



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter November 2019

It looked like much fun was had in the villages at Halloween with children dressed up and lots of beautifully carved pumpkins on display at trick and treating venues. Autumn is now well and truly with us, the trees seem to have 'turned' all of a sudden and the fields are looking autumnal too.

This month we have included news of the Wheelabrator incinerator consultation - see below and mark Tues 12th Nov in your calendar. We've great news for those looking to improve their fitness as a new 'bootcamp' has started in Lady Rose Hall on Mon and Weds evenings and Sat mornings (and not forgetting Yoga on Tues evenings.). More buses are coming, we've a shout out for potential bell ringers and the Watership has an accommodation deal for your visiting friends and family. We have had issues with cycle ramps etc on the practice tennis area and need to remind everyone not to mis-use this area. For all this and more you know what to do....

Kick-about court strimming and hedge planting volunteers are needed for Sunday 10th Nov from 1pm! We have just received the free Woodland Trust saplings and would like to make

a start on planting whilst conditions are good. They will be planted above the slope at the end of the kick-about court. Thank you for any time you can give next Sunday afternoon!

The Parish Council is greatly saddened to hear the news of the death of Jody and Clare Scheckter's daughter, Ila, and send our condolences.

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



Incinerator consultation 12th Nov, Whitchurch

Wheelabrator, the US company proposing to develop a huge incinerator at the A303 Enviropark at Barton Stacey has issued details for public consultation. The consultation is open from now through to 12th December. See details here: <https://www.wtiharewood.co.uk/>

The park is within the Test Valley Borough Council, and of course, HCC area but due to the incinerator's capacity (65Mw gross electrical output) it is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and so the secretary of State will be making the final yes/no decision.

It was reported that Kit Malthouse has said 'This project is not right for our area and it will blight our countryside for decades to come. Once built, the incinerator will require 400 lorry movements per day and will belch



More frequent buses!

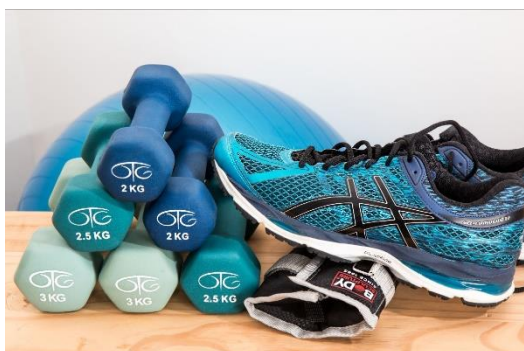
We have just heard a snippet of news from **Stagecoach South** that there will be a new timetable from Sunday 17th Nov. And the good news is that you'll then be able to make the most of your day with more buses, more often between Andover to Basingstoke via Whitchurch and Overton. This is because they will start to run every 20 minutes between Whitchurch, Overton and Basingstoke. Keep an eye out on their [website](#) for the new timetables. We'll try to put the link on facebook too.

Stagecoach South say... Convenient and affordable travel. Great for work or play!

plumes of smoke that may be visible, and breathable, for miles around.'

Business and household waste will be shipped in by truck and turned into power. There are a number of consultation evenings in the inner area of the 15km radius that will be affected. Laverstoke is approx 8km due south west so it will be important to understand the risks of air pollution, traffic pollution etc vs the benefits of reduced landfill and electricity generation in both the short and long term. The events are open to everyone:

- Tues Nov 12, 5pm-9pm: Whitchurch (Testbourne Community School)
- Weds Nov 13, 4pm-8pm: Andover (The Guildhall, High Street)
- Thurs Nov 14, 4pm-8pm: Barton Stacey (Village Hall)
- Sat Nov 16, 9am-1pm: Longparish (Village Hall)
- Weds Nov 20, 2.30pm-6.30pm: Sutton Scotney (Victoria Hall)



Bootcamp in LRH 3 times per week!



Watership Down residents offer

Special 15% off bedrooms.

We want to give something back to the community that always supports us, so we thought that we would offer the residents of Laverstoke and Freefolk a special offer for friends and family over the winter months. Book accommodation from the 1st Nov 2019 to the 31st Jan 2020* and get a 15% discount off all rooms, includes breakfast. Availability can be checked online but to get your special discount just email the team on enquiries@watershipdowninn.com and state that you have the L&F special offer.

*This offer is not valid on 24th/25th Dec and the 31st Jan.

Christmas at the Watership Down Inn

Our festive menu starts on the 1st Dec and runs all the way to the 24th, it's never too early to start the celebrations – call us today on 01256 892254 or email us on enquiries@watershipdowninn.com and book your table.

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest on menu specials, events, promotions etc

Great news! For those wanting to improve their fitness, Liam McGarrigle is starting to run his **Bootcamp** from Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke. Class times are:

Sat 08:00 - 10:00

Mon 19.30 - 20.30

Wed 19.30 - 20.30

Classes are for all levels from beginner to advanced. They use a mixture of strength and hiit-based training and are for a maximum of 12 people.

There will also be a **Yoga** class (Hatha Yoga) running:

Tues 19.30 - 20.30 (except second Tues of month which is PC meeting.)

The price varies depending on how many sessions you do per week from £5 - £9.50 per session. For more information contact Liam on 07879 845037 or liam@complete-performance.co.uk



A'peal for ringers

Church Bells – There are 6 bells at St Mary's, four of which were installed in 1905, supplemented by two more in 1914. They are quite difficult to ring due to the way they



Senior's coffee morning fundraiser success

On Saturday 5th October we held our second Coffee Morning of the year in the Kingfisher Day Centre. We had lots of people come to support us. There were loads of new faces and some of our friends from the Men's shed also came and had a coffee with us. It was lovely to see everyone and all the children too as they bought things of the toy stall, and lots of tickets on the Tombola! The raffle went well too and we raised an amazing amount of £361.13, after expenses.

Thank you to the Trustees of the Kingfisher Day Centre for allowing us to use this wonderful facility and especially to Nicola and Kim for their very kind help. Also thanks must go to the committee for their hard work, the outside helpers who help on the day, including all the people who distributed flyers and posters, made cakes, donated raffle prizes, toys nearly new etc. And of course, a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

are hung, and could also do with a bit of repair work to replace bits affected by woodworm. To rehang and do the repairs would cost in the region of £30,000. Is it worth it?

It would be a huge shame for these bells (excellent tone, I am told) to become redundant. I would love to know what everyone in the village thinks about this. Do you love the sound of church bells pealing? Would you be interested in bell-ringing? It is a fantastic work-out, and more fun than aerobics! How fabulous it would be to have an L & F bell-ringing team. Please, please let me know what your feelings are.

St Nicholas Church – Very shortly a Christmas Memory Tree will be going up in St Nicholas Church to raise a few pennies for the Churches Conservation Trust. For a small donation you can pin a tag on the tree in memory of or in dedication to some-one you love. Please do pop in.

Brenda Bond on bondb@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 895594



Rivers project - fingers crossed

Diary Note:

Christmas Lunch, The Watership Down Inn on Saturday 7th December.

Mady Oram, Chairman on 01256 895396



Halloween archery fun

The annual Halloween Fun Shoot had a great turnout. Freddie Kruger, Frankenstein, the grim reaper, a couple of skeletons and a ninja all turned up. We shot zombies, politicians and of course balloons. There were prizes and of course there was fantastic cake from Rebecca. The best costume prizes went to Grim Reaper (Robert Edwards) in the junior, and Gavin Ashton in the senior, category.

On 5th/6th October Steve and Bill attended the Exmouth Field shoot, incorporating the Devon and Cornwall field champs. Steve came 3rd overall in recurve and shot a PB on day one. He was awarded the black Arrowhead. Competition was stiff and Bill came in 6th in barebow. Well done both!

The Watercress and Winterbournes project aimed at protecting the Test and itchen chalkstreams has been given a short extension to mid Nov to get the phase two Heritage Lottery fund bid submitted. This has given the team a bit more time to get permissions in place and landowner agreements signed etc. They are currently polishing their Landscape Conservation Action Plan which will be the working document for the next 5 year delivery phase. Each of the 7 community catchment groups (of which we in Upper Test are one) have 3 projects included in the bid. Overall, there are 4 deliverable strands to the scheme:

1. Resilient Headwaters - projects on habitat enhancement, natural flood management and a native crayfish project
2. Community Action - behaviour change projects, invasive non-native species projects.
3. Exploring and celebrating - education packages for schools, built heritage restoration and an 'Open Chalk Stream' event
4. Skills - farming projects, community group skills and confidence building.

Maggie Shelton, Community Catchment Officer says 'We will hear on March 5th (of bid outcome)... We feel positive but our fingers are crossed.'

The AGM is being held on 27th Nov at the Crown pub, Kingsclere. There's food too!

If you or your friends or family would be interested in archery why not join a beginners course. For more info see the beginners section of the Black Arrows' [website](#)



Tennis NOT cycling practice area

The PC is concerned over the **inappropriate** use of the new Practice Tennis surfaces. It was lovely to see children practising tennis on the new court over the summer and we encourage more of them to do so (tennis racquets for Christmas?!). However, we are seeing the surface being used for skateboarding, roller-skating, scootering and cycling too. We have already mentioned the damage to the surface with wheel marks and requested children (and adults!) refrain from using the surface for these activities. Sadly we're starting to see the addition of bits of skating 'kit'. Sooner or later the surface will need repairing. It is a special

surface for the playing of tennis. The tennis club and PC secured a sizable grant from B&D to get the work done, for which we are very grateful. We therefore, as a community, have a duty to maintain the area and we do not have the resources to cover damage to the area.

The PC purposefully tarmac'd the old third tennis court (the children's 'Kick about' court) a couple of years back and residents 'crowd-funded' to pay for the basketball hoop. This is a multi-use area and we are happy to see children scootering here! Parents please ensure your children are using the kick about court for these type of activities and only using the tennis area for tennis. Thank you for your support.



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

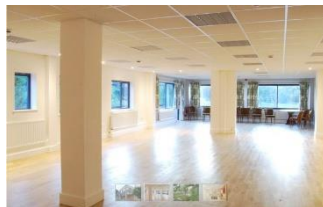
12th Nov

10th Dec

14th Jan 2020!

11th Feb

Laverstoke and Freefolk
PC meetings start at



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 or



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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.**

email

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Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for](#)

[Elderly](#) or

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

**To Report problem with roads,
footpaths & verge**

[Hantsweb](#)

To report trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

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](#)

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