



Newsletter September 2018

How lovely to see cows back in Batts Meadow. It is such a long time since we have had the pleasure and we couldn't resist trying to take a photo. Mind you it took a few attempts!

We've had some good news over the last month with the Freefolk superfast broadband cabinet going live and more recently funding awarded for development of the tennis facilities at Laverstoke. In September there's lots going on at Hardy's and we have a date secured for our next Village clear up. Read on for all this and more!

The Laverstoke & Freefolk Millennium Green Trust AGM is 20th September at 7.30 pm in Lady Rose Hall and they would love to see more residents attending and having their say. The trust is responsible for much of the green space in Laverstoke - practice football field, wood, quiet garden and pond.

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



Tennis Practice Area - Funds Earmarked

Good news has been received for both the local community and Whitchurch Tennis Club members as the WTC/Parish Council funding application for renovating the tennis area has been successful. A total of £27,900 has been earmarked by Basingstoke & Deane for the project which will see the current tennis courts repainted and the old practice area and wall re-established in spring next year. The latter area will be available for all to use as a joint facility.



Hants Barebow Champ

Well done to Hampshire County Field Championships 2018, Barebow Gent Champion, William Jones of Overton Black Arrows, pictured in action above.

Members of the British Team came along



Finally Our Wait Is Over

We were delighted to see the superfast broadband service released on the 6th August from Freefolk Cabinet 7! Initially we had some patchy coverage with some of the houses in a couple of areas seeming to miss out whilst their neighbours were speeding away. This was reported back to the head of Infrastructure at OpenReach and, on checking last week, those holes seem to have been covered.

The PC would like to thank Clare Albert for all her efforts in achieving this fantastic result. It was the most frustrating project but she never gave up and hopefully many in the community will take advantage of the opportunity of higher broadband speed. Great job! Finally the Race to Infinity is Over!

to the club's field archery course on August bank holiday Monday. This was to train in preparation for the World Field Archery Champs in Italy and the European 3D Championships in Sweden, both in September.

You may have seen some of the team & club archers shooting there on the breakfast program on BBC One on 25th August. It was recorded during the club's recent Open Tournament.

The evenings are drawing in so on the 5th September the club is holding an end of season shoot and BBQ prior to the 12th September when they start shooting indoors on Wednesday evenings.

Don't forget that after this date members can still be shooting at Laverstoke during daylight hours. Please remember to watch for the danger red flag and do not enter the fenced area via any gate or down the steps from the Lady Rose Hall car park. Someone was recently spotted walking in the area between the building overhang and the distance markers i.e. inside the fence. They were endangering themselves and interrupted shooting.

The August try the sport for children and adults, went very well, with many from the local area, and further away, trying the sport of archery.



Spinning Cockerel and Other Church News

The uncovered part of St Mary's spire is looking very smart, but steeplejacks have had to be commissioned to get the golden cockerel spinning again, as pictured above. We are still hoping to have a blessing ceremony at some point but key people are away in September. It looks likely to be October or November now. I will notify you all with a date when I have one.

Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 8th September. St Marys will be open with refreshments for those taking part, from 10 am. If anyone would like to do a short stint meeting and greeting participants, please let me know. There'll be a flapjack and cup of coffee in it for you!

Harvest Festival:

The next novice training course commences on Friday 5th October indoors at Testbourne school Whitchurch. For details or to book email

Beginners@OvertonBlackArrows.Org

Hampshire Junior Team won their match against Berkshire Juniors recently. Well done to Jodie Buckner of Overton Black Arrows who is in the Hampshire team!

Last but by no means least big congratulations to Jodie for being invited into the "Archery Great Britain" Junior Academy. We may see her representing the UK in internationals events in the future!



Autumn Tennis

Notwithstanding the cooler conditions prevailing at the time of writing, the weather has been good to us this summer – and we are hopeful that the sun will be back by September! 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

We are celebrating harvest on Sunday 23rd September at 5 pm and will be thanking God for all His bounty. The church usually looks magnificent with flowers, fruit and vegetables decorating every available surface. We enjoy Pimms and canapes after the service, and all our produce goes to Kingfisher Day Centre for their lunch club. Any non-perishables go to Andover Food Bank.

Please do join us, and if anyone has any produce or flowers to donate, please leave them in the church porch. We would be very grateful.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



Watercress & Winterbournes

The first Upper Test Community Meeting for the Heritage Lottery Funded

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 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.

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 four 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](#),

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

project “Watercress & Winterbournes” took place in August at Lady Rose Hall. The project aims to increase the resilience and biodiversity of the Upper Test. It is a partnership of 16 organisations being jointly lead by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Wessex Chalk Stream Rivers Trust. The local community plays an essential role in the project. Together we celebrate heritage, inspire people, including the young, and work to re-establish traditional skills.

During the meeting, we studied large-scale maps and used them to discuss and consider potential projects. We explored what it is about the Upper Test that is important to us, and approached any concerns openly. There was some imaginative problem solving and we were left feeling really energised and positive. It was great to see so many wishing to play a part in the project; there were people from Whitchurch, Laverstoke and Overton chatting about the stream, ecology, education and heritage. We are looking forward to our next meeting in September.

So what is next? We need people to carry out wildlife surveys and other monitoring activities (training will be provided). Volunteers will be needed so if you are thinking e.g. you:

- would like to learn a new skill



Hardys Coffee, Charity & Photography

Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants are hosting couple of charity coffee mornings in the next month. Round up your friends to support the following good causes on:

- 6th Sept MND Association Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 13.00. For more info see [website](#)
- 18th Sept MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 13.00 see [website](#)

Also in September are some ticketed events. Book early to hear the following guest speakers:

- 20th September 10.30 - 12.30 – Georgie Newbery of Common Farm Flowers will talk on 'Growing cut flowers for your home' - See [website](#) for booking information. Tickets are £25.
- 24th September 11.00 - 13.00 – Richard Loader, a professional plants and garden photographer who lives in the New Forest, will

- love wildlife
 - enjoy getting outside and walking in the fresh air
 - think it might help your career
 - want to give something back to nature
 - like meeting like-minded people
 - or simply want to get to know the area
- then I would like to hear from you. The project offers many volunteering opportunities and you do not have to be an expert, so please feel free to contact me for an informal chat.

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[watercress-and-winterbournes website](#)

Tweet: #WatercressAndWinterbournes

Blog: [maggie-shelton](#)



Tea Time in Lady Rose Hall

On Sunday 19th August Laverstoke and Freefolk Senior Citizens held its Summer

be giving an 'Introduction to creative photography of plants and flowers.' Tickets are £45.



Autumn Village Clear Up 13th October

Date for your diary. Saturday 13th October - help tidy your local area and meet your neighbours! Timing and further details to follow next month.



To....

There are some people in the villages who go out of their way to improve our living environment. Thank you to Richard Spooner for maintaining the grass area between Lady Rose Hall and Laverstoke Lane. And for making a start on cleaning the railings of the river bridge, thanks to Bob Hough.

If you think there is someone who

Tea Party in the Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke It was just a lovely afternoon, the weather was beautiful and sunny - just perfect. On arrival the pensioners were greeted and given a glass of bubbly. Everyone chatted before going to sit down for a delicious afternoon tea which had been prepared by the committee. During the afternoon we had a special guest, Ian Kirk Magic, who entertained with his magic tricks. He provided great entertainment and left us wondering and questioning. Everyone loved him. After tea, our senior citizens sat and had a really good catch up. It was wonderful to see so many of them and also the outside helpers joining us for tea (they kindly help on our Coffee Mornings.)

Many thanks to all the committee for their hard work and their delicious cakes and sandwiches. Also to the spouses, partners and helpers who all contributed to make this occasion such a success.

The Lady Rose Hall is a brilliant function room, we are so lucky to have this local facility.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 6th October is our second Coffee Morning which will be held in the Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke at 10.00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you all. Do come and have a cup of coffee with us.

deserves a newsletter thank you then
please let us know. Just email [Nicky](#)

Mady Oram Chairman 895396



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

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



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:



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Lady Rose Hall:

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](#)

they are unable to
interrupt the Council
meeting. Venue: Lady
Rose Hall, Laverstoke
Lane. **Note: no
meeting is held in
August.**

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

Millennium Green:
[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

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