



Newsletter November 2018

Hoping this finds you well and enjoying the crisp but clear mornings we seem to be having at the moment. We've had some lovely events over the past month that we report on below and our local children's nursery had a surprise visit followed by some wonderful news! In the next couple of months there's lots locally to look forward to given that the festive season is now only weeks away. Read on for all this!

And one last little note... one of our parishioners reminded us at the last PC meeting that flu jabs are available from the Overton pharmacy if not your local GP surgery.

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



B&D Planning Guidance Changes

The Parish Council has received notification from Basingstoke & Deane planning department that they are no longer providing chargeable, written advice responses to pre-application enquiries (EN10's) for householders and small businesses from 1st October onwards.

As part of their programme for continual improvement, it was identified that pre-application enquiries for basic householder development and small businesses would be better dealt with through the Planning Duty Service rather than charging customers in relation to written queries. So if you have a query with respect to e.g. an extension to your property or adverts on commercial premises then you need to make an appointment with the Duty Planning Service. There is no fee and no written advice and the response is given at the time of the meeting.

For other pre-planning matters such as Permitted Development Enquiries or for



Good with Outstanding Elements!

The nursery based in Lady Rose Hall has had its first Ofsted inspection. They were delighted to receive a fantastic report that showed they were outstanding in 'personal development, behaviour and welfare' and good in all other categories.

For those not in the know, Ofsted have 4 levels of rating

- 1 Outstanding
- 2 Good
- 3 Requires improvement
- 4 Inadequate

This is an impressive start for the nursery!

Will and Lucy, the nursery owners, have thanked the families that Ofsted spoke to on the day and for their compliments given to the inspector. The inspector was very impressed with the feedback.

The nursery said that all the letters and emails they had received had meant more than any Ofsted rating. Lucy said

residential housebuilding then written responses to pre-plan enquiries are still available but for a fee (that increases when over 9 dwellings are being built.)



Christmas Wreath Making

Hardy's Cottage Garden plants are running this Christmas Wreath Workshop again this year.

Location: Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants

Date: 6th December 2018

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Price: £30.00

Kick start your festive preparations by joining us at the nursery for a relaxed, fun and friendly workshop where we will show you how to create and personalise a fabulous Christmas wreath to hang proudly on your front door.

Your workshop ticket includes mince pies and a glass of Prosecco* plus all the

"We are lucky to have such wonderful caring families. You really make us feel like one big family too." She thanked their amazing team too for all their hard work and also thanked the most important people of all... the children. She added "It is their personalities, likes and interests that really shape our nursery and without them we wouldn't be here at all."

The Watership Down Nursery provide full day care for children from 0 to 5 years old, 8 - 17.30 every weekday. Contact Will or Lucy Jones for further info on contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk



Senior Citizens Fundraiser

On Saturday 6th October, on a very wet and dismal day we held our second Coffee Morning of the year in The Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke. Many people come to support us including some of our friends from the

materials you will need. Go for a traditional look with greenery, cinnamon sticks, pine cones and citrus slices, or add a dash of bling with ribbons, lights and baubles. Everything you need to get crafty.

Ticket price £30.00 per person. Booking essential as places are limited.

* Non-alcoholic beverages are also available.



Tree Planting moved to 17th Nov

Unfortunately due to issues getting hold of red horse chestnut trees the Laverstoke planting has been moved back to the 17th Nov and a decision has been made for double flowering white chestnut. The Millennium Green Trust updated us at the last Parish council meeting on the planned tree replacement in the playground. When permission was granted for the felling of the playground trees earlier in the spring, permission was

Men's Shed which was great. It was lovely to see so many 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 £372, after expenses, which was fantastic. Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility, all the Committee for their hard work, the outside helpers and to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes, etc. Also a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us and finally a big thank you to Nicola and Kim from the Kingfisher for their very kind help.

Diary Note: Saturday 8th December – Senior Citizens Christmas lunch, Watership Down Inn. Invitations to follow!

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granted to replace with 2 hardwood trees, Chestnut or Beech. Beech was subsequently ruled out due to the vast dense canopy which hampers grass growth and the shallowness of roots (given proximity to houses.) Instead two flowering horse chestnuts will be planted 2.5 – 3m high. The PC questioned why 2 trees were being planted rather than 3 and it was explained that firstly it was to stop overcrowding which prevents growth, secondly the trees will fit in the gaps left by the felled trees and thirdly the trees would be further away from the play equipment than previously. Hopefully the ground will not yet be too hard to dig and the plants will be coming into dormancy soon so this should still be a good time for tree planting.



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who came and helped at the Village clear up on Sat 13th. The Quiet Garden was pruned back, hedges cut along quiet garden and tennis court edge and the back of the children's court was cleared. Followed by tea and yummy apple cake from Di



The Spire is Blessed!

The spire has been well and truly blessed by the Bishop of Basingstoke, David Williams. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the spire looked magnificent as we enjoyed tea and cake after the ceremony. Thank you, so much, to all those who baked cakes and served the tea. Unfortunately, we could not have the bells rung as they have been found to be unsafe due to wear and tear of the wooden workings. Yet another job that needs to be sorted out soon.

Grave yard plan: Is there anyone out there who would like to draw up a new

Grudgings. Good job all!



Bere Mill Apple Day Success

Bere Mill was bathed in glorious sunshine for our first ever Apple Day event. Held on the first day of half term, Saturday 20th October, we were delighted to welcome hordes of families to enjoy the gardens and orchards, and everything there was on offer. Dinah gave farm walks to see the land and animals, to help people learn about how we look after the landscape and produce high quality pasture fed meat for the butchery. We were treated to wonderful live music from the fabulous Pair of Horns and Andover Museum Loft Singers. There were fun apple themed activities for children - sticky apple pop making with Laverstoke's own Katie of Cookery Doodle Doo, and apple art printing with artist Miriam Nabarro, as well as face painting. We had lovely local

graveyard plan for the churchyard? It would be a great project for anyone interested in local history. I have a copy of the plan held in the Records Office, but it is desperate for updating. Please get in touch with me if you are interested. Brenda Bond, Churchwarden on bondb@btinternet.com



Out and About with the Archers

Black Arrows members have been representing the club at competitive events, increasingly far from their home ground. At the Exmouth Archers Field Shoot on 6-7th October, Bill Jones came 9th in the gentlemen's bare bow class. The following week chairman Steve Allam and Gerald Farrell, decided to pop up to the Kendal field shoot. Some might have called it a rash decision, given the poor weather forecast and the fact that the day became increasingly wet. However, it was all worth it... Steve was placed 1st at the end of Saturday and came 4th over the weekend in the Gents Recurve section. Meanwhile, Gerald came 2nd in Gents Compound. A great result given

food and drink from John & Jane of Tufton Smallholding, Pam Barry's cakes and bread, and local cider from Ciderniks. And lunchtime was taken care of with a sold-out Bere Mill BBQ - sorry to anyone who had to wait for their fill!

Thanks to everyone who came and made the day so special, we hope you enjoyed your visit and that we'll see you again soon. The butchery is now open Mon, Thurs, Fri 2 - 6 pm and Sat 9 - 5pm and we are now taking orders for you-know-what....

the weather.

Results of the GB Junior Summer Metrics are out with some stunning results: Jodie Buckner came 1st for U14 Recurve Hannah Baker came 7th for Ladies U12 Recurve James Baker came 2nd for Gents U16 Compound

Now that the outdoor season is finally over, the final standings in the Hampshire Archery Association County Rankings show Jodie Buckner in first place in the Junior Ladies Recurve. Her father Richard finished in third place in the Gentleman's Recurve class.

The archery club had a major tidy up earlier in the month and hopefully everyone will agree the ground is looking very well maintained.



Burglary at Watership

Horrid news - there was a burglary in our local Watership Down Inn last week which is subject to ongoing investigations. Let's hope that the culprits are found.

Looking forwards and onwards, look out for a new menu starting on 1st December as well as the Christmas party menu. Take a peek at the [menu on the website](#) for full details.

Unconfirmed, as we go to press, is a theme evening on Nov 30th. You'll just have to go to the pub to find out more! Also, the new rooms will be ready for letting in the New Year. The garden will be fully landscaped, and available for use by customers next summer. (Let's not wish the seasons away but the Ed. is already looking forward to the prospect of warm pub garden evenings!)



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th Nov

11th Dec

8th Jan

12th Feb

12th March

Laverstoke and



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

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



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Newsletter:

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.**



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Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for Elderly](#) or

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

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](#)

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