



Newsletter September 2020

There's a lot of activities to look forward to this month and we're not just talking about the return of the children to school again! The Green week(s) being organised by our neighbouring villages are starting on the 19th and we have our big L&F litter pick on the 20th. Please check out the details on the posters below or the websites as booking is required for those events that are not online.

Whilst the Watership Down Inn have been working hard to keep their visitors safe, they have had some great news from TripAdvisor....

And this coming Thursday 3rd, at 6.30pm, there will be a resident's meeting to discuss flood lighting of the tennis courts. Just turn up. Find more details on this and other news below!

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



Sunday 20 Sept litter pick

As previously reported, we're looking forward to a goodly turnout of volunteer litter pickers for 20th Sept. Charlie Seligman is coordinating and we have bags and litter pickers organised with Basingstoke and Deane.

Our focus will be on the B3400 from our boundary with Wells in the Field to the top of Rotten Hill and Laverstoke Lane from outside the village to the A303 bridge.

The meeting point will be 10 a.m. at the Pavilion. If you cannot make Sunday 20th you are very welcome to go out on Saturday 19th please just let us know which bits you have done.

Please contact Charlie on

CSeligman@savills.com or Nicky on

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com for further info

and to coordinate 'picking' areas or just turn up at the Pavilion on Sunday.



Tennis lights meeting

With the summer now speeding on the nights are starting to close in. The tennis club are looking to extend playing time on the lovely courts here in the village. Those of you who play will know how frustrating it is not to be able to have a game in the winter after work during fine weather. So WTC is actively considering floodlighting and they have had an initial discussion with the PC.

Now residents are invited to a meeting at 6.30 pm on Thursday 3rd at the tennis courts to hear more about the proposal and ask questions.

It is anticipated that 10 lights will be positioned 5 down each side of the long sides around the edge of the 2 courts. They will be fixed to the tennis fence posts. The



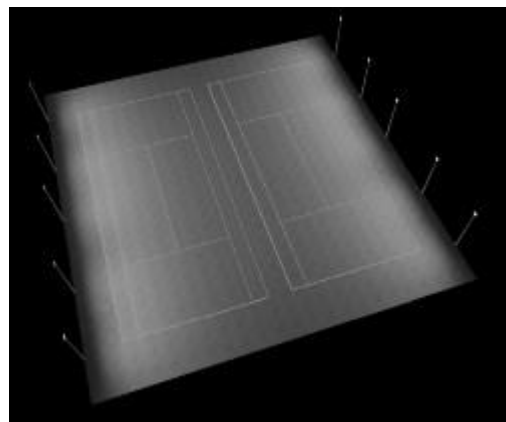
Archers still active

As with a lot of clubs, things have been a little quieter for Overton Black Arrows just recently. However, they continue to shoot at the Laverstoke range, using a booking system to ensure appropriate social distancing. They have also hosted a few evenings at the Warren, their field archery site - this included a 'come and try' 3D session. This was the clubs first try at 3D archery, where the targets are foam shapes in the form of animals, this certainly peeked

picture shows the position of the lights when off. They are wound into position to the very top of the picture for play.

The PC and WTC are very conscious that the lights should be time limited. Matches tend to finish at 9.30pm and it is expected that the lights will be manually switched off after play. There will be an automatic cutoff at 10pm in the case that players forget to switch off manually. The design is such that light spillage around the court should be pretty limited. There is a precedent for lighting here as the original courts had lights years ago - albeit they were coin operated!

A 3D exterior expected illuminance view:



So to have your say, and find out more, see you at 6.30pm, Thurs 3rd Sept at the courts!

the interest of the local sheep!



As the nights are now drawing in the, Overton Black Arrows have been working with their indoor venue to ensure that indoor shooting starts up this week. Again to ensure everyone's safety we are running a booking system. This also means that we are now in a position to be able to safely start offering our beginners courses again.

For more information about the club please see www.overtonblackarrows.org



TripAdvisor excellence award!



Stagecoach 76 & 86 updates

We have some additions to the 76 timetable for next week and more importantly perhaps details of arrangements for next week's B3400 closure just west of Oakley. There's also a note for the 86 from Winchester.

Stagecoach 76 Buses - The 76 timetable is revised to include more early morning departure from Andover but will remain as every 30 minutes between Whitchurch and Basingstoke. The full timetable is available on the [stagecoach website](http://stagecoach.co.uk). The Bus stop timetables and information will be updated as soon as we are able.

May we also remind bus users that face-coverings are mandatory on buses and in Andover Bus Station, (medical exemptions accepted). Please do not dispose of masks on the bus. The current exact fare system remains in place; please use contactless or mobile fare payments whenever possible.

Road-works: Between Wednesday 2nd and Saturday 5th September the B4300 Andover Road is closed just west of Oakley. Buses on the full route from Andover to

Watership Down Inn is proud to announce that we've been awarded the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence 2020. We're doing everything we can to make customers feel safe and welcome at the Watership Down Inn and we would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to leave us a review and for visiting us.

Special 15% off bedrooms – friends and family

Back by popular demand, we're restarting the special friends and family discount for residents of Laverstoke and Freefolk over the winter months. Book accommodation from the 1st October 2020 to the 31st December 2020* 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.

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



Basingstoke will have to run direct to/from Basingstoke from Overton. Buses between Basingstoke and Whitchurch can only run as far as Oakley, then return to Basingstoke. This arrangement does allow an hourly service on both sections between Whitchurch and Basingstoke, except the closed section itself between Overton and Oakley.

Stagecoach service 86 has a revised timetable, including one journey in each direction from Penwood, Newbury and Kingsclere for Peter Symonds College students which replaces service 862.

Nigel, Stagecoach



All abilities Sat tennis

Hope everyone enjoyed seeing the scarecrows around Whitchurch and you spotted some of our tennis stars 😊.

Great news since last month is that we are now able to hold mix in sessions for club members providing covid guidelines are followed. This has enabled us to have a Saturday afternoon session between 3-5pm for any members over the age of 13. All

Invasive species removal

As part of the practical work for the Watercress and Winterbournes project to improve the Upper Test and Itchen, we have made a good start on clearing the Parrot's Feather from the Millennium Green pond. Local volunteers, led by Maggie Shelton, our Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust community coordinator, have had a couple of sessions attacking this invasive non-native plant.

The pond is spring fed and a stream flows out at the Freefolk end. This then runs through the Old Rectory garden and into the Test. This means that weeds have to be removed with extreme care to prevent them escaping downstream! The Parrot's Feather is cleverly brittle and segmented, floating on the surface of the pond. It spreads to form a dense mat that blocks light and takes the space of other naturally occurring species. It basically out-competes our native plants and causes biodiversity issues.

To harvest it we created a barrier around the area. The barrier was constructed of netting with pipe lagging floating on the surface edge and weighted with bags of stones. It was deemed a really good solution, successfully containing fragments arising from our netting and bucketing process. The weed is being dried and then can be used for compost.

We had a very successful couple of outings.

abilities welcome and it's a great opportunity to play and meet other members. Alongside this, Sue, one of our committee members, continues to arrange doubles play on a Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7.00pm. There's lots of play through the week too, as families and friends book the courts, made much simpler by online booking.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to arrange group coaching sessions this summer as Carol, our LTA coach has decided to move on. Our thanks go to Carol for all she has done over the years. We are actively looking for alternative coaching provision. Please get in contact if you are an LTA coach or know one who would be interested in coaching at the club.

We'll continue to keep an eye open for changes in Government guidelines and will open up social events once it is feasible.

For more information about the club, please visit our [website](#), follow us on [Facebook](#) or contact us via Wendy Helsby, Secretary – secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk

Thanks to Ed, David, Phil, Charlie, Steve, Jamie and Nicky for all their wading and clearing. If you would like to be involved it's not too late as we are currently planning a final session. Just let Nicky know on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com.



Harvest Festival 27 Sep

Our first Holy Communion service since lockdown is being held, at St Mary's on Sunday 6th September at 10 am.

We are hoping to celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September at 11.30 am.

This will be outside St Nicholas church to comply with social distancing (weather permitting!), but the church will be open for individuals to enjoy the flowers and donated produce that will be decorating the church. All the fresh produce will go to Kingfisher Day Centre to be used for the meals that are still being provided to the elderly. Our collection that day will be divided between Andover Food Bank and the Churches Conservation Trust.

Please come and join us, and bring a picnic plus your own chair. There may be a glass of Pimms in the offing too! If you have any

SO SUSTAINABLE OVERTON

GREEN WEEK

OVERTON, OAKLEY & WHITCHURCH

JOIN US FOR WORKSHOPS, WALKS, TALKS, AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR VILLAGE
19TH SEPT - 4TH OCT

Meet people from your village and find out more about the green initiatives, discover easy ways to be more sustainable, save money, and preserve our beautiful planet.

SATURDAY 19 SEPT

The Overton Green Fair
 Come along and find out about our new recycling initiative, browse our stalls, and enjoy a tea or coffee and a cake in one of the eco-friendly village cafes. There will be competitions and activities for kids, and ideas on how you can green up your life in easy, economical ways.
 10AM - 3PM OVERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (FREE)

STALLS / GAMES / COMPETITIONS / QUIZZES / FAIRTRADE GOODS / ECO PRODUCTS

Children's Sculpture competition
 Make a sculpture from any type of recycling - plastic, tin, anything that you'd normally throw away. There will be prizes for the winner in each category. Older 6s, under 16s. Bring your sculpture to the waste and recycling stall at the Green Fair by 10.30AM on Saturday 19th September.

Recycling - Grand opening
 We hope to introduce our new recycling point in Overton! Come and find out how we can now recycle much of those plastics that can't be collected in the green bin by taking B&A's to our new, St. Mary's church.
 10AM - 3PM ST MARY'S CHURCH (FREE)

Electric car demo
 Have a look at some electric cars, talk to the owners, and try out an electric scooter or bike.
 10AM - 3PM BRIDGE STREET RECREATION CENTRE (FREE)

Make your own kite
 Join Sue from 1000s to make an eco-friendly kite using recycled plastic bags. Please bring an old supermarket carrier bag if you have one.
 Suggested donation: £1 to go to the Conservation Trust - pay on the door.
 11-12AM ST MARY'S HALL VILLAGE CENTRE (Free, limited places book ahead)

Make your own Beeswax Wrap
 Fun workshop with Alison from Sustainable Overton. £1.50 per wrap. All materials provided.
 2.30 - 3.30PM ST MARY'S HALL (Free, limited places book ahead)

SUNDAY 20 SEPT

Northdown Orchard - Open Day
 We hope to offer guided tours, produce stall, plant sales, herb teas and veg boxes. See the tunnel and field crops including flowering sirups in the tunnels as part of the Organic Research Centre trials to attract beneficial insects.
 Pre-booking only 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Enter northdownorchard.co.uk
 SOUTH LITCHFIELD, N23 3NP

Children's Bug Hunt
 Get close to some interesting insects with Jess and Clare.
 2.30PM LITTLE MEADOW OVERTON - FREE

St. Mary's Church, Overton and Lifford Community Church will have a Creation Care themed Barmen - available online
 All Hallow's Church, Whitechurch Overton will also include a new of the environment theme.

Spaces are limited so please book ahead with Laura the Parish Clerk. Email: laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

Green weeks 19 Sep - 04 Oct

We encourage everyone to join in the activities organised by our neighbouring villages/towns: Overton, Oakley and Whitchurch.

In particular we're looking forward to Katie Black (from Laverstoke) and her Cookery Doodle Doo interactive talk and demo on making the most of food leftovers and avoiding food waste on Tues 22nd at St Mary's Hall Overton 7- 8pm (needs booking ahead).

For more Green Weeks information see [Sustainable Overton website](#) and also [Low Waste Whitchurch website](#)

spare fruit and veg to donate, please let me know and I can collect it, or leave in the church at St Nicholas or in the porch at St Mary's.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden

bondb@btinternet.com or tel: 895594

MONDAY 21 SEPT
Composting workshop
 Join Susan Sheehan to learn all the tips and tricks of garden composting.
 9 - 11PM ST MART'S HALL GARDEN FREE
 Spaces are limited please book ahead

TUESDAY 22 SEPT
Cooking with leftovers workshop
 Interactive talk and demo with Katie of Cookery Doodle Do, sharing ideas about making the most of your leftovers and avoiding food waste. Bring your challenges and questions and she will do her best to find a creative solution. email to advance with challenges.
katie@cookerydoodle.co.uk
 7-8PM ST MART'S HALL OVERTON VILLAGE CENTRE
 Spaces are limited please book ahead

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPT
Bird walk
 See what birds are out and about with Peter Blundell
 8.00PM OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Energy workshop
 Discover ways to save energy and get money off your energy bills. Find out how our thermal imaging cameras work, or switching to a green energy supplier, and what are the benefits of our community energy project.
 7.30 - 8.30PM ST MART'S HALL OVERTON
 Spaces are limited please book ahead

REPAIR CAFE
 If you have items to be repaired, please register with Laura, the Parish Clerk: clerk@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk
 Or just come and have a look!
 10AM - 12PM OVERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE FREE/CASH

Cycle repair demonstration
 We hope to have a demonstration of cycle repairing - see our website for more up to date details.
www.sustainableoverton.org.uk

WHITCHURCH
SUNDAY 27 SEPT AM
 Whitchurch are Whitchurch Litter picking event in Whitchurch
 The litter pick will be organized as separate actions by individuals and family groups who are in the same Covid-19 "bubble" concentrating on locations close to where they live.
On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September, litter-picking sticks and rubbish bags will be handed out, at the Old Rectory Centre, Litter-picking sticks will be issued. Participants would be asked to bring their filled rubbish bags to litter-picking sticks to a collection point at the Old Rectory Centre near park between 12.00 and 14.00

OAKLEY GREEN WEEK
SATURDAY 20th SEPT - 4th OCT
 Get ready by making your windows 'green' with posters, plants and greenery!
 Submit entries for our Competitions: Photography, Art, Poetry or Prose by 14 September

SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 27 SEPT
Pilgrimage to Winchester

MONDAY 26 SEPT - FRIDAY 2 OCT
 A mix of fun, entertaining and engaging nature outdoors
 A variety of Zoom events of interviews and talks on Green Matters, demonstrations, and light-hearted activities

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
Oakley Green Fayre outside on four sites, with a range of 20+ stalls, covering Creativity, Sustainability, Fun and Harmony

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER
Harvest Festival at St Leonard's
 All events are COVID-19 dependent. For more details clerk@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk or contact Linda at www.linda@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

ONLINE RESOURCES
 These brilliant resources have been put together by Low Waste Whitchurch and will be available online from 19th Sept.....
www.sustainableoverton.org.uk
 and on the Facebook page

SATURDAY 19 SEPT
Simple insect hotel activity

SUNDAY 20 SEPT
Online composting tutorial

MONDAY 21 SEPT
Wildflower lawns for bees & butterflies Information, inspiration, & simple activity

TUESDAY 22 SEPT
Local recycling guide and map

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPT
Waterside Hunt the watercourse around the Old Rectory's Field

THURSDAY 24 SEPT
Sewing resources for upcycling clothes next making reusable items

FRIDAY 25 SEPT
Waterside activity along the watercourse a nature walk with egg boxes for Muddy Puddles Club

SUNDAY 20th SEPT 2PM
Green Peace talk about renewable energy and saving energy
Room meeting ID: 448 307 7112
Password: 1111
 Launch Zoom, or follow the link here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4832977112>
 Or: <https://laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk>
 #laverstokeandfreefolk

Baby to Baby All events will follow strict distancing rules. We are offering a limited number of places for our members and their families. We are sorry we cannot offer places for the rest up to date information

www.sustainableoverton.org.uk
www.lowwastewhitchurch.com



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

08 Sep

13 Oct

10 Nov

08 Dec

Laverstoke and Freefolk

PC meetings start at

7.30pm with up to 15 mins

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 Brotel	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 Shireff	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



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[L'stroke and Freefolk Facebook](#)

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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.

Contact laverstokeclerk@gmail.com if

you would like to join the meeting. **Note: no meeting is held in August.**



Contacts

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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