



April 2023

What a beautiful sight up at Bere Mill. The National garden Scheme open day on March 27 must have been wonderful if the drive full of daffodils are anything to go by!

In this edition we focus on the Coronation - please take a peek at what we are planning and save the date - Sunday 7 May. Everyone welcome!. The Kingfisher Day Centre are also celebrating the Coronation with a 'do' on Friday 5 May so there's going to be plenty for you to get involved in locally!

Every 4 years the Parish Council stands for election. We have now received the official notification of the election of 7 Parish Councillors for Laverstoke and Freefolk. The instructions for anyone interested in being nominated are included below and have been posted on the PC LRH notice board and website. Deadline for nominations is 4pm on Tuesday 4 April. Contact laverstokeclerk@gmail.com if you would like any further information.

At the next PC meeting on Tues 4 April at 19.30 the focus in public time will be on maintenance of the grass area/rough parking beside Manor Cottages. Sovereign have pulled out of leasing the land for the creation of a car park on cost grounds. It would be

lovely to hear from the residents of that area.

Find [Overton News&Views](#) here, a few days after the start of the new month.

Sunday 7th May

Come along &
celebrate!

Commemorative service
Bring & share BBQ
Bar
Games on the Green
Bake Off competition
Village photos



LAVERSTOKE & FREEFOLK ROYAL REVELRIES

'Royal Revelries' on Sun 7 May

With the Coronation of King Charles III fast approaching a small band of volunteers has been planning a day of fun and games for the parish on Sunday 7 May. The schedule so far:

- **11.30 - Outdoor Commemorative Service, Old Bowling Green**
- **12.00 'Bring & Share BBQ' & cash/card (wifi allowing) Bar, Millennium Green field**
- **Crowns & Hats encouraged - with prizes for the best!**
- **14.00 Coronation Games on the Green**
- **15.30 Coronation Bake Off competition. Bring your best Sweet or Savoury bake.**
- **16.00 Tea & cakes/savouries served!**
- **17.00 Village Photos to commemorate King George V's visit to L&F in 1923**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Basingstoke & Deane

Election of Parish Councillors

for the Electoral Area listed below

Electoral Area	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Laverstoke	Seven

Notice of PC Election

Please find notification of PC election which takes place every 4 years:

1. Forms of nomination for the Parish Election may be obtained from Clerk to Parish Council or Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH on any day after the date of this notice but no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 4th April 2023.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 4th May 2023.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 17 April 2023. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
5. Applications, amendments or

- **Monday 8th May - The Big Help Out in L&F - volunteers required for village improvement jobs**

More details will be made available in the next newsletter, on L&F Facebook and by flyer. We'll be asking anyone who can provide any outdoor tabling, chairs and gazebos to drop them off at 9.30 in the morning. Any questions? Contact Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or 07725 368012.



Your invitation to Kingfisher on 5 May

The Kingfisher Day Centre is having a 'bit of a do' to celebrate the King's Coronation. Everyone is welcome to join us to toast the King on Friday 5th May between 1:30pm and 3:30pm. There will be a chance to meet our club members, their families, and other local residents at the Centre. Tea and cake will be provided along with art and craft activities. Come and have a look at what we have done with the place, we would also be interested to see any photos of the Centre when it was the Portals Sports and Social Club.

cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 pm on Tuesday, 18th April 2023.

6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday, 25th April 2023. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 pm on Tuesday, 25th April 2023.

8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Deanes, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH by 5 pm on Thursday, 4th May 2023.



Easter at St Mary's

Please join us for Family Communion at 09.30 followed by an Easter Egg hunt. We'd love to see you.

Date for your diary – 14 May, Rogation Sunday. Join us for a walk around part of the Parish boundary starting at 10.30 at Lady Rose Hall. More about this later.

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) - Brenda Bond and Diana Goodwin were re-elected as Churchwardens for the Parish of Laverstoke with Freefolk.



4 seasons at Hardy's

Hi to everyone from Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants.

What weather we've had this last month! Some days it was a case of having four seasons in one day. That snow though did



Don't use unauthorised textile bin!

Some of you may have noticed a new green bin in the PC beech hedge car park. It is butted up to the bona fide Salvation Army bin and is posing as a textile recycling bin. However, it has actually been left without any authorisation from the PC. The supposed 'charity' who have placed it have been causing the Charity Commission some angst over the past few years from what we can see on the Gov.UK website! So long story short - please don't use the bin. We have taken advice from the Borough recycling team and we have put up a 14 day notice of our removing it.



Next PC Meeting 4 April

We welcome any residents who'd like to come and have their say in public time on 4

look very pretty across the nursery.

Rosy has been busy as she has featured in a number of publications, the press and on the radio. 'What Gardeners' Grow' a new book by bloom, features 600 plants chosen by the world's greatest plants people. You can find her in there. It can be found in all good bookshops. House and Gardens Magazine ran a feature on Rosy as a peat free pioneer. She can also be found in April's edition of Gardeners' World. On International Woman's Day 8th March 2023, Rosy was selected as one of the leading woman in horticulture by the trade magazine Horticulture Week.

Back here at the Nursery, we are inviting all children to an egg hunt game in our Sales Area over the Easter weekend during our opening hours. We'd love to see you. (Please bring a responsible adult with you!)

For all talks coming up in April, including our guest speakers, please see our website: www.hardysplants.co.uk



Watch Lane closure 6 April

April. This starts at 7.30pm and the PC meeting follows straight after which you are welcome to stay for or go as you please.

This week we'd like to focus time on what we do with the grassy/rough car parking area next to Manor Cottages. Sovereign Housing Association have now confirmed they do not want to lease this land, and the church parking area, to develop a car park.

Other items on the agenda include:

Latest on pavilion licences

Wall improvements to LRH car park and steps

Planning applications:

- **Ref: 23/00275/FUL** Flint Cottage 12
Freefolk Priors: Amended plan for replacement agricultural field shelter.



Chalk Stream News

Last few places remaining on these riverside walks:

Open Chalk Streams: Overton

24 April, 2 - 4pm | North Hampshire

We have a few spaces left on this free tour

Please be aware there is a temporary road closure order for the first 125m of Watch Lane from the B3400 junction. Alternative routing is via Priory Lane and Harroway and back round into Watch Lane from the north.

Effect of Order: All traffic will be prohibited from travelling along Watch Lane, Freefolk, Whitchurch, from the Junction with London Road for approximately 125m north, as directed by traffic signs. The closure is for access to the overhead network – cabling for a new customer.

Duration of Order: The order will come into effect on 06 April 2023 for 3 months (Notwithstanding the above it is expected the closure will be no longer than 1 day between 09:30 to 15:30 at any time during the period)

of a popular walking route. Hear how we've improved the health of the adjacent chalk stream, while maintaining access for the local community. Learn how the nearby paper mill has interacted with wildlife habitats.

[Learn more](#)

Open Chalk Streams: Soke Bridge Garden
27 April, 10am - 2pm | Alresford

Looking for a fun day out? Drop by this free event - no booking needed. View a private garden that contains a stretch of chalk stream and a bridge from the Norman period. Afterwards, you'll find shops, cafes, and a riverside walk just minutes away.

[Learn more](#)



Archers outdoor season re-starts

April signals the start of the outdoor season for the archers with many competitions and events switching to outdoor venues. We have a number of events planned including a "have a go" session on Sunday 14th May. If you want to have a go at archery then come along to our range from 2pm. Our next beginners course also starts in April with 20 new archers attending.

We ran our final Winter field league event recently at our Field Course near Kingsclere with 28 archers attending and some good scores from Overton Archers. At Laverstoke It was good to see the mowing team back out recently looking after the grass and a thanks to one of our members Angus who has been out cutting back the hedges and borders.

UK Archery is definitely on the rise at the moment as we have a number of female archers who are number 1 the world in archery and para-archery and local archer Ollie who broke 8 world records last year. If you are interested then please have a look at our facebook page

www.facebook.com/overtonblackarrows or message us for information



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

4 April

Fri 12 May AGM &
Annual Parish Mtg

6 June

4 July

Laverstoke and Freefolk



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[L&Freefolk Facebook](#)

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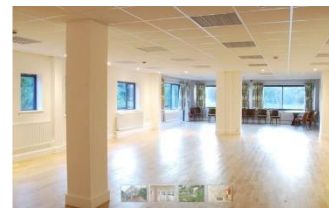
www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Help

Line: 01256 890078

or hello@bombaysapphire.com

(monitored daily 10-16.00)



Classes in Lady Rose Hall

Ladies Boxing: Mon 18:45 - 19.45

Contact: Brandon Elliott on 07402 366067

Yoga: Weds 19:30 - 20:30

Contact: Natalia on natalia@thelittleyogacompany.com
07880 742817

PC meetings take place on 1st Tues of month in Lady Rose Hall starting at 7.30pm with up to 30 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.

Neighbouring web-sites:

[Whitchurch Town Council](#)
[Official Whitchurch web site](#)
[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](#)



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



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