



Newsletter December 2017

The best of Season's Greetings to one and all. The Parish Council wishes all the residents of our lovely village a Very Merry Christmas!

Following last month's news many of you requested an update on BT which we have included below. The Parish Council now has a vacancy that is a great opportunity for someone new to contribute to improving L&F community life. For details on the new vacancy, the Men's Shed, festive bin collections and more, read on.

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



Parish Council



Parish Council Change

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to Clare Albert for all her work as deputy chairman. She is stepping down due to new work commitments and will be greatly missed. She has been unstinting in her pursuit of BT over the past year and galvanised them into action after their Race to Infinity stopped short of the final hurdle that is Cabinet 7! They provided a senior liaison and a project engineer within the last year and we're now on the home straight. Clare has also been the Parish Council's representative on the Millennium Green Trust. She was instrumental in getting the new play equipment installed in the Millennium Green playground in Laverstoke and has also organised the tree work plans for both the PC and Millennium Green.

So the PC now has a vacancy! This could be your opportunity to get involved in improving your local area. You don't need any particular skill other than enthusiasm and a can do attitude. You do need to attend monthly PC meetings (normally the second Tuesday of the month) at Lady Rose Hall from 19.30 - 21.30. The position is open to anyone who is a British subject over 18 years of age, an elector, resident within the parish or within 3 miles of it or having their principal or only place of work in the parish. They also must not be disqualified from holding

Village Yuletidy Up!

The afternoon of 19th November saw a fair number of volunteers out with their strimmers, rakes and secateurs. Battle was waged with the nettles in the Laverstoke rough car park and along the wooded border of the Millennium Green field until it grew too dark to continue! The trees had their lower epicormic growth removed and the sloped area at the back of the children's court was thoroughly cut back. In tandem the tennis club were out in force weedkilling the courts and generally tidying the area.

Thank you to all who took time out to come and help. Many hands made light work of this Autumn clear up. It is much appreciated. Hopefully it will all stay shipshape through Yuletide and into Spring!



Christmas at St Mary's

Carol Service – Our very popular Carols by Candlelight takes place on Sunday

office as a Councillor.

If you are interested or know someone who may be please contact clerk, Nicky Nicklin, for further information. Email: laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or tel: 07725 368012.



The Final Month?

BT works are ongoing in Whitchurch as we write the newsletter and the latest on superfast is that BT are still hoping to provide a Christmas connection present or else make us all jolly happy in the early New Year. All of the infrastructure is in at Cabinet 7 in Freefolk. Indeed, if a non Infinity BT engineer was to take a peek they would probably say it's all there and should be working - which it isn't yet, as we know to our continued moaning and groaning. It is now a case of connecting it back to Cabinet 4 in Whitchurch (which is happening, we believe, over the next week in a series of overnight works) and then making the final connection back to the Exchange in Andover. As most of the cabling has been put in place in Whitchurch already over the past couple of months we can't see

10th December at 6 pm. Please do come and join us for this joyous introduction to Christmas, and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the service. Decorating the church will take place on Friday 8th from 10 am, if anyone can spare an hour to help. Donations of flowers and greenery (especially anything with red berries) would be very welcome.

Christmas Day – This is a Family Communion Service for the whole family, at 10 am. Please come along. It is a time to reflect on what Christmas is really all about.

Spire Appeal – Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our fund for repair of the spire. We are well on the way to reaching our target, but need a final push. General Sir Richard Shirreff is giving a talk - NATO-Fit for purpose? - on Saturday 27th January, 2018 in Lady Rose Hall. This will be an interesting and very relevant evening. Tickets are £12.50 (limited and selling fast), and include wine and canapes. Please let me know if you would like tickets, or they can be purchased at Overton Gallery and Kingsley Finance in Whitchurch. Don't miss out!

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden onl 895594 or email bondb@btinternet.com

Also check out our new web-site – www.stmaryslaverstoke.org.uk.

how hard this can be! SO please don't shoot this messenger!!! We are further along than we have been for the last 5 years..... Please be patient for what we hope is the last month!



Archer's Awards

Seven members shot as visitors at the Berkshire championships recently. The round was a Portsmouth (5 dozen arrows at 20 yards onto a 60 cm. face divided into 10 scoring zones.)

Results were as follows:

Gents Barebow (no sights) saw a win by Overton member David Priestley. Other successes were in Gents Recurve (shooting with sights) where 3rd place went to Steve Allam, Gents Compound (bow with mechanical assistance, release aids, telescopic sights) with Dave Roseman coming 5th and in Longbow 3rd place went to Ian Priestley.

At the recent club AGM, Steve Allam has



Men's Shed Active

The Men's Shed showed the Parish Councillor's around the old Pavilion in Laverstoke Lane that they have nearly completed renovating. Currently they are working on some woodworking projects such as the lovely doors shown in the photo above and they're trying to sort out their washroom plumbing. With the benefit of success from recent grant bids such as the Lottery Funding reported on a couple of month's back we're sure they'll crack this soon.

At the last PC meeting one of the newest members explained how he had been bored at home and driving his family mad. That is until a chance encounter between his daughter and an older member of TVMS led to him hearing about the shed. With the encouragement of his family he joined. He explained how the group had given him a new purpose and had been life changing for him. He is now a real advocate of the Men's Shed organisation.

The group meets at the Pavilion from 9 to lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

taken over as Chairman and the President's Medal for Services to the Club was awarded to Eric Dunlop.

Les Soper-Dyer was awarded "Life membership" of the club for his voluntary services in maintaining the Laverstoke ground. {Ed. I think all who live locally can appreciate the effort that Les goes to making the ground look fantastic. Thank you Les.}

Archery National Rankings have just been released for this year and show Richard Buckner was 46th and Jodie Buckner, his daughter, was 44th in the country.

In other club news, Maurice Berridge has just qualified as a "County Judge" and

National Judge Peter Turner has just been appointed as Chief Judge for the National Clout championships in 2018. (Clout is shooting at long distances to a target set out flat on the ground with a flag to shoot at, gentlemen shoot 180 yards. Peter has been National Champion at this event twice in years past.)

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.

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

testvalleymensshed@gmail.com or tel:

07725 368012



Christmas fundraising!

No apologies for another reminder of how you can easily support the Millennium Green when ordering Christmas presents online! Use the Easyfundraising site to connect to the retailers. This doesn't cost you anything but the retailers provide a contribution to the Millennium Green. Contributions vary by retailers e.g. Amazon gives up to 1.5%, boots up to 4.5%

Simply join using this [Easyfundraising link](#)

In the Join Now box type 'Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green'



Festive bin collections

Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections should return to normal from Monday 15 January 2018.

Normal collection date	Revised collection date
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January

Christmas can mean extra rubbish, for example wrapping paper can't be recycled. Therefore, extra sacks will only be collected for the FIRST COLLECTION after Christmas.

For more information about bin collections see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bins or call 01256 844844

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LRH Partial Re-roof

Re-roofing of the Lady Rose Hall archery side roof has been taking place last week following wind and rain damage

Then click 'Join Us' and enter your email address to create an account.

When you have an account you just login via the easyfundraising, search for the retailer and click through to their site.. There are hundreds of retailers across all sorts of product categories - not just gifts. You'll be surprised that you can carry on using it throughout the year.

If you are a bit forgetful like me about using easyfundraising then there is a Donation reminder box that you can activate. A small reminder dropdown appears on the menu bar of any participating retailers.

This is a really easy way to help your local Millennium Green team preserve our lovely green spaces in the village.



Dogs in Priory Lane

Dog fouling along Priory Lane was raised at the last couple of Parish Council meetings. A request was made to ask people who walk their dogs up the

earlier this year. The felt roof has been replaced with a GRP one which should provide a longer lasting solution.

Hopefully this will keep the old skittle alley end of the Kingfisher Day Centre and Watership Down Nursery dry for a long while.

lane from the pub to leave leads on until past the last house on the left hand side. This will take them nearer to the litter bin which the PC installed a while ago to help the dog litter situation! Thank you.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

12th Dec

9th Jan

13th Feb

13th March

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.



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

- [KB Titans Martial Arts](#)

18.30 - 19.30

Wednesdays. Contact:

Ulrike Maier on

ulrike.kbtitans@gmail.com

or 07974 274863

To book the hall for your



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Lady Rose Hall:

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line: 01256 890078

(Also use to alert BS security you are collecting **Defibrillator**).

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.**

party or events see
www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

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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