



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter January 2018

Happy New, if slightly belated, Year. We hope 2018 has got off to a good start for you! We've been waiting for an update from BT and are pleased to say we've now received one this week.

In this edition we've all the latest village news and you can also find a link to [Overton News&Views](#) here. We're on the look out for a new Parish Councillor! If you have every second Tuesday evening of the month free and would like to help develop the lovely community we live in, please let us know.



Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The PC is looking for a seventh member!



Infinite Wait?

We've seen further signs of activity from BT over the past month with vans working near the Freefolk cabinet and the latest is:

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 office as a Councillor.

If you are interested and would like to speak to a Councillor about what it entails, please contact Bob Hough on 07990 570035 or Jo Probut on 01256 893175 or parish clerk Nicky Nicklin (laverstokeclerk@gmail.com, 07725 368012.)



Game On At Watership Down

Our local hostelry is having a game evening on Friday 26th Jan. Menu to include terrines, soups, venison, grouse, partridge etc. A great opportunity

'The jointing of the copper cable should be completed this week (week ending Fri 12th Jan), all the fibre has been tested. Hopefully all should be ready by the end of the month.

People who then order a fibre based broadband service will then be provided over this newly provided equipment.'

Everything, beyond just fingers, now crossed....



St Mary's Spire News

Sir Richard Shirreff's talk, NATO-Fit for Purpose, is now SOLD OUT. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets – you are in for a great night.

We are near our target of £85,000 (quite a bit more than the projected £70,000, I know!) but need a last push for the final few thousand. If you would still like to help with our fundraising to repair the spire, go online to [MyDonate](https://www.mydonate.co.uk) and make a

to eat game enhanced with delicious recipes and sauces!!! Contact 01256 892254 for further information or to book.



Junior Archers Shoot to No.1 In UK!

Wow! Congratulations to Jodie Buckner and Alex Allam who received first place in the country in their respective classes of the Summer Metrics [2017]

Tournament! This competition is run by post, by Archery G.B., the National governing body for archery.

Junior Ladies U14 Recurve 1. Jodie Buckner.

Junior Boys U18 Recurve 1. Alex Allam.

Further success for the juniors came when they won their Perris league match last month – Black Arrows beat Rayleigh Town “C” Essex. The team comprised Jodie Buckner, Alex Allam and Dan Lirianos. They are now sitting at the top of League 3.

contribution, or check the [web-site](#). We also have shingles for sale at £5 each, with a draw and a chance to win a cash prize at the end. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are hoping that work will commence soon after Easter.

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



Senior Citizens Festivities

Once again this year, on Saturday 2nd December, we took our Laverstoke & Freefolk Senior Citizens and helpers out for a traditional Christmas lunch at the Watership Down Inn. Over 51 of us sat down to a delicious traditional roast turkey lunch, followed by Christmas pudding with brandy sauce – much enjoyed by all. The staff were so obliging, nothing was too much trouble and with the Christmas decorations up, including a beautiful tree, it was indeed a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The next beginners course starts on the 2nd February at Testbourne school. Anyone interested please contact Beginners@OvertonBlackArrows.org At the end of the last course one of the students announced that her great grandmother had shot in the 1908 Olympics!

The club held its last 2017 shoot on 30th December at Laverstoke – a frostbite i.e.36 arrows at 30 meters at an 80 c.m. diameter face.This was followed by a BBQ and cake!

The next frostbite is scheduled for the 3rd February starting at 10.30a.m. However, please remember club members can train at any time and we are often running “try the sport” events. Just watch for the red flag – if it is flying then there will be shooting going on.

Club National Judge, Peter Turner, has just been appointed as chief judge for the Southern Counties Archery Society Junior Championships in Essex, later this year.

It was also such a treat for the Committee because they could sit down and enjoy being waited on! So a big thank you to Philip and Jules Denée, and of course to Steve and Billie the Chef's, Chris at front of house and all the staff for all their hard work in making this lunch such a success. All in all a super occasion!

Whist writing we are a willing group of Committee girls who run two coffee mornings, or cake stalls, a year to subsidise various activities. These include a Christmas Party or lunch and Summer Garden Party for our Senior Citizens in the Laverstoke, Freefolk and Wells–in the-Field area.

If you are not currently on our list of Senior Citizens and are eligible to join (62 years and over and retired) we would love to hear from you! Please give me a call.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Healthy, Happy and prosperous New Year.

Mady Oram, Chairman on 01256 895396



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th Feb

13th March

10th April

8th May

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



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 party or events see www.ladyrosehall.co.uk



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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**).

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](#)

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

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