



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

May 2023

With celandines, primulas and bluebells giving a good display, we just need the weather to cheer up to give us hope that summer isn't far off! We're keeping a close eye on the forecast for the Coronation celebrations on Sun 7 May. Fingers crossed we don't need to revert to Lady Rose Hall. We've some late breaking news that the Mayor is attending at the end of the afternoon. He will be joining us for photos to be taken in front of the glasshouses at Bombay Sapphire!

So in this May issue we have the final details of the L&F Royal Revelries celebration and we do hope as many people as possible join in - the more the merrier. Also don't forget to take your voter ID with you to the polling station tomorrow.

The next PC meeting is the AGM starting at 19.30. This will be followed immediately afterwards at 20.15 by the new format **Annual Parish Meeting**. After a couple of updates the floor is open to residents for comments, questions, ideas and then we move on to the most important part of the event - **cheese and wine!** Come and have your say and fill!

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



PC AGM 19.30 & Annual Parish Meeting 20.15

Coming up this month is the L&F Annual Parish Meeting. We have decided to run this as more of a social occasion - cheese and wine will be served! All residents welcome.

The Annual Parish Meeting will kick off with Chairman and Borough Councillor updates and move into Open Forum. Here you can have your say, ask questions, make comments or simply listen to what others have to say. Then we'll be cracking open some wine and serving some yummy cheeses!

The evening will start with the PC AGM at 19.30 which we hope to keep fairly brief. You are most welcome to join either at 19.30 or 20.15.



Come along
&
celebrate!



Laverstoke & Freefolk Royal Revelries

Sunday 7 May

Millennium Green *



Activities from 11.30 - 17.30

*Lady Rose Hall if wet. Details and what to bring overleaf



Royal Revelries Sun 7 May!

All are welcome to the Laverstoke & Freefolk Royal Revelries, celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. The programme is:

09.00 - 11.00 Set up of covered seating area. Please drop off any outdoor chairs, tables & gazebos as early as possible to the Millennium Green Field beside the tennis courts. (Let Nicky know if delivery is an issue and we'll collect them.) *If you can spare a little time to help us set up, as early as possible, that would be great too.*

11.30 - Outdoor Commemorative

'Church' Service, Archery Field

12.00 - 'Bring & Share BBQ' & cash/card Bar, Millennium Green field. Pre-lit BBQ's provided for you to cook your food. If you



Don't forget Voter ID needed on 4 May

The Elections Act 2022 makes it a **requirement** that electors show photographic ID before casting their vote in a polling station. Proxy voters will also be required to show their own ID when casting a vote on somebody else's behalf.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Passport issued by UK, EEA state or Commonwealth country
- Photo driving licence issued by UK, Channel islands, Isle of Man or an EEA state
- An ID card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- A relevant concessionary travel pass funded by UK Gov. eg Older Person's or Disabled Person's Bus pass, Oyster 60+ card

For more info and a full list of acceptable ID see [B&D website](#)

Don't forget your photo ID when you vote at Lady Rose Hall on Thursday!

can, please bring a salad or rolls etc for sharing. *Don't forget to bring your picnic cutlery and plates.* The Millennium Green team will run the bar until 17.00 - fundraising kindly aided by Bombay Sapphire and Bordeaux Index. Crowns & Hats encouraged - with prizes for the best!

14.00 - Games on the Green - sensible shoes suggested.

15.30 - Coronation Bake Off competition.

On arrival bring your best Sweet or Savoury bake to the tea team. Prizes will be awarded and the entries will be served for tea. *Note cakes must be handed in by 14.30 and judging will finish by 15.30/15.45.*

16.00 - Tea & cakes/savouries served!

16.45 - Village Photos to commemorate King George V's visit to L&F in 1923 followed at 17.15 by a photo in front of Bombay Sapphire glasshouses, with the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane!

Monday 8 May - The Big Help Out in

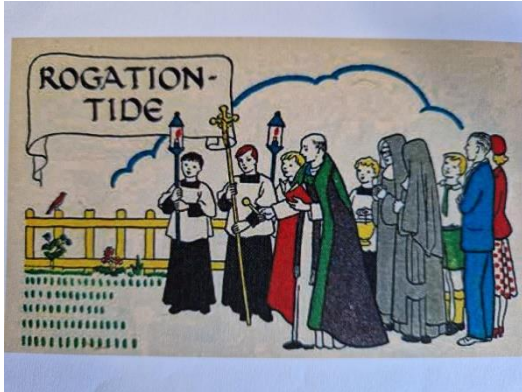
L&F - volunteers required for village improvement jobs. All skill sets welcomed and valued. A sign up sheet will be circulating on Sunday!

Please note:

Sorry, no dogs please.

We cannot guarantee allergens will not be present in any food items that are shared at the BBQ & tea.

Please advise Nicky if you do NOT want to be in any photos of the event. Photos may be used on social media, the village



Coronation services and Rogation walk

Sat 6 May at 09.00 - the church bells will be rung for a few minutes to celebrate the King's Coronation. Later in Overton, a quarter peal of Coronation Doubles will be rung from 17.00.

Sun 7 May at 11.30 - 20 minute Commemorative Coronation service to be held on archery field, Laverstoke

14 May, Rogation Sunday. Join us for a walk around part of the Parish boundary starting at 10.30 at Lady Rose Hall. Dress for a ramble and please bring a bag in case you want to collect litter. We'll be stopping at various points along the way for prayer. You are very welcome to come for the whole walk (about 1.5 hours) or just part. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Route:

1. 10.30 meet at Lady Rose Hall
2. Walk to St Nicholas Freefolk
3. Walk to St Mary's Laverstoke

newsletter and shared with the Borough Council.

Any questions? Contact Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or 07725 368012.



100 years ago - Waiting for King George V

The photo above was taken in 1923 when people in the area were waiting to greet King George V who was visiting Portals at the Laverstoke Mill site. We are looking to recreate this photo at the Coronation celebrations on Sun 7 - with the help of some technology, as we don't want anyone getting run over!



Chelsea on horizon!

4. Walk into Laverstoke Park to visit the Old Parish Church (not normally open to public)
5. Walk to Laverstoke Mill (for a quick drink)
6. Walk back to Lady Rose Hall

If you would like more info contact Charlie on charlie.seligman@outlook.com or 07967 555624.



Tennis club news

At last some lighter evenings and more time to pick up our racquets and play some tennis. All are welcome at Whitchurch Tennis Club and we have a mix of standards from beginners, those returning after a long break, to social tennis players, and those who like to play regularly in the teams. Please get in touch to find out more.

Upcoming Events:

On Sun 21 May we have our next event - this is the members' Spring Tournament and BBQ.

Open to anyone (member or not) is Strawberry Sunday – Sun 9 July - coinciding with the middle of Wimbledon. We welcome families and all other players to enjoy some tennis followed by some

Hello Everyone

We have some exciting and exclusive news from Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants to share with you this month....

Chelsea is on the horizon and whilst we shall not have a garden there ourselves this year, we are supplying plants for two individual top designers. They are Chris Beardshaw, of Radio 4 Gardeners' question time fame, and Charlie Hawkes who has also previously won gold medals at Chelsea. Look out for Hardy's on the television during the week of 23 – 27 May as we've had a camera crew here in recent weeks in the build up to it.

Not just that but, a wide variety of our plants are in the in the 'jewel' boarder in Highgrove House. One of 3 new boarders that have been created for King Charles III & Queen Camilla for their Coronation. We know they were due to visit the house on Saturday 29 April and will see them then.

We are open over all the Bank holidays and would love to see you.

strawberries and cream! Fingers crossed we will be celebrating some British success at Wimbledon.

We hold a mix-in on Saturday afternoons from 15.00 followed by social drinks. This is also open to non-members to play a few games, meet members and try the club prior to joining.

Coaching: Regular junior coaching continues to take place on Saturday mornings. See [here](#) for more details. The adults Rusty Raquet (Tennis Xpress) course is great for new starters or if you are getting back into tennis after a break. This also runs Saturday mornings for both members and non-members. For more info and to book see [here](#)

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

Hope to see you on court soon.



Riverbank tales - Streamlarking

We recently read a fascinating blog by **Jane Eastman** from Whitchurch, for the Watercress and Winterbournes project, on finds in the river:

Look into a chalk stream near an old house, footpath, or footbridge and you will probably see the odd fragment of 19th century transfer printed pottery. 'Willow' pattern dinnerware was once used in almost every Victorian household, and it now flecks the gravel with white and cobalt blue.

Look closer and you may see other objects too. Maybe the edge of an antique stoneware ginger beer bottle, consumed on a warm summer's day a century ago before being tossed absentmindedly into the



Bins out by 6 am

From 1 May to 31 August this year you should put your bins out by 06.00 so the crews can start work earlier in the morning when it is cooler.

The earlier start, when the weather can be hotter, will reduce the risk of disruptions to bin collections caused by heat-related illnesses suffered by the crews.

Collections will return to 07.00 from 1 September to 30 April. To find your bin collection dates visit:

basingstoke.gov.uk/bincollections

water. Or the bowl of an 18th century clay pipe – the cigarette butt of its day – that was smoked by a fisherman standing on the bank.

Or a distinctive eight-sided 'penny ink' bottle that was used to record the accounts in a mill upstream. All will have slowly tumbled through the decades, and come to rest at your feet...

[Read on](#)

Ed - sadly, our finds a couple of years back were not quite as interesting as Jane's ! And don't forget you always need landowner permission to venture along the river.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

Fri 12 May AGM &
Annual Parish Mtg



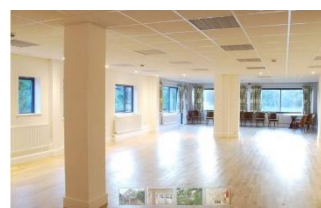
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Classes in Lady Rose Hall

Ladies Boxing: Mon 18:45 - 19.45

Contact: Brandon Elliott on
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Yoga: Weds 19:30 - 20:30

6 June

4 July

5 Sep

Laverstoke and Freefolk 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.

Lady Rose Hall:

www.ladyrosehall.co.uk

Bombay Sapphire Help

Line: 01256 890078

or hello@bombaysapphire.com

(monitored daily 10-16.00)

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

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Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

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

[Hantsweb](#)

trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

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[Southern Water](#)

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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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