



## October 2021

Although we have passed the autumn equinox and air temperatures are cooling it remains a great time of year for the outdoors, tidying and planting, sports activities and of course pub autumn treats. The PC is also looking forward to planting some cherry blossom trees from a donation it had for covid - we thought it would be a fitting memorial and marker of hope for better times after the past challenging couple of years.

Parish Council meeting dates have changed! We have moved to the first Tues of each month as we previously clashed with Overton PC. Please note **the next L&F meeting is Tues 5th October**. Members of the public are welcome to come along to talk in the first 15 minutes which is dedicated to public time. Or you can just sit in on the council meeting and find out more about what is happening in the community.

Thanks to all those residents who dropped into Lady Rose Hall for our Conservation Area open morning last month. Also to everyone who completed the public consultation survey giving feedback on the draft Supplementary Planning Document and changes being made to the conservation area boundary.

Quick plea for, and by, Marsden Court residents, can you please ensure that where you park in tandem you are not infringing the central unallocated 'public' part of your car park. Also, please ensure your vegetation doesn't impede the footpath. Thank you.

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.



## Food shortages....lack of drivers...fuel crisis...

This is a perfect time to support local business. We have a huge range of local suppliers and businesses in the area from the Village Bakery, Harroway Organic, Bourne Valley PYO to name but a few and don't forget our amazing local pubs and restaurants. We all rely on your support, not just in times of crisis...but all the time.

Here at Bere Mill we always have a huge range of home-grown and locally sourced meat at our shop open on Friday and Saturday and we also still offer free local delivery. Beat the queues, save fuel and support local. It just makes sense!

After another year of uncertainty behind us, we are really looking forward to the festive season here at Bere Mill. We are, once again, going to go the whole hog...and Turkey! Let's make it a Christmas to



## Hardy's Autumn hours

Autumn is here and so our nursery shop opening hours have changed.

From 1st October: Tuesday – Saturday  
10am - 4pm. (Closed Sunday & Monday)

1st November to 28th February: Tuesday –  
Friday 10am - 3pm.

We'll be closed over the Christmas & New Year period.

Thanks to everyone who joined us here on 24 September. We raised £481.60 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Special thanks to the lovely team of volunteers and the staff who made cakes and joined us to serve teas and coffees.



remember!

The feedback we received about Walter's Turkeys was incredible last year so again, we will be offering a range of options from Walter's this year including free range and organic whole turkeys, crowns and breast roasts.

Our Christmas range will also extend to our own home grown beef and lamb and our popular festive range including pigs in blankets and our own seasonal pork stuffing will also be available.

We have already had a number of enquiries as to when orders will be taken. We will be starting from the first week in November either online via our website, or using the order forms which will be available from the shop. We will let you know via another newsletter and social media as soon as orders are being taken!

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Now is the time to plant those bulbs to give you a wonderful display of colour in Spring. We have various crocus, tulips and narcissus for sale here which will brighten up any border.



## Archery tidy up

Since the Olympics we have seen a rise in interest in archery and more events are available to watch on youtube and other channels. It was great to see archers who have visited us at our field range taking part and winning medals in the European field archery and 3D events in Croatia and Slovenia as well as shooting at the Olympics!

At our Laverstoke range 20 new archers have begun their archery journey and their four week course ends in October. Its been great to see new archers both young and old take up the sport and we hope they will continue.

On the 17th September we spent the morning at the range tidying up the site including hedge trimming and other tasks. (Ed - thanks archers, it's looking super tidy.)

Congratulations must go to Richard



## Ride & Stride success for historic churches

Our **Harvest Festival** service in St Mary's was a great way to celebrate and give thanks for the bounty we are lucky to have available to us. The church looked wonderful and we were able to enjoy Pimms and canapes outside as the sun was setting. Many thanks to the flower arrangers and those who donated fruit and vegetables which were given to Kingfisher Day Centre for their lunch club. There was a distinct dearth of apples this year thanks to the weather vagaries in Spring, so not too many apple crumbles in the offing. We also had the pleasure of Overton Church Choir leading our hymn singing. Our service collection and any non-perishable goods will go to Andover Food Bank.

**Ride and Stride**, the annual big fund-raiser for the Historic Churches Trust which helped us very generously towards our spire repairs, took place on a lovely sunny day. It was great to welcome some on horse-back as well as the usual bike riders. Thank you, Lucinda, for organising the refreshments which were enjoyed by all the

Buckner who shot well in the Hampshire Outdoor target championships in Southampton.

If you are interested in the club or would like more details on the sport have a look at [www.overtonblackarrows.org](http://www.overtonblackarrows.org) or [message us](#) for more details.



## Return to tennis socials

We were really pleased last month to start our social events again. This kicked off with friendly tennis and a BBQ. Blessed with lovely weather, it was great to catch up with tennis and social members. Next up is the Progressive Dinner on 30th October 2021. More details have been sent to members and please get in contact if you are interested in taking part.

### Membership

As we head into the autumn /winter season,

participants.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden,

[bondb@btinternet.com](mailto:bondb@btinternet.com)



## Autumn treat at pub

We have a delicious Autumn menu for you, plus some fabulous specials! If you fancy joining us for a meal, just give us a call on 01256 892254, or drop us an email [enquiries@watershipdowninn.com](mailto:enquiries@watershipdowninn.com).

We are open every day for lunch and Monday to Saturday for supper. The autumn menu is proving to be extremely popular, and our homemade desserts are real stars.

Don't forget to book and see you soon.

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

our membership prices reduce to half price. This provides an opportunity to try the club out and meet other members, with individual membership reducing to £30 until the end of March 2022.

## Coaching

Holiday camps are back at October half term, running in the mornings for children age 4-8 years and age 9-15 years. For more information and to book, please go to [Whitchurch Tennis Coaching camps](#).

If Emma Raducanu's US Open journey has inspired your children to pick up a racket, regular junior coaching takes place on Thursdays after school and Saturday mornings during term time. Places can be booked at [Whitchurch Tennis Coaching](#)

And for the adults returning to tennis or starting, the Rusty Racquets course (Tennis Xpress) runs on Thursdays between 11.30am-12.30pm and Saturdays 11-12noon. These courses are open to members and non-members. For more information and to book, go to [Whitchurch Adult Tennis Coaching](#)

## Lights

We continue to look to work with the parish council about the use of the lights. We appreciate the patience of both the residents and members during this process.

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](mailto:secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)



## PC Meetings

Note the PC meeting has moved to 1st Tues of month. Next meeting dates -:

- 5 Oct
- 2 Nov
- 7 Dec
- 4 Jan

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



## L&F Contacts

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

### Newsletter:

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### Lady Rose Hall:

[www.ladyrosehall.co.uk](http://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](#)

[Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

### Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for](#)

[Elderly](#) or

[kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com)



## Parish Council:

**Clerk - Nicky Nicklin (07725 368012) or**  
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public time parishioners  
are unable to interrupt  
the Council meeting.

**Note: no meeting is  
held in August.**

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### LAVERSTOKE & FREEFOLK LOCAL HELPLINE

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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 Smith	893669	07702 592 198
Richard Darley	893508	07909 687 231
Rosy & Rob Hardy	n/a	07949 761 858
Suzanne Bailey	n/a	07773 253 305

Please follow medical guidelines published on [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19) or call 111

## L&F Calling Tree Contacts

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**Our mailing address is:**

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**Millennium Green:**

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](http://landfreefolkmillenniumgreen)

**To Report problem with  
roads, footpaths & verge**

[Hantsweb](http://Hantsweb)

**To report trees on roads:**

0300 555 1388

## County

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