



Newsletter December 2018

Merry Christmas One and All from Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council! We wish you a wonderful festive season and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

In our Christmas issue we report on what is happening at our various emporiums and what services are taking place at St Mary's. The B&D community safety team are running a dog fouling campaign and... we just had to include a particular seasonal household stress-inducing topic - just when are the bins going to be emptied?!

Last but by no means least, we should like to thank Ingrid Hatt and Ron Love for delivering our hardcopy newsletter, come rain or shine, to all those who don't have email. It is much appreciated.

You can find a link to the monthly [Overton News&Views](#) here.



Men's Shed at Overton Christmas Market

It was great to see the Men's Shed team at the 1st Dec Overton Christmas market. For those of you who didn't make the afternoon, they had a stall selling wooden Christmas decorations, bird boxes, beautifully turned wooden Christmas trees and other bits 'n' pieces. They also helped the Rotary Club make their Father Christmas visit even more magical with some beautiful small wooden decorations for the 'littlies' (as shown in our photo above.)

The Test Valley Men's Shed is a community project in Laverstoke, It provides a space where older gentlemen can gather and work on practical projects of their own choice, in addition to providing a great place to talk. Come and visit to see what we're up to.

The Men's Shed meets on a Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Pavilion on Laverstoke Lane from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have time on your hands and you'd like to get involved in projects at the Men's Shed send us an email via testvalleymensshed@gmail.com or just turn



Playground tree replanting

The Millennium Green team were out on 17th November planting 2 new trees. It was a beautiful day, ideal for planting the double flowering white horse chestnuts. The ground was still fairly easy to dig with a gang of volunteers. We hope these trees will make it to a hundred years old like their predecessors!.



Bere Mill prepares for Christmas

Christmas orders are now being taken at the Bere Mill butchery - for more info and a downloadable order form see [Bere Mill Xmas Orders](#)

We have created a special Christmas recipe with Bere Mill lamb as an alternative festive meal - Whole Saddle of Bere Mill Black Welsh Mountain Lamb with

up. New members are always welcome.



Christmas at Watership Down Inn

Our festive menu starts on the 1st December and runs all the way to the 23rd, it's never too early to start the celebrations – call us today on 01256 892254 or email us at

enquiries@watershipdowninn.com.

Don't forget we are hosting the annual Laverstoke and Freefolk senior citizens Christmas lunch on Saturday the 8th December.

Latest on the new bedrooms

We are progressing well with the build of the new rooms and wanted to give you a quick update by showing you a photo of the development so far. The rooms will be available from spring 2019.

To keep up to date with all things to do with the Watership Down Inn, just like or follow us on our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram page](#).

Herb, Apricot and Hazelnut Stuffing! See the mouthwatering photo attached above and find a link to the recipe [here](#).

A new departure for Bere Mill is the sale of Christmas trees from now till Christmas 7 days a week.

More info on our [website](#) at and on our social media - [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)



**You face a £50 fine
if you don't pick up
after your dog.**

Don't forget to bag it and bin it!

Dog mess should be bagged and then disposed of in any general litter bin. Many dog owners responsibly throw away a large proportion of this mess, but there are still owners out there who are prepared to leave their dog's mess littered around the countryside. There has also been a growing problem of dog waste bags found hanging on trees, on railings or stuffed in



Carols and candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will take place on Sunday 9th December at 6 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This is a popular service so come early. As parking is always a bit of an issue, please try and share lifts where possible, and follow the parking signs. Bring a torch too. It is such a lovely way to see in the Christmas season. We will be decorating the church on Friday 7th December from 10 am if anyone fancies lending a hand trimming the tree, flower arranging, putting up candles – lots of jobs to do.

Christmas Day – We are having Family Communion at 10 am – that means bring everyone! Such a joyous day to celebrate.

The bells have been repaired by Adrian Lewis, no less, and we are extremely grateful. You may have heard them ringing on Remembrance Sunday, and hopefully will be rung for the Carol service. Have you ever been tempted by campanology (bell-ringing to you and me!)? Do let me know if you are, and I

hedges where some dog owners are picking up their dog's mess but are then simply dumping the bags. This is a littering offence which carries a £75 fine. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with it can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.

If you see it, report it.

People that don't clear up after their dog risk a £50 fine. If you are experiencing a problem with dog fouling in your area please let the team know by calling 01256 844844 or emailing

customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk

Whilst our patrol officers and dog warden actively patrol those areas most affected by dog fouling, we rely on information from members of the public to help identify those not acting responsibly. If you witness someone not picking up after their dog, we'd be keen to hear from you so we can investigate further. Description of the owner, dog, location and time are helpful for further investigating incidents of those failing to clear up after their dog.

Dog responsibility

Dog owners are expected to keep their pets under proper control and are legally required to ensure they wear a collar and ID, so they can be reunited if they escape. The collar should have the name and address, including postcode, of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. It is also a good idea to include a

will put you in touch with Adrian. I am told that Laverstoke bells are not for beginners but Overton's are.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



Winter archery

During the winter months the club will be shooting in the British Archer Frostbite League on the first Saturday in each month. This involves shooting three dozen arrows at 30 meters on an 80 cm face. The club has teams in the recurve (bows as shot in the Olympics) and compound (bows with a mechanical advantage) classes.

The National Junior rankings for 2018, shows Jodie Buckner as second under 14, in the country. While at the Berkshire Open "Portsmouth" Indoor round (60 arrows at 20 yards at a 60 cm face) on the 18th November at Sandhurst Sports Centre, Richard Buckner came third with a score of 573 out of a possible 600!. He was closely followed by Steve Allam with 568 in fourth position. Alex Allam came 13th with 498, and Chris King - in his first open competition - came 14th with 487!.

telephone number. You can be fined up to £5,000 if your dog does not wear an identification tag. Any dog that is dealt with as a stray by the council will incur a release fee, kennelling charge and possibly, an out of hours' fee. By ensuring a tag is worn, owners can be reunited with their dog quicker and may avoid paying these fees. From April 2016 all dogs over eight weeks old must be micro-chipped and registered or owners risk prosecution and a £500 fine. The chip must be kept up to date with the correct details for the owner.

Public Spaces Protection Orders

PSPOs are in place in some areas. If dog fouling is caught taking place in these parks, a higher fine of £75 can be issued. Dogs must also be kept under control in these areas.

Dog attacks

Owners should ensure that dogs are kept under control with a lead. If a dog is involved in an incident, it could be destroyed.

For more information contact the council on 01256 844844 or see

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/animalresponsibilities

Jodie Buckner shooting in the Ladies under 16 class took 2nd place as did Eric Dunlop In the Gents Longbow. Well done all!



Festive bin collections

Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections should return to normal from Monday 14 January 2019.

Normal collection date	Revised collection date
Tuesday 25 December	Thursday 27 December
Wednesday 26 December	Friday 28 December
Thursday 27 December	Saturday 29 December
Friday 28 December	Monday 31 December
Monday 31 December	Wednesday 2 January
Tuesday 1 January	Thursday 3 January
Wednesday 2 January	Friday 4 January
Thursday 3 January	Saturday 5 January
Friday 4 January	Monday 7 January
Monday 7 January	Tuesday 8 January
Tuesday 8 January	Wednesday 9 January
Wednesday 9 January	Thursday 10 January
Thursday 10 January	Friday 11 January
Friday 11 January	Saturday 12 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.

Festive bin emptying

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

Top tips to help recycle more this Christmas

Leave large flattened cardboard next to your recycling bin for collection.

Recycle all your tins, cans and plastic bottles. Please place all other plastics in your grey bin.

We can't recycle your wrapping paper but please put all your other paper and card in your green bin.

Take extra glass to a glass recycling bank

or save for next collection. Please do not overfill your glass box.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

11th Dec

8th Jan

12th Feb

12th 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. Time will be split equally between the number of people wishing to speak. After public time parishioners are welcome to stay on but



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

To book the hall for your party or events see
www.ladyrosehall.co.uk



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Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for Elderly](#) or
kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

landfreefolkmillenniumgreen



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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](#)

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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