



Newsletter September 2019

It's that 'back to school' and 'nights drawing in' time of year. We hope you have all had a great summer and have enjoyed any holiday time taken.

In this issue we re-visit the watercress and winterbournes river project. We're getting ready for the next funding bid and we hope that we'll be successful in getting some resources for access improvements planned for the Laverstoke pond. The senior citizens had their annual summer tea party and our sports clubs have been active over the summer. For anyone looking for employment, the Watership Down Inn is recruiting and if you have an excess of apples that you don't know what to do with, then read on....

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Pond in Watercress and Winterbourne Project

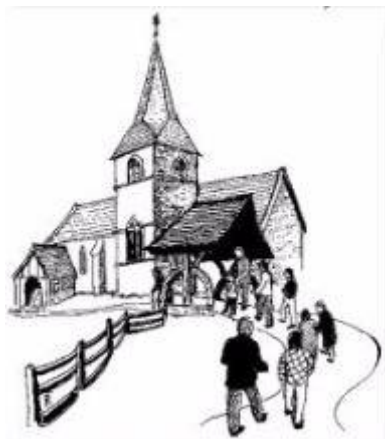
On 19th September there's a short information sharing meeting about our local Upper Test projects before they are included in the submission to the National Heritage Lottery fund in October. The projects are both local community-led ones such as the Laverstoke Pond access project (walkway, pond dipping pontoons and benches) and the Non-native Invasive Species Challenge and also professional partner-led projects such as restoring the built heritage structures associated with water meadow systems. These are just a few examples of the many projects that it is hoped to get off the ground given funding approval in March 2020. Come along to find out more.

The meeting is at 7 - 8.30 pm at Lady Rose Hall.



Senior Citizens Summer Tea

On Sunday 11th August, by kind invitation of Rob and Rosy Hardy, Laverstoke and Freefolk Senior Citizens held our Summer Tea Party, at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, Freefolk. It was a lovely afternoon and the weather was blustery but sunny - just perfect. The barn was full of beautiful flowers, all from the Nursery and arranged by Rosy. On arrival, the pensioners were greeted with a glass of bubbly. Everyone chatted before sitting down for a delicious afternoon tea which had been prepared by the committee. After tea, Rosy gave us a very interesting talk about how they arrived in the area many years ago, at Gardeners Cottage in Laverstoke Park, and how they had moved to Priory Lane, and built up everything that is there now. Also this year they won their 24th Gold Medal at Chelsea Flower Show - what an achievement! Rosy also said that its real team work, everyone at Hardy's Plants plays a part in what goes into what they produce for Chelsea, and all the other shows. Rob then gave us a



Annual Harvest Festival

is at St Mary's on Sunday 22nd September at 5 pm.

Come and celebrate God's gifts of the land. We are so lucky that food grows in our ground. Enjoy Pimms and canapes after the service. Everyone is welcome. If you have any gifts of flowers, fruit, veg or anything that can be used by the Andover Foodbank, please bring them along on the day or leave in the church porch for us to put on display. All fresh fruit and vegetables go to Kingfisher Day Centre for their lunch club.

Change of service time: From October 6th, our services will be at 9 am not 9.15, to allow the Rector to get back to Overton for their morning service.

demonstration of their new potting machine which was amazing, The pensioners had a chance to look around the poly tunnels where propagation takes place. We were also joined in the barn by several families of swallows, swooping in and out with food for their young - just wonderful to watch. It was lovely to see so many of both our pensioners and outside helpers (the latter kindly help on our Coffee Mornings).

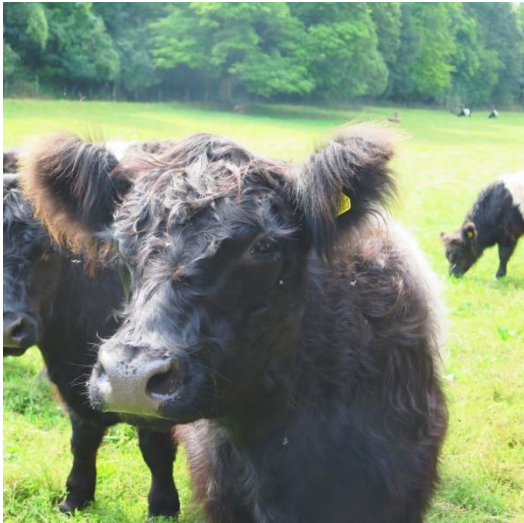
Many thanks to all the committee for their hard work and all their delicious cakes and sandwiches, to the partners and helpers who all contribute to make this occasion a success.

A very BIG thank you to Rob and Rosy Hardy for hosting the Tea Party. It was an amazing venue, and afternoon!

Date for your Diary

Saturday 5th October 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.

Mady Oram, Chairman. Tel 01256 895396



News From Bere Mill

Bere Mill Butchery open Saturday 7th September, from 9am - 5pm.

Delicious, pasture-fed beef and lamb available for September, fresh from our Hampshire farm. There will be plenty of kebabs, sausages and burgers - perfect for midweek back-to-school meals!

New this month: Bailey & Woodford Free-Range Chickens and traditional South African Boerewors.

Zero Waste Week 2019: Buying local produce is great for the environment, and if you buy from Bere Mill, you can be sure that no single-use plastics have been used (as long as you bring your own container / packaging with you).

Butchery Open Days 2019:

Saturday 7th September: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 5th October: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 2nd November: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 7th December: 9am - 5pm

Saturday 21st December: 9am - 5pm



Black Arrows Open Shoot Events

It was a stunning day for the Warren open shoot on Saturday the 24th August, not a cloud in the sky. We had a great turn out from Compton Archers as well as a number from other UK clubs. British field and target team member, Bryony Pitman, was also getting in some practice for the upcoming internationals. The course was, as always challenging compounded by having to work around sheep, no sheep were harmed during the event! It was a very enjoyable event and keen interest was shown by other clubs for having more open field days.

The open field shoot at Fort Purbrook was attended by Steve A, Alex and Bill. The course was fun but exceptionally challenging in places, having to shoot through buildings and over water. For recurve Steve came in 2nd overall place for Hampshire and 9th overall for Great Britain and Alex was overall 17th. For Barebow, it will be no surprise that Bill

Date Change - Bere Mill Apple Day:

Sunday 13th October, 10am - 3pm

Apple Day is a family-fun day celebrating the Apple Harvest in October! There will be a BBQ, other food/drink stalls, live music, activities for children and plenty of apple pressing. Free-entry and parking.

**Autumn Tennis**

Club sessions start at 6pm 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. 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 13th October.

For all those who want to stretch a brain cell or two, the Club will be running a fun Quiz Night at the Whitchurch Parish Hall

came in first place for Hampshire.

It is hoped that the numerous 'have a Go' sessions over the summer have created interest in the club and some new faces!

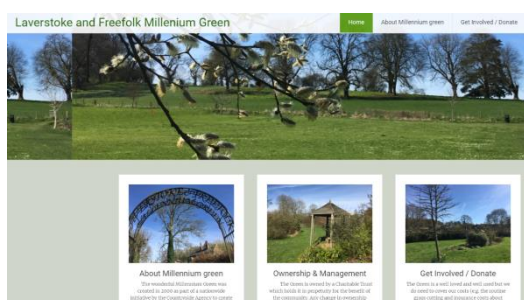
Coming up soon (or even shortly after we've gone to press) the last formal outdoor shooting club night will be on 4th September. Members will continue to shoot at other times so please remember to look out for the red flag and never cross archery range if it is showing. There is an Informal Club Competition (Windsor Round) and BBQ on 21st September.

**Pub Is Recruiting Now!**

Due to all the lovely weather we have

on Saturday 28 September starting at 7pm. Open to everyone, this is a chance to get a group of friends together, in teams of 6 to 8 please, with a unique name, or if a smaller group we can match you with others. A fish and chip or sausage and chip supper is included in the advance ticket price of £10, and the bar will offer wine and soft drinks at reasonable prices. If you are vegetarian please let us know, and we can arrange a veggie alternative for you. There will also be a raffle and a lottery! To book your team please contact Liz Jones on lizziejxxx@btinternet.com

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Full details are available at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Carol on 07939 264999.



Millennium Green Monthly Donation

Calling all users of the Millennium Green... In order to keep up the maintenance of the beautiful areas in the village such as the Quiet Garden,

been having, we have been open all day during August and we are pleased to let you know we will continue this until the 9th of September! Come down and join us for a drink, or a meal (don't forget to book a table).

Now that the universities are going back we are losing a few of our lovely staff, so we are hiring. We have 1 x full-time role and 2 x part-time weekend roles available – with the possibility of some weekday shifts too. If you, or a friend/family member are interested, please email your CV and a covering email stating the role/s you are interested in.

enquiries@watershipdowninn.com

Ride & Stride 2019

For a really fun day out, over 400

Millennium field, woodland path, pond and playground there is a charitable trust that was set up back at the turn of the last century to protect the land and keep it green. This does not happen by magic. It is run by a team of 5 volunteers and a few other supporters who make regular monthly Gift Aid donations. There are also also fund raising events held such as the quiz night, a grant from the PC and an easyfundraising page (see easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green) that contribute. It would be great if more people could contribute to the Green and the best way to do this is to set up a monthly direct debit. Contact [Phil Nicklin](#) for a form and for more information about how you can help preserve our green space. Also look out for the next village clear up date coming in October or November. This is a great way to meet people within the community.



Community Juicing

Charlie Seligman, one of our Parish Councillors, recalled seeing the stall run

historic churches and chapels throughout Hampshire will be open on 14th Sept. This is a fundraising day run by the Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust. If you would like to take part by doing a walk or cycle around some of the churches in the area then please contact Luce Crosthwaite (lucecrosthwaite@aol.com) for a sponsorship form or pick one up from St Mary's church.

Luce says she will be in St Mary's all day, serving yummy cakes & light refreshments to passers by, whether they come by bus, on mobility scooters, drive, walk or cycle. Half of the money goes to our lovely church the rest to the trust, who are marvellous at supporting churches when they need restoring ('Saving the Past for the Future'). Any other ways of sponsoring can be considered e.g. having a jigsaw morning, cutting grass, using an indoor gym treadmill/ use the rowing machine, spring cleaning the garden shed!

Thank you. Luce Crosthwaite.

by My Apple Juice at the Hampshire Garden Festival. We thought it might be a useful service for those of you with apples galore looking for a way to make them into juice. Based In Hungerford, they run a community juicing service. Basically you take your apples along, they juice them and a few days later you collect them ready bottled. It currently looks like it is £2.50 per bottle and might make a good present idea. For full details see their [website](#)



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10th Sept

8th Oct

12th Nov

10th 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



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 or email laverstokeclerk@gmail.com



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(Also use to alert BS security)

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](#)

To Report problem with roads, footpaths & verge

[Hantsweb](#)

To report trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

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](#)

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[Overton Rugby Club](#)

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