



Newsletter December 2015

Merry Christmas to all the residents of Laverstoke and Freefolk. We wish you and your families a very happy yuletide time! It's also a lovely opportunity to remember our hardcopy newsletter delivery team. So thanks to Ingrid, Ron and Jenny for distributing each month.

In our December issue we bring good news of a substantial grant award for the resurfacing of our disused tennis court. There's an important date to mark in your calendar - 9th Jan - the start of pavilion tidy up by the Men's Shed group. We also have some useful Christmas safety advice. For this and lots more read on.....

Oh and we'd encourage you to follow the link to the December [Overton News & Views](#) as there is useful information on Christmas waste collection services and bus and train times.



Children Benefit from Grant Award

Great news! We've had confirmation of a Grant for £10,300 for us to be able to go ahead and resurface the disused tennis court in Laverstoke. The plan is to dig it up and re-tarmac it such that our local children can safely scooter, play football, basketball or possibly even play tennis on it. Hopefully this will be done in the New Year. Thanks to all the locals who helped with the initial clear up and also to Basingstoke and Deane's Leisure and Capital Grants fund! Fund raising will be needed by local residents for hoops and goals etc. We hope all those with children will be able to help. Steve Probut has volunteered to help coordinate some "crowd funding"! **This is a great opportunity. So let's build for the children of today, and the future, a secure, safe environment in which they can play !!!**



MEN'S SHED LAUNCH DAY

9th Jan: Men's Shed group gets to work

What? Men's Sheds are a place to feel at home, to pursue practical interests where members share the tools and resources they need to work on projects of their own choosing, in a friendly and safe venue.

Why? We have a fantastic venue begging to be used for a practical purpose and a friendly community willing to share their time and interests.

Who? Open to all from Whitchurch, Overton, Laverstoke & Freefolk and surrounding areas.

Where? The Old Tennis Pavilion on Laverstoke Lane

When? Saturday 9th January 10am-12pm

Come along for a coffee and see what we can do together. Oh and be prepared to start getting stuck into the tidying and fixing too!

For more info on the "youth club for mature gentlemen!" email:

testvalleymensshed@gmail.com



Christmas at Laverstoke & Freefolk

Carol Service – On Sunday 20th December at 6pm in St Mary's church. Please join us for this joyous and uplifting service, singing all the well-known and loved carols. Then celebrate with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two, afterwards. We would love to see you there.

Christmas Day - We have a Family Communion service at 10am and everyone is welcome, especially if you are wearing your new Christmas sweater or tie! Come and celebrate this important event, the birth of Jesus. Children very welcome.

Ed: Apologies in last month's newsletter we incorrectly stated the L&F Sunday service dates. Just to clarify.... services **are held** on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month.



Watership Christmas opening

Delicious Christmas menu available up to Christmas. See [web site](#) for detailed menu. Please book at the pub on 892254

The pub will be open on Christmas day between 12.00pm to 2.00 pm for drinks.



Pump Hunt for Sewage Station Owners

Great News for Anyone with a private sewage pumping station

- Thames Water to take on the responsibility of 4,000 sewage pumping stations from property owners and managers
- They will take over electricity and



Christmas Safety Tips

Some essential Xmas crime prevention tips from the Safer North Hants team

While shopping:

- Park your car in a well-lit car park, preferably one that's attended or displays the Park Mark logo.
- Before you leave your car, ensure all windows/doors are closed and locked. Avoid leaving your purchases/presents in your vehicle. If you do leave items in the car make sure they are not on display.
- Make sure your handbag is always closed or your wallet is in an inside pocket.
- Don't leave a bag unattended in a trolley, even if only for a couple of seconds.
- Think about the item you are buying someone. Are there any security products you could purchase to help them keep them safe/secure.

When at home:

- Leave it till the last minute to put

maintenance costs under new legislation, potentially saving customers thousands of pounds

- They are appealing to customers to help track 1800 "missing" privately owned sewage pumping stations.

The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity

Christmas presents out under the tree and don't leave them in view of a window.

- If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts such as bikes, mobiles or electrical items, register them for free at www.immobilise.com. Doing this can assist the police in returning your property if it is lost or stolen.
- If you receive a smartphone, tablet or similar products for Christmas, familiarise yourself with the location features, such as Apple's "Find My iPhone" app, which can help you locate your electrical items if they are lost or stolen.
- Refrain from keeping large amounts of cash at home.



Our Competitive Archers

During the Nov windy nights a tree near the bonfire in the Public Footpath was blown down, damaging the fence. The

savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

"We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

For more info or to make Thames Water aware you have a pump station contact: thameswater

Note:

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it:

- was in use before July 2011 (and)
- serve a single property, and is outside the property boundary (or)
- serves two or more properties



Monday Night Yoga festive break

Gloria reports: Monday night yoga at Lady Rose Hall has paused for the festive

archers kindly arranged with a local business to have it cut up, so the public footpath, which goes around the field is now passable. The fence will also be repaired along its full length adjacent to the Public footpath. The club has made a start on the fencing near Lady rose Hall and further works are due soon.

On the 5th December the club had a shooting frostbite. That is 3 dozen arrows at 30 meters on an 80cm diameter face. This was the first of these shoots which take place on the first Saturday of each month during the winter.

The Black Arrows next beginners course is proposed for the 22nd January 2016 in The Gym, Testbourne Community School, Whitchurch.

For further details, or to be added to our waiting list, contact

Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org.

On the 15th November several club member competed in the Berkshire Indoor Championships and Open Tournament. Jodie Buckner won a Open gold in the Junior Ladies under 12 years of age class shooting recurve. (Recurve is shooting with sights as they do in the Olympics.) Alexander Allam was placed second in the Open Gents under 16 class shooting recurve. Richard Buckner was awarded the Bronze medal in the Open Gentleman's recurve class. This was a

season. I wish all my yogis past and present a very happy Christmas. Spend time with your families and friends. Yoga recommences in the new year on 11th January so if you are making new year resolutions you might like to think about joining or coming back to yoga to work off the festive excesses or start the new year with some yoga to boost your health and wellbeing. Yoga with Gloria email yogawithgloria@gmail.com. tel. 07584 621857



Tennis

To brighten the post Xmas gloom and for those who are missing their tennis the Club will be re-running last year's successful Race Night for members, their families and friends – but with a few added extras for this, its second outing!. This fixture will take place on Saturday 6th February, at Whitchurch Parish Hall – where the going will definitely be good! Funds raised will help the Club with the ongoing costs of keeping the tennis courts and their immediate surroundings in fine fettle. Do you feel lucky? - then join us for an

good result for the club members considering it was the first time (excluding Richard) that they had competed in a UK Record Status Tournament, outside club surroundings.

Archery G.B. the governing body for archery has just released its Field Archery Rankings for 2015. William (Bill) Jones who shoots Bare bow (that is without sights or other attachments to the bow) is ranked 13th in the U.K. Bill also attended the British Bare bow Indoor Championships on the 29th November. There were over 200 entries in this year's event, and his score placed him 18th in the U.K. and 7th in England. Well done to all.



EasyFundraising Link

For all you online Christmas shoppers don't forget to use the [Easyfundraising](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) link to support the Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green. This is a very simple way to help raise funds for much of the green area around the village and it doesn't cost you a penny!

evening of fun and excitement. 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 in exchange for a suggested cash donation.

Do not forget to bring plenty of extra cash, so you can place your £1 bets and take part in the raffle!

Top tip? You will need to arrive in good time for a 7pm start.

Saddles are available in advance only, so please contact committee members or e-mail our Membership Secretary Lynda Frith

(membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk) to book seats in the grandstand.



Overton Choir Carols support Kingfisher Day Centre

Overton Choral Society is holding its annual carol concert in St Mary's Hall, Overton on Mon 21st Dec at 7pm.

Entry is free but donations will be collected for the Kingfisher day centre for



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

15th Dec (Changed
from 8th)
12th Jan
9th Feb
8th March
12th April
10th May
14th June

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



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

Kettlebell Fitness: **NEW**

Start Time: 7.30 - 8.30p.m.

Thursdays with John Ruffell

Tel: 07910 736432

Yoga Friday: 10 -

11a.m. Yogamaniac

Tel: 07884 384399

Yoga Monday: 7- 8.30p.m.

Yoga with Gloria on: 0758
462 1857

Other dance or fitness

sessions: Does anyone

know a teacher who may be
interested in running a class
here on a Wednesday

evening? Let Nicky know:
07563 942360

To book the hall for your
events see

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Easyfundraising

the Elderly here in Laverstoke. All
welcome to come and listen and join in
with some caroling too!



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Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line Tel.: 01256 890078

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](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

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.

Link

Millennium Green

[Easyfundraising](#) link. Sign up to support Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green. When you shop online, through this site, a donation is made. This is FREE to you.

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

Service times at St Mary's

Holy Communion Services take place at St Mary the Virgin on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9.00 am.

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