



Newsletter January 2021

Happy New Year everyone! Just having to re-write the newsletter given the announcement of the third 'national lockdown'..... However, with the vaccine in sight and these latest concerted efforts to stay safe, let's hope 2021 is overall a much healthier and happier year than 2020.

And don't forget we still have our L&F Calling Tree in place if you need help with shopping or urgent errands and are shielding or unable to get out and about - see telephone numbers in footer below.

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



Temporary pub closure

Dear Friends

Once again, we have had to temporarily closed our doors. We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you back soon.

We will keep in touch via our social channels ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#))/email and our [website](#) so please do follow us.

Best wishes and stay safe

The Watership Down Inn Team



St Mary's Christmas spirit

The spirit of Christmas was definitely present at our various activities over the two week 'holiday'. The coming together of the community for carol singing on the 20th, a family service on Christmas Eve &



Hardy's hellebores

Happy New Year from Hardy's - can we thank you for all your support in 2020.

Now we would like to look forward to the new growing season. We are open from 4th January 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday. The Hellebores are looking wonderful and the Galanthus (snowdrops) are just starting to pop up. Also, there are plenty of other plants available for winter / spring interest. We have good stock of Melcourt compost for those people starting to think about potting and getting ready for the season of growing.

We look forward to seeing you soon and if you have not signed up to our newsletter then go to the [website](#) or sign up at the shop to be the first to hear about special offers. Happy Gardening!

Rosy, Rob and team

Holy Communion on Christmas Day was a delight to see, particularly in these straitened times. The darkness has not overcome the light in Laverstoke & Freefolk (John 1 : 5).

That said, we have regrettably had to take the decision to cancel Services for January. Whilst Government advice is that they can continue, medical professionals known to the Benefice and the Area Dean have concluded limiting exposure to possible infection must be the right course of action. We will review the matter at the end of the month and in the meantime please 'attend' the on line services at stmarysoverton.org.uk. The Church will of course remain open for private prayer & please contact Brenda or Charlie if you would like to arrange access.

In Lockdown 2 the Archbishops called for a month of prayer & you may find this [link](#) helpful if you are looking for some inspiration. If you can do so safely you might also like to light a candle as night falls and leave it burning where others can see it and know the light continues to burn in our homes and community.

For any further info contact Charlie Seligman on cseligman@savills.com or 07967 555624

The Test Magazine



New year, new coach!

Happy New Year from Whitchurch Tennis Club and we hope you had a lovely Christmas! It was great to get the courts back open in December and though understandable, disappointing that they are now closed again in this National lockdown.

The November lockdown did mean that there was a delay in visiting another club with the lights that we are considering for the courts. Fortunately, this was squeezed in between closures and the lights are indeed suitable for the clubs needs. They will be a great addition to the club to enable play all year round in the evenings. We are in a process of getting a final quote for the installation and hope to progress this at some point in the new year.

We're pleased to announce we shall have a new Head Coach working with us; Josh Gook from JG Tennis. Josh is an LTA accredited Level 4 tennis coach and has a vast experience of delivering a variety of coaching programmes across all

Regular subscribers will know that the first three magazines for this year will be free of charge. Your distributor will be collecting £7 for this year's subscription in March, or April. Please try to have the correct money if you can, or a cheque made payable to Overton Church Council. We would also like your contact details and please complete the form that was in the December issue if you are happy to share them, for collection at the same time. Please let me know if you no longer wish to take the magazine, or would like to subscribe.

A very Happy New Year to you all

Brenda Bond : bondb@btinternet.com / 01256 895594.



Stagecoach bus updates

We seem to be getting pretty regular updates from our contact at Stagecoach buses which we'll continue to post on the [L&F Facebook page](#).

As you may be aware Stagecoach suffered severe staff shortages recently due to covid. The good news is that this week (4 - 9th Jan) they should be back to nearly normal 76 service - hourly from Andover, half-hourly from Whitchurch to

abilities. Josh's first task will be to restart our Junior Coaching which is pencilled in to begin around the beginning of April. More details will follow as we know what we can do and when we can do it. Adult coaching will continue with Mike Aggis once restrictions ease.

We are, of course, still unable to organise any social events for the foreseeable future as we wait for the covid situation to improve. The club is a very social one, so we will look to make up for the lack of events once it is possible to get people together! We hope 2021 will bring some 'normality' at some point and we can once again resume tennis and social activities that are usually available.

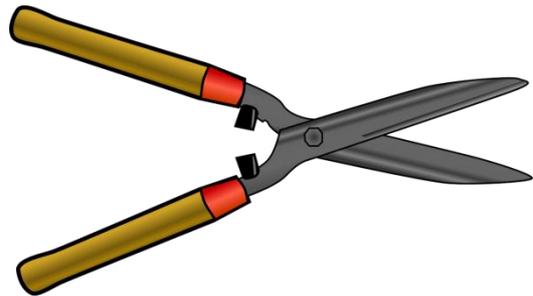
For more information about the club and membership, please visit whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk, follow us on Facebook [#WhitchurchTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/WhitchurchTennisClub) or contact us via Wendy Helsby, Secretary – secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk

We hope to see you on court when we do open again - we're looking forward to burning off those extra calories 😊

Basingstoke.

Please note there are some other reduced Stagecoach timetables due to schools and colleges being closed and restrictions being in place.

The full timetable can be found on the [Stagecoach website](#)



Cutting back vegetation

Please can all residents with vegetation that overhangs the roadsides or street name signs, or the pavement, cut it back. It may be slightly less of an issue currently given no leaves on the deciduous plants but please take the opportunity to cut it back. We have had specific feedback about the Manor Cottages fence bordering the B3400 and the overhanging vegetation at the end of Priory Lane. Thank you!



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

12 Jan

09 Feb

09 Mar

13 Apr

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.

Nicky Nicklin	892698	07725 368 012
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	07375 486 586
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
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

[L'stoke and Freefolk](#)

[Facebook](#)

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Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk:

Tel. 07725 368012 email:

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Bob Hough, PC Chairman:

Tel. 07990 570035 email:

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. 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

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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