



## **Newsletter March 2020**

This month we are going to 'print' a little earlier than usual - something to do with not being able to wait for 1st March and spring! It can't come too quickly, given all the recent stormy weather we've experienced.

As we were preparing the newsletter we received wonderful news about the Barton Stacey incinerator or rather non-incinerator! We've had updates on the activities of our local sports clubs, there's a reminder about bus passes and we've also had reports of a scam locally. Read on for all this and more.

You can find a link to the monthly [Overton News&Views](#) here, a few days after the start of the new month.



## Incinerator binned!

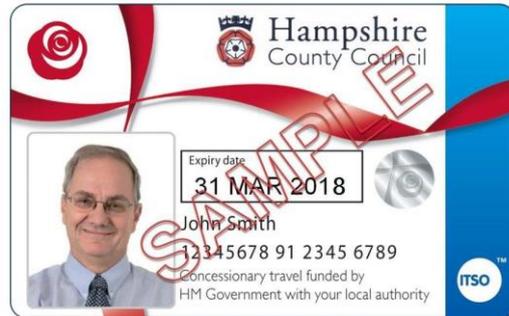
In case you haven't heard, on 20th Feb Wheelabrator withdrew their proposal for a giant incinerator at Barton Stacey. They say they are going to concentrate on projects that are further advanced. Good luck we say.

However, it remains to be seen what use may be made of the large site at the A303 enviropark where it was to be located. It should also serve as a warning that we should all be doing our bit to reduce waste and the need for burying and burning. We need to live by the mantra of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



## Hardy's opening 1st March

Hardy's 2020 season starts with their doors opening again on 1st March! As reported last month they have lots of events running through the Spring and Summer. See their [website](#) for details.



## Older person bus passes

At state pension age you are eligible for a bus pass. This lasts for 5 years and as long as you use it within the last 6 months of expiry it will automatically be renewed. Hampshire County Council will send you a new one approximately two weeks prior to the expiry date of your current one.

The older person's bus pass entitles you to free travel on bus services throughout England from 9:30am to 11pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays.

Bus passes issued by another English council can be used in London at any time for free travel on buses displaying the red roundel. Show your pass to the driver as passes don't currently read on the yellow card readers.

You can also use your bus pass on these Community Transport services:

Cango

Call and Go, eligible for a 25% discount against full fare



## Foodie delights at The Watership

We hosted a Fish evening on the 21st Feb. This was a real success and completely booked out in just a couple of weeks. A special menu was created from fresh fish - just off the day fishing boats. [Click here](#) for the menu (which was only announced 24 hours in advance to ensure that we had the best produce available). Based on our guest feedback, we will be running something similar again soon - keep a lookout on here or on social media for the latest details.

We thought that we would take this opportunity to remind you of a few diary dates and a reminder to book early if you are keen to join us.

**22nd March – [Mothering Sunday](#)** We will be extending our food service to 12 – 5 pm, we will have specials for the day plus the menu will be put on our website soon.

**12th June - Midsummer Special** - We will be creating a special seasonal menu just for the night, all details will be posted on our

Dial a Ride, eligible for a 25% discount against full fare

Park and Ride services that are registered as local bus services (though you must still pay for the parking).

Hampshire County Council Taxishare and carshare schemes.

For more information on the above and other community transport services in your area, including those that do not accept bus passes, please use our Community Transport search.

Extra eligibility criteria may apply for each of these, please see individual services for information.

To apply online visit [Hampshire County Council website](#) and to apply via phone call 0300 555 1376. For further information the email address of the bus pass team is [concessionary.fares@hants.gov.uk](mailto:concessionary.fares@hants.gov.uk)



## Local scam reported

The PC was recently alerted to a scam which would appear to be causing an issue locally. Several residents in Manor Cottages

website soon.

**21st June - Fathers Day** - Again we will extend our normal food service to 12 – 5 pm and we will have dedicated specials for the day.

**18-19th July - Watership Down Beer Festival.** It is back but on this NEW date. More details will be added to the website soon.

See all these details on the events section of our [our website](#)

Just a reminder the L&F special offer on accommodation runs until 31st March. If you have friends or family needing to stay in the area we are offering you a special 15% off. Availability can be checked [online](#) but to get your special discount just email Nat or Emma on [enquiries@watershipdowninn.com](mailto:enquiries@watershipdowninn.com) and quote L&F special offer.

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



**Storm Ciara ravages LRH chestnut tree**

and around Freefolk have received phone calls from someone claiming to be from “the Government’s leading loft insulation installer” (or something similar). In one case, the guy said his name was “Tom” and that the resident's insulation could be subject to serious condensation, and his records showed they had not been inspected in the last 10 years. There was therefore an urgent need to get access to their property to check the lagging in the loft. One resident was also warned about asbestos in their property.

To this end, a team would be sent down the same day to gain access and check! The resident told the caller that in all the time he had lived here, they had never visited his property, and anyway all work was done through Sovereign Housing. As soon as the Housing Association was mentioned the caller hung up. The telephone number used was 01257 733256 and registered in Coppull, Lancashire. If you call this number from a mobile it is 'unrecognised'.

Remember never to respond to unsolicited sales calls. Just hang up if a call appears to be a scam. For a ['Buy with Confidence' directory of traders](#) approved by Trading Standards or to report scams, or to get advice call Citizens Advice Bureau consumer helpline on 08082231133.

**The beautiful red chestnut tree beside Lady Rose Hall** is looking decidedly unbalanced after taking a bit of a blast from storm Ciara. We have removed the big branches that fell off and stacked the smaller branches around the tree. Sadly, it's looking like it has had its life and the PC will request permission for it to be felled. We shall re-plant with something suitable for that particular spot.



## **Archers indoor activities**

Four of the best Quiz teams in the whole...err..Archery club assembled in Lady Rose Hall to eat chilli and attempt to answer a few questions last month. The WIN&WIN team were fighting Eric's Vikings, Men in Drag & 3-Lefts-make-a-Right. Rounds on Food, Archery, Music, Pictures, Dingbats and General Knowledge all proved that Archers do know more than just their bows and arrows....just...

A good time was had by all, with a great deal of chilli eaten. The results changed throughout the evening, but in the end Men in Drag were victorious with 132 points, followed by 3-lefts.. on 122.5, WIN&WIN on 112.5 all chased by Eric's Vikings on 106.



## **Tennis season start**

The tennis club AGM will be held at The White Hart at 8pm on Thursday 19th March. All are welcome to attend, to look back at the tennis and social events of 2019, and forward to the club's plans for the coming year.

Then, if the weather obliges, our first club night will be on Thursday 2nd April when play hosted by a committee member will begin at 6pm during April and continue until dusk (from 7pm when the days start getting longer). Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons (please ask for details).

Our first social event of the new season will be a Rusty Racquets afternoon between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 4th April. Come along for a game, bring friends/family who have not played or are a bit rusty to have a go – we have some spare racquets, but please wear suitable shoes. This is an open social event with refreshments. This date will be confirmed in the next Parish Magazine, but you can contact the club for an update.

On the archery front, the **Hampshire Indoor championships** ran over two days at the beginning of February:

Day 1 was a combined WA25m and WA18m, and was attended by Richard Buckner and Rob Aldridge with good results from both of them! Richard came 1st, with a score of 570 + 558 • Rob came 5th.

Day 2 was the Hampshire championship Portsmouth round, with a few more members attending: • Richard came 1st, with 585 • Steve A came 3rd, with 576 • Rob A came 15th. Ladies Recurve: Mel T came 10th. Junior ladies recurve (U16): Jodie came second. Richard, Steve & Jodie came first in the (recurve) team competition!! Well done all.

We have been entering teams in the BA Postal league this year, with some reasonable results:

- Recurve Frostbite team - 3 wins from 3!
- Compound Frostbite team - 1 win from 3
- Compound Portsmouth team - 1 win from 3
- Recurve A Portsmouth team - 1 win from 3.
- Recurve B Portsmouth team - 2 wins from 3.

If you have friends and family interested in archery, why not get them down for the beginners course, check out the beginners section of the [website](#) for latest course information

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:

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## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10 Mar

14 Apr

12 May

09 Jun

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 interrupt the Council meeting.

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



## 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 join BootCamp or Yoga contact:

Liam on 07879845037 or

[liam@complete-performance.co.uk](mailto:liam@complete-performance.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)



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Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for](#)

[Elderly](#) or

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



## 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](#)

**Millennium Green:**

[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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