



## **Newsletter May 2019**

It's that bluebell time of year again! And aren't the trees looking glorious too - showing off their new vibrant green leaves.

In the last newsletter we headlined the Parish Council elections. The 7 vacancies have been filled by uncontested election and we are delighted to welcome a new volunteer onto the Parish Council. Andrew White from Freefolk is joining as our seventh councillor. The next PC meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm and more importantly it is also the Annual Parish Assembly. Please do come along. This is an open forum session for you to have your say about the local community and ask questions of the PC.

The Millennium Green annual, fun and fact-filled fundraising quiz has had to be moved to June 29th due to diary clashes. On 18th May the new tennis practice tennis facilities, developed in conjunction with Whitchurch tennis club, and supported by a grant from Basingstoke and Deane Borough council, will be formally opened. All welcome.

In other news we highlight the proposed giant incinerator at Barton Stacey and we have news from local clubs and emporiums. Just read on!

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



## Giant incinerator less than 8km away

A giant industrial incinerator, indicative picture above, is being planned by US company Wheelabrator technologies. The proposed site is 2km west of Bullington Cross, just off the A303, half way between Longparish and Barton Stacey. As the crow flies this is less than 8km southwest of Laverstoke & Freefolk.

To give a better idea of scale - think Battersea Power station. The building will be about 275m long and 55m high with a chimney stack about 100m tall (Big Ben height). If approved, construction could commence in 2022 and would run until 2025. The plant would be set to be one of the largest incinerators in the country, processing up to 500,000 tonnes of waste per year. The facility will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Energy developed will power 110,000 homes. It was reported in some of the local papers that Paul Green, Wheelabrator's UK managing director, said: "Our proposed Wheelabrator Harewood facility will provide clean, renewable baseload energy for many thousands of homes and

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PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Assembly 14th May

Come along on 14th May to our Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM at 7.30pm, at Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke Lane. For those of you who would like to know what the PC gets up to this is an ideal meeting to find out. Our Chairman Bob Hough will be giving an update on the activities of the PC over the past year. We also hope to have our Borough Councillors attend to explain what has been happening in our Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon ward of B&D Borough Council. However, we shall need to wait to find out who they are after the 2nd May election! Our Hampshire County Councillor Anna McNair Scott has also been invited. Normally we have a representative from the police too.

The Parish Assembly is an open forum session for you to have your say about the local community and ask questions of the PC. However you have an opportunity to do this at the start of each of the monthly PC meetings as we have a short public time where residents can have 5 minutes bringing relevant local topics to the attention of the PC. You can just turn up. Our meetings are generally

Only about 5% of the waste would come from local houses and businesses in the Test Valley. The rest would be driven to the plant in at least 9,600 lorries a year. If the largest lorries are used a lorry will enter or exit the site 52 times a day, way more if smaller! The 38degrees petition site reckons lorries will be arriving and departing every 10 minutes. This will have a big impact on the arterial routes A303, A34 and M3 as well as our local roads.

Take 2 minutes to google and you'll see there's quite a lot of news on this now. For those who are opposed there is a Stop the Harwood Incinerator facebook group that has lots of interesting info on

This useful graphic from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils also explains services that Parish and Town Councils might run:



The Parish Council may also be able to help raise concerns about issues relating to B&D Borough or Hampshire County Council activities e.g. dreaded, or is it dratted, potholes. If you need any further information on any PC related topics contact Nicky Nicklin on [laverstokeclerk@gmail.com](mailto:laverstokeclerk@gmail.com).

emissions from incinerators, what the MPs are saying and doing etc:

[StopTheHarewoodIncinerator/](#)



## Sun 5th May at St Nich's

St Mary's Church looked really lovely for our service on Easter Sunday. Thank you everyone who produced the flower arrangements, and especially Mady Oram who, once again, produced her work of art that is the Easter Garden. The Easter Egg hunt was popular with the children, if not their parents!

Our season of services at St Nicholas Church starts on Sunday 5th May at 0915, and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month until September. This iconic little church, that we are so lucky to have in our midst, has an atmosphere all of its own. Please do join us. Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



## Fundraising success for seniors

On Saturday 27th April on a very windy day we held our first Coffee Morning of the year in The Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke. So many people come to support us! There were lots of new faces too and even some of our friends from the Men's shed came and had a coffee with us. This support was much appreciated. As usual there were lots of children who always love buying from the toy stall and seeing if they can win on the Tombola.

We raised an amazing £459 after expenses. Wow this was amazing! Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use their wonderful facility. Also to all the Committee for their hard work, to the outside helpers, including all the people who distributed flyers and posters, and to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes, etc, and gave donations. Of





## Bere Mill news

Thanks to all who came to shop on our Easter open day. We completely sold out of legs and shoulders of lamb and hope they were duly enjoyed!

The butchery is now open one Saturday a month. We are open this Saturday 4th May 9am - 5pm so do come and stock up for all those BBQs (fingers crossed!) and family feasts. To thank you for your support, if you spend over £30 you will receive a FREE pack of 2 minute steaks cut from our best topside of Belted Galloway beef.

You can now order your beef and lamb online for collection on the next open day, [here](#) .

### Meat Box Delivery

Did you know we are offering monthly meat box delivery locally? We deliver within a 5 mile radius for £45/month. A very convenient way to buy our own beef and lamb, you can find out more and place an order here: [beremillfarm website](#).

### Dates for your diary

course, a big thank you too to everyone who came and spent time and money with us! And last but not least, a big thank you to Nicola and Kim from the Kingfisher Day Centre for their very kind help.

Diary Note: Sunday 11th August, Senior Citizens Tea Party. Invitations and venue to follow.

Mady Oram, Chairman. 01256 895396



## Beer festival with twist

Last month we announced that we would be running the annual Beer Festival, with a twist, over the 2nd May Bank holiday (24th – 27th May). This year we have added a wide variety of street food, from Thai Fish Cakes, Pull Pork Burritos, Burgers, Spiced Butternut Squash and Quinoa Burgers to Crepes, Ice cream and Cheeses. Bombay Sapphire will also be creating a cocktail especially for us! We are delighted to confirm that two local children's businesses will be joining us on the Sunday to run activity especially for families attending the festivities. [Cookery Doodle Doo](#) will be running two kids cookery sessions (just

Saturday 4th May - Butchery open 9am-5pm

Sunday 26th May - Garden open for NGS 1:30-5pm

Saturday 1st June - Butchery open 9am-5pm

Sunday 9th June - [Hampshire Country & Garden Festival](#) 10am-5pm

Saturday 6th July - Butchery open 9am-5pm

We look forward to welcoming you on your next visit to Bere Mill, and in the meantime do follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date.



## Tennis practice area opening 18th May

Many thanks to all who helped at our Spring Clean morning on Saturday 27th April. The courts and the general grounds are now in good shape and ready for a summer of action, thanks to a team of regular helpers.

By the time you read this, several weeks 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

e-mail

katie.black@cookerydoodledoo.com to reserve your slot) and the [Watership Down Nursery](#) will be running a drop in session from 12 – 5pm. We have also invited back [Ian Kirk](#) who performs close up magic. He will amaze and perplex you so be prepared!

Many more details of the event can be found on our [website](#) and we will announce the full menus for the beer and food very soon. Put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Vote today

Last year we were very proud to win the best destination pub for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – in the Muddy Stiletto awards, this was 100% based on your support. We have been nominated again this year, if you feel we deserve your vote please [vote today](#)

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest on menu specials, events and promotions.



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 the celebratory Grand Opening on Saturday 18th May of both the new practice court and the newly re-painted main courts. Details will be put onto the club and town website, but expect a junior tournament and refreshments, in addition to the cutting of a ribbon by a mystery guest!

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, or experienced and hoping to play matches, or just want to get back into tennis. 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](http://www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk) For more information about the Club, please contact:  
our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith,  
[membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)  
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## This is a 'stock' photo!

We're somewhat fed up about having to return to the topic of p\*\*. Batts Row track is looking particularly messy and unpleasant at the moment. People seem to think it's acceptable to leave their dog mess in the middle of the path and not even flick it in amongst the undergrowth. Please, please pick up and take home with you or put in one of the many waste bins we have! Thank you. Oh and if you were wondering - the picture above is a 'stock' photo rather than an offender!



## Quiz date change to Sat 29 June

Due to diary clashes, the Millennium Green fundraising Quiz has been moved from Saturday 18th May to **Sat 29th June**. There'll be the usual hot local competition with some great prizes and fundraising activities. All funds will go towards the Millennium Green upkeep. It is always a fun-filled evening and will include a licensed cash bar and auction. Contact Clare Albert for tickets at [landffundraising@gmail.com](mailto:landffundraising@gmail.com). Tickets are £7.50 per head including a chilli supper. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

our Secretary Wendy Helsby,  
[secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)



## U16 archer's success

Well done to James Baker who came first in his U16 Compound category at the AC Delco Easter FITA (shooting a Metric III). Shown in picture shooting with his father.

Diary dates:

18th May - AGB "Big Weekend" have-a-go @Laverstoke

4th June - First session for 7 week

Get planning your crack teams of 6 people. BUT don't worry if you are not in a team we can help put teams together on the night - it is a great way to meet new people.

The Millennium Green is a trust set up for the benefit of, and funded by, the residents of the parish that includes the football field, children's playground, the woodland walk, quiet garden and pond area in Laverstoke. A few residents support the Millennium Green with a gift aid payment by direct debit on a monthly basis. It would be fantastic if more people would donate on a regular basis - just a few quid makes all the difference!

Contact Clare on

[landffundraising@gmail.com](mailto:landffundraising@gmail.com) for more information on how you can contribute to the greening of the area.



Thank you to all those who came along to the village clear up on Saturday 6th April. The Quiet Garden border was given a major pruning and overgrowth removed. The flowerbed were weeded and cleared, the playground swing was repainted, the village noticeboards were cleaned and



beginners course at Laverstoke, now full,  
next course planned for September at  
Whitchurch Sports Hall.

the table/benches in the playground were  
scrubbed. Many hands make light work!

A reminder to people coming onto the  
archery field from the steps down from the  
car park by the Kingfisher Centre.... If the  
red flag is flying do not enter the range.  
You are in a danger zone if you pass the  
notice and go to the gate to the main  
road. The same applies if you come  
through that gate into the archers field  
from the other direction. You are also  
disturbing those shooting. Thank you!



*Parish Council*

## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14<sup>th</sup> May (AGM/Parish

Assembly)

11<sup>th</sup> June

9<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>th</sup> Sept

Laverstoke and  
Freefolk PC meetings  
start at 7.30pm with up  
to 15 mins public time.



## 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](mailto:contact@watershipdownnursery.co.uk)

To book the hall for your  
party or events see

[www.ladyrosehall.co.uk](http://www.ladyrosehall.co.uk) or

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[laverstokeclerk@gmail.com](mailto:laverstokeclerk@gmail.com)



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**Lady Rose Hall:**

[www.ladyrosehall.co.uk](http://www.ladyrosehall.co.uk)

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.**



## Continued...

### Our Local Day Care Centre:

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

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

### Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

### To Report problem with roads, footpaths & verge

[Hantsweb](#)

### To report trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

### 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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