



Newsletter November 2020

The Parish Council hopes that everyone is ok at this difficult time as we face a month of national lock down. We wanted to remind you that we have our telephone Calling Tree still set up. If you, or anyone around you, needs the support of our fantastic community the contacts are in the footer of the newsletter. Just ring one of these numbers and they'll help directly or they will post your request onto a bigger list of volunteers on our WhatsApp calling tree group.

We realise that some of our news was received before the recent national news and so please bear in mind some of the activities mentioned may be impacted.

Trying to keep a positive outlook, despite the gloom and indeed mizzly, drizzly weather... have you noticed we have had some amazing evening light that has magnified the natural autumnal colours and brick hues too.

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



Hardys Gardeners!

Hi Everyone, hope that you are well. Hardy's would like to invite you to be the first members of the 'Hardys Gardeners' our new loyalty club for our regular and loyal visitors to the nursery who kept us going once lock-down was lifted in May. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you!

As a member you will receive your own newsletter with special early bird offers, news and tips from the nursery with a focus on enjoyable and productive gardening in this rather special area of Hampshire. If you would like to join the club, please send an email to info@hardysplants.co.uk with the title 'Hardys Gardeners Newsletter' and we will send you an email link to sign up.

On a festive note after lots of enquiries



Mayor to lead online Remembrance

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in late March, it has been a different time for us all and we have all adapted to the new ways of living and working to prevent the spread of the virus and protect residents.

The Mayoral Office has been closely monitoring the latest developments and we shall be commemorating Remembrance 2020 virtually. It is important that we remember the sacrifices of those who fought so bravely during past conflicts for the freedom we enjoy today. We are therefore inviting all residents to join the Mayor Cllr Diane Taylor online via Facebook and Twitter on Remembrance Sunday (8 November) and Remembrance Day (Wednesday 11 November).

The Royal British Legion has worked harder than ever during these unprecedented COVID times to support members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. There are many ways in which you can support the Poppy

we are exploring ways in which we can hold our popular Christmas wreath making workshops online, using kits supplied by the nursery. If you are interested please do drop us an email or phone and we can add you to the early bird reserve list. We also hope to be making Christmas wreaths to order, which will be available to buy via the website for collection from the nursery shop. More details on all wreaths to be released on the website and social media.

Lastly, as the nights draw in, a quick reminder that from the start of November the Nursery's Winter opening hours will be 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday only. (Please use our normal entrance.)

We still have lots of fabulous plants that are just coming into flower that would make the perfect present or addition to a shadier part of the garden: -

Hellebores in a wide range of flower colours from whites and creams to reds and deep purples. These will bloom from deep winter into spring, some even flowering in early December making them ideal for an unusual Christmas decoration or table centre.

Epimediums - dainty evergreen to semi-evergreen foliage with delicate flowers in shades of white, yellows, oranges and reds from January to March. Very attractive but effective groundcover too.
Rosy and Rob Hardy

Appeal, from buying a poppy/cross in your local supermarket making donations online <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppies-by-donation> to doing your own fundraising with family and friends.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn
At the going down of the sun, and in
the morning
We will remember them**



Good Food award

As we move into another temporary period of lockdown and we sadly close our doors once again, we have some ales on tap that we are selling before we close our doors. Only £3 per pint before close of business Wed 4th Nov 2020 or the barrels run out.

We've won!

A few months ago, we asked our guests to vote for us in the Good Food Awards



Police 'Beat Surgery'

PCSO Andy Jones will be in Overton High street on the 25th November between 12pm & 2pm. Feel free to come and have a social distancing chat.



First 3D field champs

On the 6th September, Hampshire Archery Association (HAA) held the county's first 3D field archery championships. It was hosted by Overton Black Arrows at their field archery range in Kingsclere. 3D field archery involves shooting a course of 24 animal targets, at unmarked (unknown) distances between 5 - 30/45m, depending on bow style. Archers move around the course in groups of 4, rather like golf, shooting 2 arrows at each target and then moving onto the next one.

for Gastro Pubs and we're proud to announce – we've won! In a challenging year, these are the boosts we all need, and we wanted to thank you for continuing to support us. To celebrate we wanted to offer you a special B&B winter offer. Book and stay in any of our bedrooms for 2 midweek nights before the 27th March 2021 and receive the 2nd night at 50% discount. To get your discount just enter the promotion code 'winter' when you book online, and your discount will be applied when you are placing your booking. ([*For full T's and C's click here](#)). This promotion above doesn't apply to the Christmas period but if you have family/friends visiting that need accommodation we do have rooms (room only) available, just email the team on enquiries@watershipdowninn.com for details.

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

Planning for this event started in November 2019, but was put on hold due to the pandemic, not least because an order was placed for new targets from a company in Italy, just before the start of the lockdown. HAA received the targets at the end of July and the event was scheduled for September!

31 Hampshire archers and 28 from other counties entered, shooting under the current Archery GB social distancing rules. The weather was fantastic – a bit of cloud, but plenty of sunshine making it hard work on what is a very steep and hilly course.

Hampshire Archers took first place overall in 12 of the 20 categories, with some good scores. More than 10 county records will be claimed as a result. Full results can be found on the [website](#).

The Autumn beginners course went ahead and has now finished, 11 people attended and all passed the course, we even had 6 achieving their White Arrow awards.

Sadly, despite the red flag flying there have been people walking across the archery range recently, claiming to have right of way due to a footpath (which doesn't exist)! Unfortunately the archers have also had an incident of vandalism, where someone has tried to burn a hole



Tennis times

Our Tuesday and Thursday evening arranged doubles will pause until there is enough light. We hope this will be before the spring, if retractable lights are possible. We will be visiting another club with these lights to play under them to confirm they are suitable for the club.

Winter league matches have started with two mixed and two ladies' teams entered. The first match was a Mixed B match against Riseley. They fielded a strong team and following some competitive sets, Riseley won the match. Our Ladies A team was promoted this season. On Sunday 18th October, they played in the morning against Andover, who fielded a strong team and won the overall match. The Ladies B team then played in the afternoon with Hartley Witney, against whom they won convincingly.

We are, unfortunately, unable to organise any social events at the moment as we wait for the covid situation to improve. The club is a very social club,

in the hand gel dispenser.

so we will look to make up for the lack of events this year once it is possible to get people together.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

10 Nov

08 Dec

12 Jan

09 Feb

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.

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	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
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:



Contacts

[L'stokes and Freefolk Facebook](#)

laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

Nicky Nicklin, Parish Clerk:

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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](#)

Currently meetings are held online. Contact laverstokeclerk@gmail.com if you would like to join the meeting. **Note: no meeting is held in August.**

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

To Report problem with roads, footpaths & verge
[Hantsweb](#)

To report trees on roads:
0300 555 1388

[Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

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