



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

July 2023

After all the excitement of the late spring and early summer it looks like it's going to be a quieter July in L&F. With the school holidays only a couple of weeks away we hope you manage to enjoy a break and some family time. The PC itself will be taking a break during August and the next PC meeting, after tonight's, is Tues 5 September at 19.30 at LRH!! Dependent on what is going on in the parish we may not do an August newsletter - the next is likely to be in September.

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



Rosie at BBC Gardener's World Live

Hello Everyone - It's been lovely seeing some of you here at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants over the last month. Rosy has been busy. We won a Platinum award AND best display of summer perennials at the BBC Gardeners' World Live NEC Birmingham for our display this month. Whilst there Rosy shared the 'Let's Talk Plants' stage with Carol Klein and David Hurrion (Journalist for Gardeners' World magazine and horticulturist) to answer any gardening questions the audience had. David will be with us on 25th October 2023 to talk about 'Design tips to help you create your best ever garden'.

There are still some places left for Rosy's talks 'Late Summer Flowering Perennials' on 19th and 20th July. Please go to



4 July PC meeting

As always, you are welcome to attend and have your say in public time at the 4 July PC Meeting. It starts at 7.30pm in Lady Rose Hall. Topics, amongst other items, will include:

Latest on our car park wall project

Pavilion repairs and licensing of the building

Tennis lights successful planning appeal

Consideration of pub as an Asset of Community Value



Chalk stream news

Our dogs love to cool off in hot weather, but did you know that taking a dip in the river could reduce their flea and tick protection? Many spot-on treatments wash off in water and can harm wildlife. Check out our top

www.hardysplants.co.uk for further information.



Rogation not rotation!

Apologies for the rotated photos of the Rogation walk last month. Weirdly not all email systems showed the rotation but, just in case you were one of the unlucky ones, please find again the photo taken in Laverstoke Park of the Old St Mary's Church ruins.

tips for protecting our pets and rivers this summer.

[Read more](#)

Online talks coming up:

Chalk Stream Walks of Hampshire

6 July, 7 - 8pm | Online

There are few places lovelier to visit than chalk streams in summertime. Discover some great places to see these amazing habitats in north and central Hampshire. From well-known treasures to underrated gems, get inspiration for days out and learn how to visit in a way that's safe for wildlife.

[Learn more](#)

The Murky World of Water Resources

10 August, 7 - 8.30pm | Online

Every five years, England's water companies create Water Resources Management Plans that detail how they will balance supply and demand for the next 25 years. WildFish will explain how to interpret these documents and why they matter for our chalk streams.

[Learn more](#)

Southern Water's 2024 Water Resources Management Plan

22 August, 7 - 8.30pm | Online

With the last Water Resources Management Plans published in 2019, new ones for 2024 are now in development. Hear from Southern Water how the company intends to manage our water resources in the future, including drought



Balloon over Laverstoke

An eventful mid-summer balloon fly-by and drop-in, caught on camera by Jo Probut and Nicky Nicklin. We first spotted it over the houses on Laverstoke Lane.

Just after brush with tree, coming into land:



Thanks to Nick Compton uncovering that this was previously the Expedia balloon with

plans and water recycling proposals.

[Learn more](#)



HCC News

Budget consultation: Residents' views are being sought on difficult decisions for balancing the HCC budget through to April 2025. We would encourage you to take part in a consultation open until 23 July.

[For more information](#)

Cost of living support: Hampshire County Council has announced plans for how £14.2million of additional funding will be used to help local households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding is an extension of Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until the end of March 2024. They will continue to work closely with other local organisations including district and borough councils, education settings, charities and neighbourhood groups to ensure that eligible households receive support with food, energy and water bills and assistance with essential household items. This includes up to £200,000 of funding to provide locally-based food and energy advice services, alongside practical help with costs. Details of how to seek support

strapline 'Let yourself go'. Judging by the flight trajectory, it still seems apt!

can be found at the [connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org/) website.

Rural verge cutting: Hampshire Highways have now begun their seasonal grass cutting programme. This can be an emotive subject to many, especially in the nesting season. The department work closely with the conservation charity, Plantlife UK, to ensure that their work promotes biodiversity; in particular, they try to avoid cutting grass at ecologically important times, and particularly at sensitive sites. For safety reasons however, there are some locations where roadside grass still needs to be mown in order to maintain adequate visibility and sight lines, for example on the approaches to roundabouts or at junctions. [More information](#)

Fostering campaign A new campaign has been launched by Hampshire County Council to encourage residents to consider fostering an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child, whose numbers are increasing locally and nationally. Fostering one of these children can be extremely rewarding – by being a positive and enabling presence to support them to access education, stability in everyday life and to become settled into a new culture and country. [More information](#)

As an alternative to fostering, residents can join the Council's Innovation Volunteers service, which supports local children,

young people and families overcome challenges [More details](#)



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

4 July

5 Sep

3 Oct

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



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(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

kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)



Classes in Lady Rose Hall

Ladies Boxing: Mon 18:45 - 19.45

Contact: Brandon Elliott on 07402 366067

Yoga: Weds 19:30 - 20:30

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planning or other time-dependent matter arises.

To Report problems with:
roads, footpaths & verge

[Hantsweb](#)

trees on roads:

0300 555 1388

water:

[Southern Water](#)



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