



Newsletter Aug 2021

Happy summer holidays all! We hope you are able to take some time off, either at home or away, in this final month of the summer.

Towards the end of August residents living within the conservation area will be sent some consultation information from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council on the re-appraisal of the conservation area. More detailed information will also follow in the next newsletter about the consultation and how to comment.

We have noticed some grass cuttings being thrown into the roadside hedge on Laverstoke Lane bordering the Millennium Green. Please can you compost your own garden waste or dispose of it through the [Basingstoke & Deane garden waste programme](#).

There will be a PC meeting on Tues 17th August at 7.30pm in Lady Rose Hall. This is an extraordinary meeting as the council usually breaks in August. There are planning items to discuss and the agenda will be posted on the PC noticeboards and [website](#) next week.

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.



Ride & Stride for historic churches

This year's Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 11th September. It fundraises for the Hampshire & Island Historic Churches - which includes the churches in Freefolk.

As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 11 September 2021 between as many churches as you wish, can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnborough. As there are over 400 due to be open you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments (including our St Mary's), some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome history and heritage of the church.

You may not be a regular church goer but these buildings are some of the most historic in our village. You may wish to use them in the future as venues for family weddings and christenings. Their upkeep is a community responsibility.

For sponsorship forms contact Lucinda Crosthwaite on 0794 1100186. And even if you only have a few minutes on Saturday pop down to St Mary's to hear about the history of the place, and make a donation if you can.



Unique walk opportunity

Are you looking for a unique walk over the next few days? Well you have the opportunity as part of the Watercress & Winterbournes Test and Itchen rivers project. Open Chalk Streams is like Open Gardens but you get to see bits of our lovely chalk rivers that you can't normally access. Here are the venues and how to book:

- Andover - 6 / 13 / 20 / 27 August, 11.00-15.00
A celebration of Andover's Four Fun Fridays! Get a close look at the Upper Anton's wildlife with our water trays and make your own model animals. No booking required. [Learn more](#)
- Hurstbourne Priors - 9 August, 10.00-12.00 / 13.00-15.00
A guided walk along a hidden stretch of chalk stream that meanders through a valley floodplain. This peaceful private fishing beat is only lightly managed, and is a great place to spot insects, birds, and the iconic brown trout. [Book your place](#)
- Amport - 10 August, 10.00-12.00 / 13.00-15.00
A guided walk around Amport Trout Fishery's

Dinosaurs return!

Don't Panic!! If you see a Stegosaurus or a Velociraptor roaming our field then its just Steggie and Vernon our foam dinosaurs. They are the latest additions to our collection and enabled us to run the Southern Counties and Hampshire Field Championships in July! It was a great weekend of Archery with 65 competitors per day shooting. OvBA archers did very well with Richard Buckner, Hannah Callier, Steve Allam, Mike Bone, Bill Jones, Oliver and Finlay Hicks winning medals.

Life at Laverstoke remains busy with archers returning to shooting and a steady increase in use of the range. We are always looking at ways to improve the club and have been asked to review our disabled access and range availability particularly in Spring and Autumn. No decisions or plans have been made or submitted as yet on any of these and we will request advice from the Parish Council before we do. If you have any questions about the club then please email secretary@overtonblackarrows.org



The Watership is hiring!

We're hiring. We're looking for confident, enthusiastic, and hardworking members to join our busy front of house team. Roles will include split shifts and some weekends. If you're interested or know someone that would be, please drop us an email enquiries@watershipdowninn.com.

To our Summer menu we have added some new and

peaceful fishing lake, stretch of chalk stream, and interesting heritage features. Learn how the groundwater-fed lake is managed, and about the flowers, invertebrates, and micro-habitats found along the stream. [Book your place](#)

- Cheriton - 12 August, 10.00-12.00 / 13.00-15.00
A guided walk through a private fishing beat at Cheriton Mill. Hear about the site's heritage features, water meadows, and ancient watercress beds. Look for brown trout and insect life, or use our spotter guides to identify flowers. [Book your place](#)
- Alresford - 14 August, 10.00-12.00 / 13.00-15.00
A guided walk alongside historic watercress beds. Hear about the resident wildlife, marvel at the range of plant life, and peek at the old mill race behind the family home. [Book your place](#)
- Whitchurch - 17 August, 11.00-12.20 / 13.00-14.20
A guided walk along a private fishing beat at Bere Mill, with a chance to see brown trout and freshwater insects. Hear about the site's wildlife, habitats, and heritage, as well as how it's managed for fishing. [Book your place](#)

exciting dishes, if you haven't tried them, you should! For a full copy of our menu just visit our [website](#). Don't forget to book.

As always keep in touch via our social channels, email or website ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or join our [email updates](#)).

Best Wishes
The Watership Down Inn Team



Hampshire waste projects

The Parish Council has received details of up to £5000 funding available for projects which help to reduce household waste in Hampshire, encourage community cohesion and support the local economy.

As well as supporting the start-up of innovative waste prevention projects, this year the Council is particularly looking to fund projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area, proven to work elsewhere to help build a network of waste prevention services across Hampshire, helping residents to reduce their waste as well as potentially saving them money.

These could include:

- Initiatives which encourage reusable items, for example, reusable nappy libraries
- Community composting schemes
- Community food sharing projects, predominately using food from households
- Repair Cafes
- Educational activities on home management, such



Strawberry Sunday

Our Strawberry Sunday event took place on the middle Sunday of Wimbledon. It was great to see so many members as well as some non-members coming to find out more about the club. There were a number of juniors who played on our junior court as well as playing doubles on the main court. Lots of strawberries were enjoyed by all.

The friendly leagues are underway with several competitive matches taking place in the mixed and the ladies doubles sections. There are also friendly leagues for the men's doubles and ladies' singles, with matches getting underway or continuing over the summer. The leagues are a great opportunity to meet others within the club and play a match. In the external summer leagues, our teams are doing well. The Ladies B team in particular has been on fire, winning their last two matches 8-0.

Laverstoke Lane residents please bear with us as we shall be experimenting again with the tennis court lights over the coming week, weather permitting. Cowls are being fitted to ensure an optimal set up without glare on the lane or Batts

as cooking, food preparation and storage, and clothing repair.

- Rental and sharing schemes, for example baby equipment hire, toy libraries and 'Libraries of Things'
- Second hand school uniform services

Previously, the grant fund has supported 52 projects which were as varied as a toy library, composting courses, community events to reduce single use plastic, cookery sessions, community composting, swap events and a click and collect refill service.

Find out more about some of the successful projects funded through the first round of the grant fund:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7q52z5Kwa0&feature=youtu.be
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii66c_qu70U
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELmq5W4EvZU&feature=youtu.be

The Parish Council has been considering community composting but would be interested in any other ideas you may have. Let us know if you have a spark of inspiration or would be prepared to volunteer to help get something off the ground. Contact Nicky before 23rd August on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com with your ideas.

Meadow. A planning application is in the process of being made.

Junior coaching lessons will pause over the summer holidays and then continue to run Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, starting from Thursday 9th September. To book for September [click here](#).

During the summer holidays, JG Tennis will be running Holiday Camps at the club. Taking place in the weeks commencing the 2nd and 9th August, between 9am-12noon every day, there are discounts for the full week and for members of the club. The camps will focus on tennis with some other sports / team games as well. Lots of fun to be had. To book please [click here](#)

Lastly, but by no means least, the club has a very active social side. Covid has meant that it's not been possible to arrange social events in recent times, however, with the easing of restrictions, we hope to be able to arrange something for September. More details to follow.

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

Hope to see you on court soon.



Back in St Nicholas

On Sunday we were able to hold our first service in St Nicholas Church since the Covid siege. This lovely little church has an atmosphere all of its own and we are so lucky to have it in our parish. Our Communion service was taken by Amy Roche who is our newish curate. We will have one more service here on 5th September 2021.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 26th September at 5 pm – a date for the diary. Traditionally we decorate St Mary's with flowers and produce, all of which is donated to Andover Food Bank or Kingfisher Day Centre. After the service we come together and enjoy Pimms and canapes. Hopefully, we can celebrate Harvest



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

14 Sep
12 Oct
09 Nov
14 Dec

Laverstoke and Freefolk PC meetings take place in Lady Rose Hall starting 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.



L&F Contacts

[L&Freefolk Facebook](#)
laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk

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laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

Lady Rose Hall:

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line: 01256 890078
(& to alert BS 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](#)

in this way this year if a further lockdown does not rear its ugly head. Everyone is very welcome.
Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



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Note: no meeting is held in August.

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 with someone who will be able to help you.

Nicky Nicklin	892698	07725 368 01
Caroline Johnson	893457	07802 254 63
Charlotte Stewart	896267	07792 208 66
Clare Charles	n/a	07860 804 65
El Harvey	n/a	07916 250 80
Holly & James Bretel	242182	07852 300 24
Jenny & David Ellis	892895	07845 399 85
Jim & Lu Marsh	895070	07703 885 43
Jo Probut	893175	07375 486 58
Katie Black	895995	07803 046 91
Luby Hough	242875	07876 685 76
Lucy Arthur	n/a	07990 563 92
Michael & Evelyn Smith	893669	07702 592 19
Richard Darley	893508	07909 687 23
Rosy & Rob Hardy	n/a	07949 761 85
Suzanne Bailey	n/a	07773 253 30

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

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

L&F Calling Tree Contacts

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