



Laverstoke and Freefolk New&Views

Newsletter October 2020

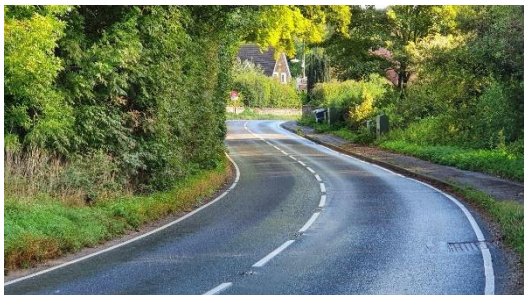
We seem to have said a definitive goodbye to one of the most unusual summers ever! Autumn is roaring in with its beautiful burnished leaves, mellow yellows and rich golds. It's sad that we haven't been able to return to many of our usual activities such as our pensioner's fundraising coffee mornings, bootcamps and children's parties in Lady Rose Hall. We hope that everyone is managing to live with social distancing, handwashing, limits of 6, QR codes, virtual meetings... that are our everyday norm now.

However, some things never change... we will still be running our annual Autumn VILLAGE CLEARUP (with covid-compliant working of course) on Saturday 31st Oct. Meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Quiet Garden, Laverstoke Lane. Please bring any tools for hedge trimming, pruning and raking.

It's also good to see the bin collections back to their normal pattern, let's hope it lasts!

In this newsletter read about the Parish Council's speed reduction initiative. We request as many residents as possible provide their opinion via a survey. It is important we have your views before the next PC meeting on 13th October. For the link and more news read on...

You can find a link to the monthly [Overton News&Views](#) here, a few days after the start of the new month.



Have your say: B3400 30mph speed limit!

Led by Parish Councillor Andrew White, the PC are investigating a reduction of speed limit on the B3400 through the villages. As part of the work, it is really important that we have feedback from residents. To this end please can you complete our survey. It takes just a few minutes and is anonymous. We would like to review the responses at our next PC meeting on Tues 13th October so please complete before then. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to our

SurveyMonkey questionnaire.

(Residents who receive a hardcopy of this newsletter will find it attached.) Many thanks in advance!

Very many thanks also to resident Tom for his help working with Andrew to build the 'case' for a 30mph limit.

If you would like to discuss your views with the PC you can contact us through Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or 07725 368012.



9th Oct Hardy's supporting Macmillan

Here at Hardy's we've noticed a nip in the air and mist across the nursery first thing in the morning! Although we're finding it a little chilly, the soil in autumn is still warm and moist, making it a perfect time for planting. In these conditions, plants have chance to get settled before the cold weather arrives, giving them a head start for spring. We have a selection of spring plants such as Brunnera, Bergenia and Geum, which will all give a fabulous display in spring if planted now.

It is also the ideal time to plant spring flowering bulbs such as crocus, allium and narcissus. Tulip planting is best left until November when the soil is colder, reducing the chance of tulip fire, a fungal disease that can affect tulips. We have a selection of our favourite bulbs available at the nursery, ideal for planting up containers or for your borders.

We would normally be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning around now, but due to the current restrictions this is not possible in our normal format. However, not to be defeated, on Friday 9th October we will be donating 20% of plant sales made on the day to Macmillan Cancer Support. We will also have some



Tennis club welcomes new adults coach

Good news that the tennis club now has a coach available for adult coaching. Mike Aggiss is running beginners, improvers and doubles tactics sessions for members as well as being available for individual coaching. We are hopeful that we have found a junior coach to start next year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more news on this.

The club is also looking into the possibility of having retractable lights which would allow for greater play during the winter. Thanks to residents who met with club representatives and to the Parish Council for their support. The next step is to visit another club with these lights in action to ensure they meet the club's requirements in practice as well as by their description.

Whilst we are back playing tennis, unfortunately current restrictions mean we have decided not to put on any social events at the moment. Social events are

delicious cakes available for donations. We hope you can join us.

And in case you are missing a lovely flower header picture here's Geum Totally Tangerine!



The nursery shop is open throughout October during the week and at weekends 10am – 4pm, where our team are on hand to help.



an important part of the club; however, we need to play our part in stopping the spread of Covid-19. We look forward to recommencing these once we are able to.

In the meantime, members can enjoy tennis with their family or friends, come to club mix-ins on a Saturday between 3-5pm (2-4pm from 31st October) or play arranged tennis on a Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7.00pm (from 6pm from 1st October). Winter matches will also start in October with the club entering two teams in both the Ladies and the Mixed Basingstoke leagues.



Sunny St Nich's Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival took place on Sunday 27th Sep outdoors at St Nicholas Church in the blazing sunshine. How lucky we were with the weather. It was a joyous occasion with a great congregation and an impromptu "Laverstoke and Freefolk

Autumn menu & another award!

As we move into Autumn we have a brand new menu to whet your appetite! Our menu has been carefully designed to have something for everyone, with a Spanish influence, for a bit of a twist. Click [here](#) for more details. Don't forget to book on 01256 892254.

Awards

Last month we announced we had been awarded the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellent and this month we wanted to tell you about another little award we have picked up. Sawdays and the Telegraph have announced we were runners up in the 'Best Newcomer' category of the Best Pub guide. We were selected from over 500 other Inns nationwide and were 1 of only 2 runners up. We really couldn't do this without you and our wonderful staff. Thank you.

COVID-19

Just a quick reminder, we are open as normal but we have a new slightly earlier close of 10 pm. Please can you also wear face masks when moving about inside the pub. We have now moved to 100% table service which is not massively different to before. However, you're no longer able to come up to the bar - but don't worry (!) the staff are fully briefed and will be on hand to replenish all drinks.

Special 15% Discount

Last, but by no means least don't forget **Special 15% off bedrooms, for**

Community Choir" singing the hymns. Needless to say, social distancing and hand sanitising was the order of the day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. So, huge thanks to everyone who not only did the flower arrangements and cleaned the church, but donated all sorts of fruit, veg and groceries. The perishables will go to Kingfisher Day Centre to cook up for their clients, and the groceries will go to Andover Food Bank as will half the collection taken on the day. Thankyou, everyone.

Services in October will take place at St Mary's Church at 10 am on the 4th (Holy Communion), 11th and 25th (both Matins). Please join us.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place via Zoom on Tuesday 20th Oct at 7.30 pm. Anyone on the Church Electoral Roll is entitled to attend the meeting and the first 15 minutes is for parishioners, not on the PCC, to nominate and elect the Churchwarden(s) and enter discussions. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can send you the link.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden on bondb@btinternet.com

Laverstoke and Freefolk friends and family until the end of this year. Just book accommodation from the 1st October 2020 to the 31st December 2020* to get a 15% discount. All rooms include 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.

As always you can follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to find out the latest pub news.

**This offer is not valid on 24th/25th December*



Successful litter pick

Sun 20th Sep saw 10 local litter warriors out along the B3400 and the further reaches of Laverstoke Lane. It was a lovely fine morning for Mike, Phil, Silviu and boys, Brenda, Charlie, Bethan and Jo. Thank you so much for each giving up 2 hours of your time. We collected 10 bags of litter (4 alone from the A303 bridge to the end of the Roundwood wall section.) Sadly we also had to report 4 lots of flytipping, again, mainly in close proximity to the A303. (Ed, makes me wonder if you can search google maps for good tipping spots close to trunk



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13 Oct

10 Nov

08 Dec

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 unable to
interrupt the Council
meeting. Currently
meetings are held online.

roads?!)

Apologies we didn't get a nice group picture as
we were all too busy scattered in different
areas!

LAVERSTOKE & FREEFOLK LOCAL HELPLINE			
Just in case you find yourself in need of a hand we've got a network of friendly Laverstoke and Freefolk volunteers who want to help.			
From picking something up from the shops to walking the dog - just call any one of the below contacts and they will share the request so someone will be able to help you.			
Andy Day	896780	07747 833 620	
Caroline Johnson	893457	07802 254 631	
Charlotte Stewart	896267	07792 208 660	
Clare Charles	n/a	07860 804 654	
El Harvey	n/a	07916 250 802	
Holly & James Bretel	242182	07852 300 249	
Jenny & David Ellis	892895	07845 399 851	
Jim & Lu Marsh	895070	07703 885 432	
Jo Probut	893175	07842 272 379	
Katie Black	895995	07803 046 919	
Luby Hough	242875	07876 685 762	
Lucy Arthur	n/a	07990 563 921	
Michael & Evelyn	893669	07702 592 198	
Nicky & Phil Nicklin	892698	07725 368 012	
Richard Darley	893508	07909 687 231	
Rosy & Rob Hardy	n/a	07949 761 858	
Sarah-Jane Shirreff	896678	07778 509 744	
Suzanne Bailey	n/a	07773 253 305	

Please follow medical guidelines published on www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or call 111

L&F Calling Tree contacts



Contacts

Our Local Day Care Centre:

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

Millennium Green:

landfreefolkmillenniumgreen

To Report problem with roads,



Contacts

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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](#)

Contact

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com if

you would like to join the

meeting. **Note: no**

meeting is held in

August.

footpaths & verge

[Hantsweb](#)

To report trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

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