



Newsletter December 2016

Happy Christmas to all our lovely readers. Seasons greetings to each and everyone!

We have included what we hope is useful and pertinent seasonal information in this month's news such as all important waste collection dates and salt/grit bin use! There have been many rumblings, proposals and counter proposals on local government devolution over this past year. For the latest read below.

Opening hours for the local hostelry and local distillery are included for your delectation! And more....

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



Local Government Devolution proposals

You may be aware that there are discussions taking place about devolution of local government. Currently we have a two tier system of Borough and County Council but in the future this could change to be replaced by one body responsible for providing better services to residents, via a better delivery model. Today in Hampshire & IOW there are 14 district and unitary authorities plus Hampshire County Council. There are many proposals as to which body B&D would become part of. B&D have recently conducted a study themselves that looks at the best solution to secure the long term prosperity of the borough and best delivery of services for residents. Their recommendation is formation of a unitary authority with Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council.

Other proposals have suggested the formation of a body (Heart of Hampshire) that runs from Hart right through Winchester City to the south coast. The fear is that the local assets and residents will end up subsidising services for those on the south coast! The B&D solution proposes the combining of the 2 authorities which have shared economic



Salt/Grit bins

Hampshire County Council has around 3500 roadside salt bins located across the highway network and we have been checking and replenishing these in recent weeks.

The bins are filled with a 50:50 mix of salt and grit and this can be freely used by members of the community for de-icing pavements and smaller access roads, and particularly those areas of public highway that are not covered by one of our main salting routes. Please be aware that it only takes a tablespoon of salt/grit (roughly around 20 grams) to treat one square metre of road or pavement so a full bin can treat a substantial area.

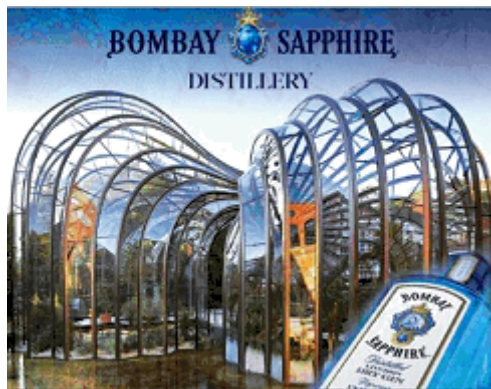
Please note that this **not for private use on driveways or garden paths.**

If your local salt bin is less than $\frac{3}{4}$ full and needs refilling through the winter season let Nicky know on 07725 368012 or laverstokeclerk@gmail.com. Thank you.

interest with a (smaller?) county council focusing on adult social care and children's services..

In order to make this work two things need to happen 1. the county have to agree (currently they haven't done so) and 2. we'll have to have a directly elected mayor for the region.

Watch this space as we try to keep you updated as the story unfolds. It could be a while!



Distillery Christmas Opening hours

For those with family and friends coming during the festive season who may want to visit the distillery we've included the Christmas and New Year Opening Times:

Friday 23rd Dec: 11:00 – 18:00 Last Tour @ 16:00

Saturday 24th Dec: 11:00 – 16:30 Last Tour @ 14:00

Sunday 25th Dec: CLOSED



Watership Down News

Sunday lunch times extended - we are now serving our Sunday lunches from 12.00 noon to 8.00pm. The lunch menu always includes includes a 28 day English sirloin, at least one other roast, fish and a vegetarian option!

On Monday evening we are now serving food up to 9.00pm.

On Friday 20th January there is an Italian evening.

Christmas Day Opening: The pub will be open from 12 noon - 2pm

For further information contact the pub directly on 01256 892254



Christmas at St Mary's

Candlelit Carol Service Sunday 18th December at 6.00 pm

Monday 26th Dec: CLOSED

Tue 27th - Fri 30th Dec: 11:00 – 18:00 Last Tour @ 16:00

Sat 31st Dec: 11:00 – 17:30 Last Tour @ 15:00

Sun 1st Jan: CLOSED

Mon 2nd Jan: Open as Normal



Over the past couple of months we have noticed late night gatherings in the Quite Garden gazebo and football court in Laverstoke. This has resulted in hob nob packets, chocolate bar wrappers and fruit juice cartons etc. being left behind. The PC kindly asks parents - if these are your young people please remind them not to leave their litter behind! Many thanks.



Fly Tipping Crack Down

People that fly-tip not only spoil the

Christmas Day 10.00 am Family

Christmas Communion service

- approx 45 minutes.

All welcome to our lovely village church.

Parking is available across the B3400 in the hardstanding car park by St Nicholas Church, or next to Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke Lane. Limited parking for disabled or elderly people is available in the road leading to the church. Please allow enough time to park and walk before the services and be mindful of local residents. Please under no circumstances park behind Manor Cottages or within 10m of the B3400 junction. Thanks.



Christmas Crime Prevention

Safer North Hampshire have provided the following Christmas advice. We may think we live in a low crime area but consider

While shopping:

- Park in a well-lit car park that's attended or displays Park Mark.
- Lock windows/doors Avoid

countryside and local community but also risk an unlimited fine and even a prison sentence. That is the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as part of a crackdown on people that illegally dump unwanted items. The council's community safety patrol officers and environmental health and street care teams have teamed up to reduce the amount of fly-tipping in the borough. For more information visit

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping



Men's Shed reminder

The Test Valley Men's Shed have been very active recently and made steady progress in doing up the Pavilion. The Shed is open every Tuesday & Thursday between 9am - 12pm in the Old Pavilion, Laverstoke Lane. Members can share the tools and resources they need to work on projects in a safe and friendly place. If you have spare time on your hands and would like to meet like minded people why not come along and see what the shedders are up to, the kettle is always on.

leaving goods in your car, hide them if you must

- Make sure your handbag is closed & wallet is in inside pocket.
- Shield your PIN when entering it at cashpoints.
- Pay for items on a card, avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

When at home:

- Don't put presents under tree until last minute, then not in window view
- If you are buying valuable bikes, phones, electrical items, register them for free at www.immobilise.com.
- If you receive a phone or tablet familiarise yourself with location features/apps eg Apple's "Find My iPhone" which can help locate if lost or stolen.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home.
- Make sure windows & doors are locked when you go out at night, make it appear that someone is home. Draw curtains, leave a light on.
- Dispose of packaging, break it down before putting it in bin. Empty boxes advertise you have new goods .
- Ensure your home contents

Alternatively, for more info on the "youth club for mature gentlemen!" email: testvalleymensshed@gmail.com or tel: 07725 368012



Festive bin collections

Fri 23rd - Normal collection (rubbish only)

Fri 30th Dec collection moves to Sat 31

Dec (rubbish & recycling)

Christmas can mean extra rubbish e.g. wrapping paper, which can't be recycled. Therefore, for the first collection after Christmas only, extra sacks will be collected. As normal there will be no limit on how much residents can recycle.

Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections should return to normal from Mon 2nd Jan 2017.



Parish Council

PC Meetings



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7.30 - 8.30p.m. Thursdays with John Ruffell Tel: 07910

insurance is adequate.

More tips are available at

www.hampshire.police.uk

The North Hampshire community safety team wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)

Next meeting dates:

13th Dec

10th Jan

14th Feb

14th March

11th April

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.**

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[Watership Down](#)

[Nursery](#) Contact Will &

Lucy Jones on

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KB Titans Martial Arts 6.30 -7.30p.m. Wednesdays with Ulrike Maier on 07974 274863

To book the hall for your events see

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

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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](#)