



## **Newsletter August 2019**

We hope you are enjoying the summer holidays and making the most of living in our lovely area in this glorious weather. In our news we have included activities taking place over the holidays as well as the latest on the Freefolk Car Park plan. Read on for all this and more.

Parents a gentle request from the PC to ensure you keep an eye on your children over the holidays. We have lovely facilities in the parish which we ask the children to respect and we also ask for respect to our visitors. Sadly we have had several reports of a visiting child being punched in the playground and sincerely hope we don't have any further incidents to mar the holiday season. Thank You.

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



## Cherry Tree Donation

You may have spotted a new arboreal addition to the parish? It is with many thanks to Bombay Sapphire that we have a lovely cherry tree on the grass outside Lady Rose Hall. Bombay Sapphire bought and planted the tree after hearing a resident's request made to the PC at one of the PC meetings that they attended. Thanks also to those neighbouring residents who are keeping the water bag topped up on a regular basis.



## Whitchurch, Overton & District Quiz League

The Teams of the Whitchurch, Overton and District Quiz League, are well into the Summer break. The new season starts on Monday 9 September, when the Teams will assemble at 8.30pm at the various pubs across the District to test their brains in a



## Meet Bigwig!

In July we commissioned a work of art actually on the pub. We are really pleased with him! Come down and take a look as he looks even better in real life. Watch out for more of his family as they may come to join him.

Our new menus were launched in July and are proving very popular. As always, we have used the star dishes from the 'daily specials' to help build a menu to suit many tastes. We are open every day for lunch and breakfast, Tuesday - Saturday for the dinner and our menus can always be found on the [website](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest on menu

competitive, but friendly environment.

Currently the League consists of 10 Teams and play each other on a home and away basis throughout the season. We also run a secondary “handicap” competition, which gives the opportunity for all Teams to win a coveted prize at the end of the season.

The League, and the individual Teams, are very keen to welcome new players. The emphasis is on enjoyment, and it certainly is not necessary to be at “Eggheads” standard to join in.

As we look forward to the new season, The League would like to thank the Pub Landlords and Ladies who very kindly support their Quiz Teams throughout the year.

If you would like to join a Team, or establish your own (consisting of 6 players, and a question master for “home” games), please contact your local pub, or Bob Helsby on 01256 892036. It would be great to see you joining in. And if we've piqued your interest here's your starter for 10: QUESTION - In which wooded area would you find the Rufus Stone? ANSWER: see the next newsletter folks!

specials, events, competitions and much more.

Watership Down Inn team.



## **Tennis visitors welcome**

No more ‘SerAndy’ – or is it ‘MuRena’? - at this year’s Wimbledon, but happily the good weather continues – long may it last! Club Sessions begin at 7pm Tues and Thurs 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. Weekend tennis continues on Saturday afternoons.

Social and Playing members, as well as some most welcome Visitors, enjoyed our recent Strawberry Sunday event on 7th July – this relaxed afternoon with friends old and new went well, and continues to be popular with families.



## Freefolk car park latest

The PC has been trying to create a car park on land beside Manor Cottages for a number of years. The number of residents with cars at the cottages is increasing and there is no parking provided. When there are church events parking gets somewhat squeezed. A bid for infrastructure funds was turned down last year on the grounds the plan effectively created parking on behalf of a housing company only rather than the parish in general. Church parking was also ineligible for this particular funding. In March 2019 the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council proposed a plan for 24 car parking spaces and 8 church spaces (to effectively make up for the church spaces under the Yew trees used by residents) on PC land. This would have required funding from Sovereign as well as the PC. However, Sovereign decided that given the investment required they would prefer to create a car park on their own land to future proof their property. They have been consulting with residents about creating a row of 18 spaces behind the cottages.

At the July PC meeting residents have clearly told the PC of their grave concern about their children's play/allotment area

The next dates for your diary will be our club walk and lunch on Sunday 1st September, followed by a daytime autumn tennis tournament and skittles evening on Sunday 13th October. In addition to these annual events, a quiz night is planned for Saturday 28th September – details to come.

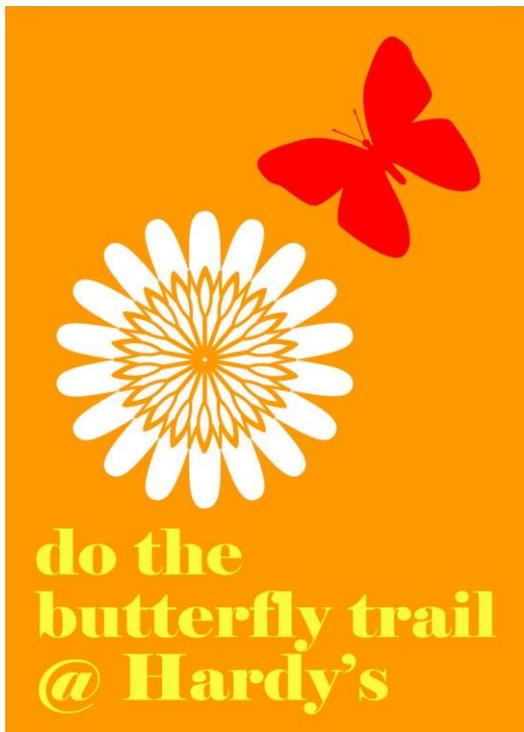
Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Many of her summer courses fill up fast, so if you are interested then do contact Carol soon to get further information and book your place. Full details are available at [carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk) or by phoning Carol on 07939 264999.

For membership details see [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) or our Secretary Wendy Helsby, [secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

being developed. Given the large number of children living in Manor Cottages they expressed concern for their safety as well as highlighting environmental and health impacts. An alternative PC proposal was discussed at the meeting. This has subsequently been presented to Sovereign who have said they will now weigh up both schemes.



## Butterfly trail at Hardy's

Looking for something local and free to do with the kids this summer plus get them outdoors to boot?

Why not come down to Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants and take part in the Big Butterfly Count 2019, then follow our Butterfly Trail discovering which plants are perfect for butterflies.



## Test magazine help needed

**Can anyone help?** We need a couple of volunteers to help with delivering the Test each month to the local community. This may mean simply delivering to your neighbours – the more volunteers, the less you have to do. Please let me know if you can help. I would be so grateful.

If you don't know the magazine, you don't know what you are missing! It is a glossy publication packed full of what is going on in Overton, Laverstoke and Freefolk, and also informative articles. If you would like to subscribe, it is just £10 a year (saving £2 on the full price). Please let me know. Brenda Bond, tel: 895594 or email [bondbt@btinternet.com](mailto:bondbt@btinternet.com)



10.00am to 4.00pm everyday from 24 July to 11 August 2019. Free Entry

We're just up the lane from the Watership Down Inn. Hope to see you soon!!



## Try archery in August

Overton Black Arrows were delighted to host the 2019 Watership Down & Hampshire Open Field Championships. We had a fantastic turn out with 64 people competing on Saturday 13th July and 65 Sunday 14th July with archers joining us from all over the UK. Our Lord Paramount again this year was William Hastings, 17th Earl of Huntingdon who gave a short speech and presented the competition medals, Hampshire Championship awards and the awards for the Peter Turner Challenge. I am delighted to say that during the weekend we had claims for 8 UK records, 7 Hampshire County Records and 12 World Archery Arrowhead Awards!

Richard Buckner and his daughter Jodie Buckner represented both Hampshire and the club at Lilleshall National Sports Centre

## Butchery open this Sat

**Bere Mill Butchery** is open this Saturday 3rd August 9am – 5pm. Come and stock up for your August BBQs on Saturday with our delicious, pasture-fed beef and lamb. We have new Lamb Kofta Kebabs and Moroccan-style Beef Kebabs which are perfect for a barbecue. Pre-order online at [www.beremillfarm.co.uk](http://www.beremillfarm.co.uk) and collect on the day to avoid disappointment.

Bere Mill is trying to reduce our use of single-use plastics so please bring your own packaging or container to take your purchases home in!

Butchery Open Days 2019:

Saturday 3rd August: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 7th September: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 5th October: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 7th December: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 21st December: 9am - 5pm

Bere Mill Apple Day: Sunday 6th October, 10am - 3pm

Bere Mill is having a family-fun day celebrating the Apple Harvest this October! There will be a BBQ, other food/drink stalls, live music, activities for children and plenty of apple pressing.

at the Archery GB Senior National Country Championships and the Junior National Championship. Overall Hampshire came 2nd in the Senior County Championships and 3rd in the Junior Regional Championships. Overall Jodie came 2nd in the under 16's ladies recurve category earning her a silver medal.

A team of 6 represented the club at the Yateley Open shoot and came away with 2 Golds, 3 Silvers and 4 Bronzes. Our recurve team came top of division 2 in the BA postal league this year. 15 people successfully completed the beginners' course and were awarded their Archery GB competency certificates.

On the 21st June a 24hour shoot was held to raise fund for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight air ambulance. Kit Malthouse MP kindly took the time to write to us to congratulate us on our efforts. The total so far is over £2600, it is not too late to donate! <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/vBA>

A reminder that the August 'try the sport' dates at Laverstoke are:

Mon 5th: 2 - 4pm

Weds 7th: 11 - 1pm

Fri 9th: 2 - 4pm

Mon 19th: 11 - 1pm

Weds 21st: 2 - 4pm

Fri 23rd: 11 - 1pm

The cost is £2 per adult or child and we'll try



## Respect for new court area

**Parents please can you ensure your children are being respectful of our lovely environment in L&F.** With funding from both B&D and the tennis club, the PC have helped create a lovely new practice tennis area that is open to anyone to play tennis. However, recently the newly tarmac'd area has been used as a bike/scooter/skateboard ramp park. This is creating wood splinters and debris has to be removed from the area each time. It is starting to impact the new concrete edges and is leaving tyre marks on the new surface. Please encourage your children to use the 'kick about' court the far side of the tennis courts if they wish to create ramps. This was exactly the sort of activity the 'kick about' area was created for. Thank you.

to let you have as many shoots as possible.



*Parish Council*

## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10<sup>th</sup> Sept

8<sup>th</sup> Oct

12<sup>th</sup> Nov

10<sup>th</sup> 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



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



## Continued...

**Our Local Day Care Centre:**  
[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for Elderly](#) or [kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com)

**Millennium Green:**



## Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)  
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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](#)

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

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](http://landfreefolkmillenniumgreen)

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

[Hantsweb](http://Hantsweb)

**To report trees on roads:**  
0300 555 1388

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