for four to seven year olds, the other for children aged between eight

Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility, to all the Committee girls for their hard work, to the outside helpers, to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes etc. and gave us donations. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported us and finally an extra big thank you to Nicola and Kim from the Kingfisher Day Centre for their very kind help.

Mady Oram, Chairman, 01256 895396

and 11.) Costing just £25 per course, dates will be confirmed shortly. Each participant will receive a free tennis racquet (and some tennis balls) together with a very 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 – so if you would like more information, please contact Carol on 07939 264999 or email [carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, or experienced and hoping to play matches. WTC have several teams in the very competitive Basingstoke league this summer. Details can be found on our [website](#)



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## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:



## Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Watership Down Nursery:](#)

Day nursery offering full  
child care services

Contact Will & Lucy Jones



## Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)

[laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk](http://laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk)

**Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk:**

5<sup>th</sup> June, NB not 12<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> July

11<sup>th</sup> Sept

9<sup>th</sup> Oct

13<sup>th</sup> Nov

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.**

on 01256 895504 or [contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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:  
[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](http://landfreefolkmillenniumgreen)

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**Lady Rose Hall:**

[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](#)

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