



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

Newsletter January 2020!

We hope you managed to have some rest and relaxation over the Christmas season amidst festive fun. Happy New Year and indeed, Happy New Decade to all our readers!

The decorators have been busy recently in Lady Rose Hall and it is looking brighter, fresher and most welcoming for any 2020 event that you may be planning. The Millennium Green team have their quiz night on Sat 1st Feb. It would be fantastic if you could all consider raising a team for the fun and fact filled evening. With climate change on the PC agenda, we have been enquiring about the different Woodland Trust tree programmes as it would be good to encourage more planting. For all this and more read on!

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



Happy New Year from Watership Down Inn

2019 was a busy year at the pub. We launched our new rooms, won Best Destination Pub for the 2nd year running, extended our opening hours and were featured in the Mail on Sunday and Country Life as 'must visit Inn' - none of which we could do without the help from our loyal customers.

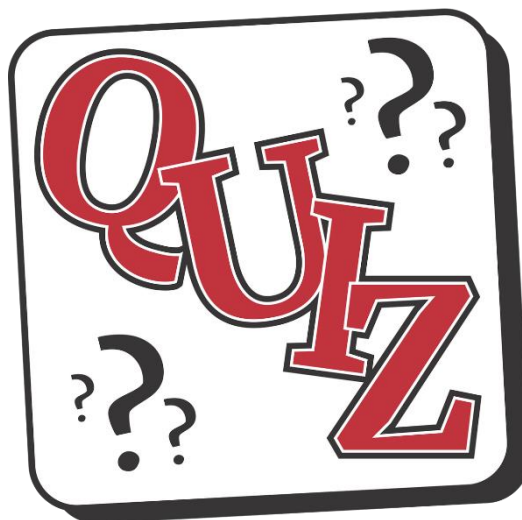
Therefore, we would like to extend the special accommodation winter offer into spring. If you have friends or family needing to stay in the area we are offering you a special 15% off – this is now valid until 31st March 2020. Availability can be checked online but to get your special discount just email the team on enquiries@watershipdowninn.com and quote L&F special offer.

New Menu

With the new year brings a new seasonal menu, check out our [website](#) for the latest information you won't be disappointed – don't forget we open for dinner on a Sunday and Monday evening now too.

A Date for your Diary

On Friday 21st February we will be holding a Fish Evening – focusing on the fresh catch of the day. We will post more details on our [website](#) and on social media in January. These evenings have always



1st Feb Millennium Green Quiz Night

Have you got your winning team organised yet? The Millennium Green Quiz is back once again on Sat 1st Feb. There'll be the usual hot local competition with some great prizes and fundraising activities. All funds will go towards the Millennium Green upkeep. It is always a fun-filled evening and will include a licensed cash bar and auction. Contact Clare Albert for tickets at landffundraising@gmail.com. Tickets are £7.50 per head including a chilli supper. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

Get planning your crack teams of 6 people. BUT don't worry if you are not in a team we can help put teams together on the night - it is a great way to meet new people.

The Millennium Green is a trust set up for the benefit of, and funded by, the residents of the parish that includes the football field, children's playground, the woodland walk, quiet garden and pond area.

booked up fast, so reserve your table on 01256 892254 today.

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



Senior Citizen's Festive Lunch

Once again this year, on Saturday 7th December, we took our pensioners and helpers out for a traditional Christmas lunch. The venue was the Watership Down Inn. 45 pensioners and helpers sat down to a delicious roast turkey lunch, followed by Christmas pudding with brandy sauce. This was much enjoyed by everyone. The pub was decorated, the tables looked festive and a beautiful Christmas tree greeted us as we walked in. The staff were so obliging, nothing was too much trouble and there was a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

It was a real treat for the Committee as well because they could sit down and appreciated being waited on. All in all it was a superb lunch enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to Philip and Jules Denee, and of course to Steve, Itor, & Ollie, the Chef's, and all the staff for all their hard



St Mary's New Year

It was so lovely to see so many of you there for the Carol Service. We had a record number of children, who sang Away in a Manger so beautifully. We will certainly make that a regular feature of our service in the future. The Men's Shed crib had its first outing and was well and truly blessed, and everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies after this wonderful precursor to Christmas. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church which looked amazing.

Thank goodness the shortest day is behind us and I can wish you all a Happy New Year!

Test magazine: I'd like to thank Ingrid Hatt for taking on the delivery of magazines in Freefolk – not an easy task for her with three little ones. If anyone feels they could share the task with her, please let me know. Subscriptions are also due this month (£10) and it would be really helpful if you could drop yours in to Ingrid (12 Manor Cottages) if she misses you when delivering. Many thanks.

work in making this lunch such a success.

Whilst writing, the Committee are a willing band who run two coffee mornings, or cake stalls, a year to subsidise various activities for our Senior Citizens in the Laverstoke, Freefolk and Wells-in-the-Field area. Activities include a Christmas Party or lunch and a Summer Garden Party

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 on 01256 895396

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



Woodland Trust Tree Planting Programmes

We are hearing increasingly of the environmental benefits of planting hedges and trees (in particular). The PC have recently planted a hedge that was provided as a Community Tree Pack free of charge by the amazing Woodland Trust. We would love it if our residents would also plant hedges and trees in spare spots in their gardens, especially those with larger areas of land. The Woodland Trust outreach team have provided us with the following information:

Brenda Bond, bondb@btinternet.com.
01256 895594



Archer's Christmas Fun

Christmas Fun Shoot and Party We had a great turn out for our annual Christmas fun shoot, shooting at Balloons, Snowmen and all sorts of Christmas targets. The prize for the best Christmas jumper went to Mark Davies; sorry there is no picture as thankfully he removed it fairly quickly as it played havoc with peoples colour vision! The head to head match came down to a family final between Steve & Alex Allam, where Steve just pipped his son to the centre of the gold, whilst onlookers tucked into the Christmas goodies provided by Jo.

External Competitions Peter has been in India with Zito archery representing the club in the sweltering heat (38° inside the clubhouse) . It was certainly a little warmer than back here in Laverstoke. Once again Richard and Jodie were representing the club at a competition in olympic recurve. This time at the National Indoor Championships. Jodie qualified 57th of 78 ladies with a score of 463 and she was shooting in the seniors division despite still being eligible for the under 16s. Richard qualified 19th of 148 men.

Community Tree Packs are intended for small-scale planting by communities and are free; MOREwoods is aimed at larger sites (0.5 hectares or more) and is much more bespoke and flexible – although we can't offer the materials for free they are significantly subsidised.

Through our **Free Community Tree Pack** scheme we offer packs of saplings to schools and community groups looking to plant on public/communal land. If the planting is on private land then there is some leeway, we just need to see a strong level of community involvement in the planting and ongoing access to the land to care for and enjoy the trees. You must have the landowner's permission to plant trees and plans in place for maintenance. The packs come in four 'sizes': urban (15 saplings), small (30 saplings), medium (105 saplings, suitable as hedge or copse) and large (420 saplings, ideal for approximately one acre).

Through the scheme we have two deliveries each year - one in March and the other in November - to coincide with tree planting season over the winter months.

Applications will be open from January 6th 2020, for delivery in November 2020. We can offer a maximum of four different packs up to a total 420 trees. However, if you have space for more planting then you are very welcome to reapply for future tree pack deliveries - every March and November.

MOREwoods: through our MOREwoods scheme we are offering advice and support on woodland creation and we also have a small pot of money available. To apply for [MOREwoods](#) funding you will need to

New Year Warwick & BBQ

14 archers braved the (not very) cold weather on the 28th December for our end of the year Warwick and BBQ. A variety of Warwick rounds were shot, and the results were as follows, ordered by handicap values:

- 1st Steve Baker (22)
- 2nd. Jodie Buckner (33)
- 3rd Rickard Buckner & Steve Allam (36)
- 5th Jo Bevis (42)
- 6th Gary Stephens (45)
- 7th Rob Cornelius (46)
- 8th Nick Taylor (51)
- 9th Mike Bone (59)
- 10th Hannah Baker (66)
- 11th Jason Mitchell (68)
- 12th Gemma Capps (70)
- 13th Dave Maher (79)

If you are interested to learn more about the Black Arrows Archery club visit their [website](#).



Lady Rose Hall Refresh

If you are planning a party this year, don't forget we have a lovely party venue in the parish - Lady Rose Hall. It has just been completely redecorated inside and is looking particularly fresh. Contact

plant on at least 0.5 ha (1.25 acres) of non-wooded land and must be willing to plant between 1000 and 1600 trees per hectare. If your scheme is approved and you are able to plant and maintain the trees yourself, we will contribute 75% towards the cost of the trees and protection. If you would prefer to use a contractor to plant and maintain your woodland we will contribute 60% of the total cost (planting at least 1 ha).

We are taking applications for planting next winter and once an application has been approved we will send out one of our woodland creation advisers to visit the site with you to discuss your plans and determine woodland design and species mix.

For advice on woodland creation please click [here](#).

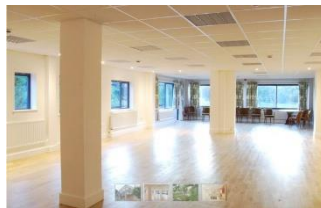
if you have an idea for planting of trees within the parish and wish to discuss it with the PC contact Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14 Jan 2020!
11 Feb
10 Mar



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.

Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com if you would like more information about hall hire

Contacts

[L'stoke and Freefolk Facebook](#)

laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk: Tel.

07725 368012 email:

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

14 Apr

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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To join BootCamp or Yoga contact:

Liam on 07879845037 or liam@complete-performance.co.uk

To book the hall for your party or events see www.ladyrosehall.co.uk or email laverstokeclerk@gmail.com



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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

Bob Hough, PC Chairman: Tel.

07990 570035 email:

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

Newsletter:

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

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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