



Newsletter August 2016

In this newsletter we're pleased to report some new services and facilities in the parish such as the new mobile pantry that we're trialing. There's an update from BT on our superfast/slow broadband (sorry, feeling the pain today) and the latest consultation on Manydown.....

The next newsletter will be published at the beginning of October due to holidays. If you have anything to circulate in the meantime we would encourage you to use the [Laverstoke & Freefolk Facebook](#) page. This is a closed group so you will be prompted to make a request to join if you aren't already a member.

We shall also be taking our traditional break from PC meetings in August and so the next will be on 13th September.

The latest [Overton News & Views](#) can be found at this link.

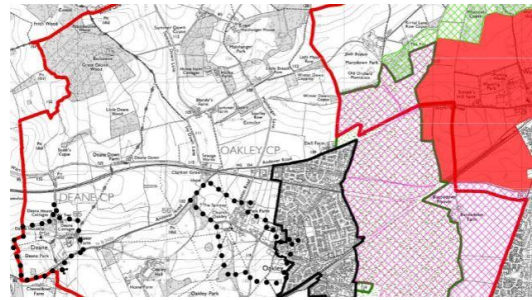


Mobile Pantry @ Manor Cottages

Following resident feedback on our article on Keith's Mobile Pantry in the July News&Views we are delighted to announce that we have arranged a month's trial of the grocery service. Keith will park in Manor Cottages from 11-12 noon on Thursdays. He's already been in July and will come on Aug 4th & 11th. Residents can just visit the van or for those in other parts of the village who find it difficult to travel about they can call Keith and he'll come to their door. Please use this service! As one resident has commented recently "It is lovely having the van coming here, and I hope we can all buy a little something, so we can keep it. I know I will, and it was so much fun."

The van is large and stocked with most groceries including bread, milk, tinned goods, cakes, fresh fruit/veg and toiletries.

Keith can be contacted on: 07584 018976



Manydown Masterplan Consultation Dates

The PC have been made aware of the next stage of Manydown consultation being scheduled to run for 6 weeks between Thurs 1 Sept16 and Thurs13 Oct16. As you may be aware 3400 houses are planned on the western edge of Basingstoke and up into the edge of Oakley Parish, along the B3400 (solid red block on map above, ignore the other hatching.)

In Feb and March B&D BC held a consultation where they presented three conceptual approaches for the development layout, each providing different ideas as to how the masterplan could evolve. The feedback received on these three approaches has helped to develop an emerging masterplan. Prior to the submission of an outline planning application at the end of the year, this will be the subject of the consultation.

4 drop-in events are being held in Sept to give the community an opportunity to view, discuss and comment on the emerging masterplan proposals:

- Sat 10th Basingstoke town centre, The Malls, outside Primark, Castle Square 10.30 - 16.30
- Mon 12th Buckskin Evangelical Church, Chiltern Way, B'stoke,



DMS Fabrications Donate Goal!

The children's play area court is now complete following the delivery of our new football goal. We would very much like to thank DMS Fabrications in Overton for making and donating the goal. It has been well used since installation.

Thanks again to everyone for their kind donations and help to complete a very successful project. The children of Laverstoke and Freefolk are extremely lucky to have such a great play area.
Steve Probut.



The latest from our Black Arrows

Firstly a reminder that during August Black Arrows are doing school holiday "Try the sport" for adults as well as children. Dates are posted on door to club store, under the Lady Rose Hall (& June news&views).

RG22 5BB 15.30 - 19.30

- Fri 23rd Oakley Village Hall,
Andover Road, B'stokes RG23 7HA
15.30 - 19.30
- Sat 24 Sept B'stokes Sea
Cadets/Community Centre, 8
Sycamore Way, Winklebury RG23
8AB 10.30 - 16.30

For those unable to attend, the information will also be available on the [website](#) where you will be able to give feedback.

B&D will consider the feedback when drawing up an outline planning application to be submitted at the end of the year. This will be followed by planning applications on the detailed proposals when there will be additional opportunities to comment.



Litter (& doggie do!) Bin

Earlier in the year we saw an increase in concerns about dog fouling. At our May PC meeting we invited Community Safety Patrol officers Dan White to discuss what we could do to halt the unpleasant rise in both dog litter itself and abandoned poo bags. Dan has now started patrolling our area, he put some stickers on our lamp posts and we have put some posters up. We realised the worst hit area was the Millennium Green before the gate through

On 21st July 21 Bombay Sapphire staff came over for a social "Try the Sport". Along with picnic food we hear the evening was enjoyed by all. Later in the month the archers will be hosting 15 people from, 22 Engr. Regt., Swinton Barracks. The club was busy on 9/10th July at the Warren, Kingsclere, where it staged it's annual Watership Down International Field Tournament. With World Archery status, British Record Status and being the penultimate GB selection event for the World Field archery championships in Dublin, competitors came from all over the country. A representative from the Eire 2016 World Champs team had even travelled to get experience shooting on this World renowned field course against British opponents. Club man Bill Jones, shooting Bare Bow, finished a creditable 7th just behind most of the possible British team members.

In case the grass starts to get a bit longLes the groundsman is away for 10 days and we've taken the opportunity to have the mower serviced ready for his return!

Peter Turner, club president will be continuing to judge at UK events such as the National Flight Championships (that is shooting purely for distance) and assist in GB 3D team management (that is shooting at realistic foam animals)

Following the 100% pass on our latest beginners archery training course, our next will be indoors at Testbourne school on Fridays, starting in Sept. If you are not already on our mailing list and are interested please email Peter@OvertonBlackArrows.Org

to Batts Meadow. So Dan has kindly organised placement of a bin just to the side of the gate within the Millennium Green. It will be emptied under the same programme as all the other litter bins in the villages and can be used for depositing dog poo bags. Please use it!. Many thanks to Dan.

Since initially writing this there has been a report of increase in messing around Florence Portal and Laverstoke Lane area. Please ensure your dogs are not free ranging! Thanks.



Sunday Bus to Andover

Although we mentioned it last month we have been asked to re-iterate that the 76 is now going all the way to Andover on a Sunday. This extension of service from Whitchurch to Andover is being funded by Basingstoke & Deane. It's in our interest to Use it! (Or Lose it.)

Service 76 will run direct through the centre of Whitchurch instead of via Evingar Road and Lynch Hill Park. A new Sunday timetable will be introduced which will offer an improved link between Andover & Basingstoke, ideal for shopping or visiting friends.

[76 Timetable](#)



Harvest Festival Sun Sept. 25th

A date for your diary - Sun 25th Sept at 5pm is our annual Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. Come and celebrate God's bountiful harvest and enjoy Pimms and Canapes after the service. We will be decorating the church in the days leading up to Sunday, so if you have any spare vegetables or fruit from your plot, it will be gratefully received. In fact, any foodstuffs, even tinned, are welcome. Any donations can be left in the church porch, or contact me to collect.

All the produce is donated to the Andover Food Bank (non-perishables), and perishables to the Kingfisher day centre where they are cooked up for the Lunch Club.

This is a real family affair, and children are encouraged to bring their donations on the day so they can take them up to the front at the appropriate time. See you all there.
Brenda Bond, Churchwarden. Tel: 895594



Beware HMRC Scam

HCC Trading Standards Service would like to bring residents' attention to a recent warning sent out via Action Fraud Alert on behalf of Hampshire Constabulary.

Please be aware that residents in Hampshire have been contacted by scam callers claiming to be from HM Revenue and Customs and demanding money. The victims receive phone calls from a person claiming to be from HMRC and told that they will be arrested if they did not settle their unpaid tax bill. On some occasions the victims have been asked to purchase iTunes vouchers and then pass the card details onto them!

If you have elderly relatives, friends or neighbours please make them aware of this scam and remind them not to give any details to unexpected callers. People are reminded to protect themselves using the following advice:

Never give out any personal information about your bank account to anybody over the phone.

If you have given out information which could compromise your bank account security in any way, call your bank up to cancel your cards as soon as possible.

Anyone who is concerned about similar



Anyone for Tennis?

After Andy Murray's thrilling win at Wimbledon this is just a reminder that club evening sessions, at our beautiful courts in Laverstoke, begin at 6pm and continue until dusk through the month of August. Visitors are welcome to join Members at a club night on Tues & Thurs, for which the club asks a small fee towards the costs of upkeep. The ever-popular weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons.

Social and Playing Members thoroughly enjoyed our recent Strawberry Sunday on 3rd July, when a good afternoon was had by all! The next dates for you diary will be our club walk and lunch on Sunday 11th September, followed by our daytime autumn tennis tournament and skittles evening on Sunday 2nd October – details of both dates to follow in due course. For coaching contact LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or on 07939 264999. Regular adult coaching sessions take place on Monday evenings. Details can be found on our website, www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk

[The PC would like to make everyone aware that any foot, or other balls that go over into the tennis club courts accidentally

incidents should contact police by calling 101.”

In addition Hampshire Trading Standards is aware that the telephone calls can start off with an automated message asking the resident to press a number to find out further details. The message sounds serious and intimidating. Advice to residents is to not press any numbers as the cost for the call is unknown.

Residents can be assured that HMRC will not make contact in this way, and will never ask for iTunes vouchers!

To report a scam to Trading Standards, or to receive advice on scams call our partners the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.



Latest on Freefolk Conection

Following temporary traffic lights in Freefolk in the latter part of June & into July our expectations of a broadband announcement were raised. However there had been no sighting of BT vans, our broadband speed is still dire and many of us are struggling and complaining. We reported previously that in the spring flooded ducting in Whitchurch had delayed cabling work. The PC contacted BT again this week to request an update on the connection works to cabinet 7 in Freefolk. BT have responded as follows:

will be passed back by tennis club members the next time the courts are used. Non-members should not be entering the courts to retrieve them. Thanks.[.\]](#)

"We have planned works starting on the 8th Aug 2016 to continue the installation of cabling along the London road, this has been hampered by extremely silted carriageway boxes, parked vehicles and the safety concern of all due to the narrow road. The work is planned for up to 10 days, after which we will have a better view of the timeline to fully complete and provide service in Freefolk."

The PC will chase for an update towards the end of August.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th Sept

11th Oct

8th Nov

13th Dec

10th Jan

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

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7.30 -

8.30p.m. Thursdays with John

Ruffell Tel: 07910 736432

[Watership Down Nursery](#) Opens

5th Sept: Contact Will & Lucy

Jones on

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

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co.uk

Other dance or fitness sessions:

Does anyone know a teacher who may be interested in running a class here on a Monday or Wednesday evening? Let [Nicky](#) know: 07725 368012

To book the hall for your events see



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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.**

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.

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Easyfundraising 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.

Also through the site above you can click a link on the top right hand menu to easysearch. This enables you to earn money for the green on all your searches!

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:

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

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