



September 2022

September marks the end of the long school summer holidays and of course the start of Autumn. Let's hope we have a good balance of weather to ensure our water supply and chalk aquifer are refilled and it remains warm for a while longer so we can continue to enjoy this lovely outdoorsy weather! Have you seen the amazing blackberries this year?

In this month's news we have a vacancy coming up on the Parish Council, the tennis club are presenting at the 6 Sept PC meeting, the Millennium Green quiz date is revealed, a boxing class in Lady Rose Hall presents a new fitness opportunity for the ladies in the parish and there's lots more...

Whilst writing, one of our residents reminded us at the last PC meeting that the Council Tax Energy Rebate for households in bands A-D has finished but there is a discretionary rebate open until 30 September for households in bands E to H who meet certain eligibility criteria. To see if you meet the criteria follow this link on [B&D Council's website](#) or call the council on 01256 844844.

And don't forget 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.

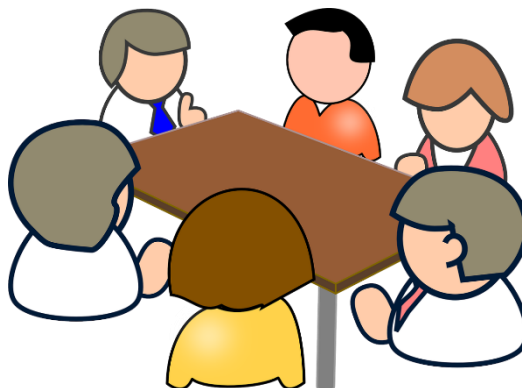


Notice of vacancy on Parish Council

The Parish council are looking for a new Council member following the resignation of James Bretel. Are you looking to get more involved in your local community? This could be your opportunity. We would particularly like to hear from anyone in the Freefolk area of the community.

A formal notification of vacancy has been sent to B&D borough council and can be seen in the opposite column below. If no more than 10 people come forward within 14 days (which would mean an election is called) then the PC can co-opt.

You don't need any particular skill other than a can do attitude, constructive ideas and willingness to get stuck in. You do need to attend monthly PC meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Lady Rose Hall from 19.30 - 21.30. You have to be a British subject or eligible Commonwealth citizen over 18 years of age and live in (or within 3 miles of) the parish or work in the parish.



Lighting update

As you may be aware the retrospective planning application for tennis lights at Laverstoke, reference 21/02621/RET, was refused by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council's planning committee on 10 August.

The tennis club are presenting at the next PC meeting on 6 Sep at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall. You are welcome to come along and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions.



Start swotting!

The not to be missed village quiz, raising money for the Millennium Green, will be on Saturday 12 Nov. Start swotting up now and get the date in your diary. Exact time tbc but

For a full list of the eligibility criteria see the [B&D website](#)

We should like to thank James for being such a great team member for more than 5 years. He joined not long after moving into the area and was a real asset with his knowledge of buildings, regulatory matters and planning. We shall miss his public speaking and practical skills too. We wish him and Holly well and look forward to seeing more Bretels playing in the park next year!



Ladies boxing in LRH

Fancy getting fit and learning to box at the same time? There is a beginners 4 week boxing & fitness course starting in September for ladies at Lady Rose Hall on a Monday evening from 18.45-19.45. If you fancy toning up, building confidence, relieving stress, strengthening your body and generally having fun with like-minded ladies this could be the class for you!

Instructor Brandon Elliott says 'We are all about maximising the benefits of exercising

expect it will be 19.30 for 20.00 start.

The Millennium Green encompasses the Millennium field, Quiet Garden, wood, pond and path around the archery area. It is in trust for the parish to enjoy but we need to ensure we all support it to maintain it. You can provide a regular donation via our [CAF fundraising link](#). It is also very easy to fundraise when shopping (!) online through this [easyfundraising link](#) and also if shopping through Amazon using the [Amazon Smile](#) option.

Thanks so much !

Clare Albert, Millennium Green team member.



St Nicholas news

Our last Communion service of the year at St Nicholas church will be on Sunday 4 September at 09.00.

We also hope to hold Harvest Festival at St Nicholas on Sunday 25 September at 17.00, weather permitting. Pimms and canapes will be served after the service, so please do come. After such a difficult year for all growers, it is fitting that we celebrate what we have. Monetary and non-perishable gifts will be donated to Andover

while having a great time. You will laugh, you will sweat and you will make progress.' Our 4 week beginners course includes:

- Weekly training sessions with a professional Boxing instructor
- Your own pair of boxing gloves
- A certificate awarded upon completion of the course
- Fun, rewarding sessions that are inclusive and suitable for all fitness levels and abilities

To book your place starting next week contact Brandon on 07402366067 or message via the [Omega Boxing facebook page](#)

"Absolutely love the classes! I've learnt so much and the support from our instructor is fantastic, I leave each class feeling motivated and eager to learn more! Thank you so much" Charlotte.



Butterfly hunt fun

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came up here to see us at Hardy's and took part in the Butterfly hunt. We hope you had fun finding all 10 of

Food Bank. Fresh fruit and vegetables will go to Kingfisher Day Centre. Any donations of any sort are gratefully received.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden.



Tennis fun leagues

With the beautiful weather, we've had lots of play over the summer. Our ladies, men's and mixed pairs fun leagues are in full swing, providing great enjoyment and opportunities to meet others in the club. We have also been playing other clubs and have welcomed our first Ukrainian members to the club.

Coaching: New to tennis or wanting to improve your shots? For members and non-members, a Tennis Xpress course starts on Saturday 10 Sept. Go to [adult coaching](#) for more info and to book. Junior coaching also returns from Thursday 8 Sept with courses for 4-8-year olds on Thurs

them. We certainly enjoyed watching/helping everyone tracking all of them down and completing the anagram. With a prize at the end there were a lot of happy faces.

I know it's not Autumn yet, but our next fun activity for children is planting a pot of daffodils during half term. If they look after them through the Winter they will be rewarded with a lovely bunch of flowers in the Spring!



48 archery newcomers

It's been a great month for the archers at Laverstoke. A few of us travelled to Portsmouth for the Hampshire 3D Championships and came away with Steve Allam, Lauren Coleman, Charlie Crane and Rob Aldridge all claiming individual medals and Lauren as part of the Hampshire team winning against a team from Surrey, so well done archers. We also had three archers compete in the Archery GB Masters event for over 50s and although no medals were won all three shot well with the OvBA team 3rd overall. We also ran four "Have a Go" sessions during August with our club chairman Peter Turner and club member

after school and Sat mornings and courses for 8-11-year olds on Sat mornings. For more information and to book, go to [Clubspark](#)

Membership: Membership has been discounted for a 3rd year with adults only £68 until 31 March 2023 and £10 for Juniors/ those in full time education. Membership forms can be found at our [website](#). We are an inclusive club and if you are interested in playing but financial circumstances are a barrier, get in contact as we can consider funding towards membership. Contact secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk if you wish to apply.

Members diary dates: Walk and pub lunch on 16 Oct & Progressive Dinner on 29 Oct. For more information visit www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk, follow us on [Facebook](#) or contact us via Wendy Helsby, Secretary – secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk.

Mike Humphries managing the events. We had 48 adults and juniors come along to try the sport for the first time! Our next beginners course is in October which is currently full. If you are interested in knowing more about us or have a question about Archery please have a look at the Overtonblackarrows website.



Watercress & Winterbournes grants

Keen to take action for our local chalk streams, but need help to make your idea a reality? The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is offering up to £5k funding for community-led projects that protect, enhance, or celebrate the Upper Test. Your project must support one of two aims - improve the condition of locally important chalk stream habitats (or associated built heritage) or enable people to explore, enjoy and learn about the streams' natural and cultural heritage. The proposed activities should be accessible to/beneficial for, the wider public.

We'd love to hear from PCs, schools, charities, or Community Interest Companies. Voluntary and community

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SATURDAY 10 SEPT. 2022

Over 400 churches & chapels in Hampshire & the Isle of Wight will be open.

- Have a family fun day out and discover the beautiful churches and chapels on your doorstep, by taking part in a sponsored cycle or walk.
- Enjoy a warm welcome along the way!
- Help to preserve our churches for future generations.

join us

Sponsor forms and more information are available from:

HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLES HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
or contact the County Coordinator Team at rideandstride@hthct.org.uk

find out more at **www.hthct.org.uk**

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that James Bretel formerly a member of the Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council has ceased to be a member thereof and that a casual vacancy exists in the office of councillor for the Parish.

If, within 14 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) after the date of this notice, a request for election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the RETURNING OFFICER of the BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire by ten electors for the Parish an election will be held to fill the said vacancy; otherwise the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council by co-option.

DATED this 1st day of September 2022

(Signed)

Clerk to the Parish Council

groups are also welcome, provided you're constituted and have your own bank account.

The deadline for the next round of funding is Mon 3 Oct but express your interest asap. For more info and eligibility criteria see winterbournes/communitygrants. You can also contact us at winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk.

Flashetts footpath closure for 3 weeks from 6 Sept - The popular walking route at Flashetts, Overton is experiencing significant bank erosion, threatening adjacent chalk stream wildlife and leaving nearby trees at risk of falling. The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is working with local landowners to tackle the problem. Thinning trees, installing wood berms, and bolstering the access point near Station Road will decrease future erosion and support amazing animals like dragonflies, brown trout, kingfishers, and water voles. If you have any queries, please email winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk.



Parish Council

PC Meetings



L&F Contacts



Parish Council:

Clerk - Nicky Nicklin (07725 368012)

or

ALSO...

Defibrillator - we are sorry for those of you living opposite the pavilion that the alarm went off one evening in July and took a while to sort. In case of need ring 999 to get the access code to open the external case.

Salt Bin - In case you were wondering... the salt bin that was knocked into at the end of Laverstoke Lane is being replaced by Hampshire County Council.

Overhanging hedges - please keep hedges and plants from blocking pavements! There are some particularly bad spots such as close to Bombay Sapphire car park. We don't want people having to divert onto the roads. Thank you.

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

6 Sep
4 Oct
1 Nov
6 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.

Note: no meeting is held in August unless a planning or other time-dependent matter arises.

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

Newsletter:

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](#)

Our church:

[St Marys Laverstoke](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for](#)

[Elderly](#) or

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

**To Report problems with:
roads, footpaths & verge**

[Hantsweb](#)

trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

water:

[Southern Water](#)

laverstokeclerk@gmail.com

Parish Councillors:

David Ellis, Chairman

Jo Probut, Deputy Chairman

Andrew White

Diccon Harvey

Julia Chedghey

Jayne Hudson

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County Councillor:

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 **Basingstoke and Deane**

Notice Your Neighbourhood

If you spot an issue, please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

What can I report?

You can report the following to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report or call 01256 844844

- Graffiti
- Discarded needles
- Fly-tipping
- Litter
- Broken glass
- Dog fouling
- Overflowing bins
- Abandoned vehicles
- Overhanging vegetation and hedges
- Damaged equipment in parks and open spaces
- Grass cutting
- Leaf clearing



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 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 or call 111

L&F Calling Tree Contacts

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