



## **November 2023**

We hope everyone is braced for the rather wet and woolly weather heralding November. Luckily we have some distractions on the horizon! The quiz of the year is coming up on 18 Nov and the Millennium Green team hope you can make it down to Lady Rose Hall. And as part of their Christmas events lineup, Bombay Sapphire are holding some more cinema nights.

Don't forget the Parish Council meetings take place from 19.30 every first Tuesday of the month. Come and have your say. Next opportunity 7 Nov!

For all this and more read on....

Find a link to the [Overton News&Views](#), available a few days after the start of each new month. Also the latest Whitchurch Town Council newsletter [here](#)



## Annual Millennium Green Fundraising Quiz

**Sat 18 November is the Millennium Green quiz** and your next opportunity to pit your wits against your friends, family, neighbours ...! A wonderful Chilli supper is included. There's a pay bar (card & cash) and a not to be missed charity auction. Tickets are £10 per head. Teams of 6 people max. We are kicking off at 19.30 for 20.00 start at Lady Rose Hall.

This is all in aid of the Trust that looks after our wonderful green spaces. Help us to maintain the Children's Playground, Quiet Ornamental Garden, woodland, open field and beautiful pond area.

To secure tickets please email the number required and names to Clare Albert on [LandFfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:LandFfundraising@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there - your Laverstoke & Freefolk Millennium Green Team!



## Nov 7 PC Meeting

Everyone is welcome to Parish Council Meetings. They open at 19.30 with Public Time. Come along with your ideas, discussion points, concerns, agenda comments or simply to listen to what others have to say.

Immediately following on is the main PC meeting for the Councillors to run through decisions on their agenda items. As always, this part of the proceedings is a meeting held in public rather than a public meeting. Please can we ask for comments on agenda items to be made during the initial Public Time only unless the meeting is specifically opened up by the Chair to members of the public.

This month's agenda is mainly focused on planning applications:

- 23/02658/FUL Location: Land Opposite Bere Mill. Proposal: Installation of a ground mounted solar array of 144 solar panels.
- T/00469/23/TCA Location: Manor Cottages, Freefolk. Proposal: T1 Birch T2 Ash T3 Ash T4 Sycamore  
Tip reduce branches in contact with



## Basketball & other renovations!

Thank you to all the residents who turned up to help at the Autumn village tidy up on 15 Oct. It was a very productive day. The playground equipment was given a makeover with multiplay frame re-treated, bench varnished and swing repainted. A gang of volunteers pruned the mixed deciduous hedge by Lady Rose Hall that was in danger of becoming a stand of trees. Meanwhile the lime trees in the playground had lower epicormic growth removed, making play and mowing easier and safer. We probably shouldn't highlight individuals but we've been specifically asked to say thank you to Jo and Steve Probut for their renovation of the basketball hoop. It has been in pretty constant use since and the youngest residents are getting pretty proficient judging from our photo!

electricity wires to give 1m clearance to prevent damage and shorting of power.

- T/00480/23/TCA Location: 23 Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: To fell 6 trees in the Copse behind 23 Laverstoke Lane.
- T/00495/23/TCA. Location: 19 Laverstoke Lane. Proposal felling of 18 ash trees in wood behind 19 Laverstoke Lane
- T/00500/23/TCA Location: 4 Mount Pleasant, Freefolk. Proposal: 7 Ash trees: fell (Ash die-back)
- 23/02438/LDEU Location: Land At Rear Of 29 And 31 Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land as domestic garden area associated with the use of 29 & 31 Laverstoke Lane.

The PC looks forward to seeing you!



## News from St Mary's

**Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's.** We will have an Act of Remembrance service



## Rosy Hardy - social influencer!

Brilliant news! Rosy has been shortlisted for the Gardeners Media Guilds 'Social Media Influencer of the Year' award. We'll hear the result in November. Anyone who has seen Rosy's short You Tube videos about so many aspects of the garden will know how great they are both on a tutorial and inspirational basis. We wish her good luck!

We still have some places left for the wreath making workshops taking place in December. For more details, please visit our website at [www.hardysplants.co.uk](http://www.hardysplants.co.uk) to book, where you'll also find articles and tips for the garden.

With Christmas so close, if you have a gardener in the family, here's the best place to look for a present! Consider either a voucher so they can choose what they want or, maybe some of our stunning metal work for sale that's been forged locally. Alternatively, we have beautiful Helleborus. To take your pick we are open during the week from Monday – Friday 10.00 - 15.00.

on Sunday 12 November at 10.50 am led by Charlie Seligman. Please do come.

**Our Carol Service** this year is on Sunday 10 December at 6pm followed by our traditional mulled wine and mince pies. The United Benefice Choir will be in attendance to help us with our singing. Please make a note in your diaries.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden,  
[bondb@btinternet.com](mailto:bondb@btinternet.com)

**Sublime Autumn Concert.** Those who attended the 'Celebrating Love' concert were treated to a spine-tingling performance by Winchester Consort interspersed with some thought provoking and also entertaining poems. With just 8 singers the rafters were raised from the outset with the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The first half was a fantastic selection of more conventional choral music and in the second half some lighter works set to music by Rutter based on children's nursery rhymes and poetry (the Owl and the Pussycat for example).

The concert successfully raised £1,350 towards the repair of St Mary's roof. A big thank you to Winchester Consort for their support. It was lovely to hear that they enjoyed performing too. Their lead Steve Dean commented - 'I wonder if you might pass on our thanks to the audience too - not only for coming along but for engaging with the performance to the extent that we all felt it!' Thanks also for the lovely readings by



## Black arrows - year round club

As the Archery outdoor season comes to an end many of the competitions and events switch to indoor venues. As for Overton Black Arrows, we continue to shoot at Laverstoke all year round and our fair weather archers also use the sports hall at Testbourne once a week!

Our archers continue to shoot well in competitions with Richard, Steve and Rob winning medals at the English Field Championships in Exmouth and the Southern Counties 3D Championships held at our range in Kingsclere. One of our Field Archery specialists, Ollie, has won the Under 21 European Field Archery Championships - a massive achievement. Well done to all those who competed. The Warren also hosted the first inter counties field archery competition between Hampshire, Kent and Sussex. Hampshire won with Rob and Richard in the team!

We carried out some maintenance at Laverstoke in September including re-marking the distance lines and trimming

Diana Goodwin, Charlie Seligman and Jenny Ellis.



## Events at Bombay Sapphire

Celebrate the Christmas Season with Bombay sapphire Distillery from Christmas Movie Nights to fun Cocktail Making evenings. Pre-booking is essential so make sure you secure your tickets today by visiting [Christmas | Bombay Sapphire Distillery](#)

Tues 28 Nov: Die Hard (yes, it is a Christmas Movie)

Tues 5 Dec: See a classic on the big screen – White Christmas

Tues 12 Dec: Love Actually

Tues 19 Dec: Elf

We will also be opening the Bar and the Shop till 22.00 on the above dates – so you can do some late-night shopping and enjoy a cocktail in the bar.

Christmas Masterclasses are currently on Thurs 21 & Fri 22 December 18.00 - 20.30. (Other dates may be added.)

Our Christmas Opening Times are as

hedges. Our next beginners course starts in January with 20 archers already signed up to learn a new sport. If you are interested in information about us please have a look at our [Facebook](#) page .



## Halloween in Freefolk!

follows:

Fri 22 Dec: Open as normal  
Sat 23: Open as normal  
Sun 24: CLOSED  
Mon 25: CLOSED  
Tues 26: CLOSED  
Wed 27: Open as normal  
Thurs 28: Open as normal  
Fri 29: Open as normal  
Sat 30: Open as normal  
Sun 31: 10.00 - 17.00  
Mon 1 Jan: CLOSED



*Parish Council*

## PC Meetings

Next meeting dates

7 Nov  
5 Dec  
2 Jan  
6 Feb

Laverstoke and Freefolk  
PC meetings take place  
on 1st Tues of month in  
Lady Rose Hall starting



## L&F Contacts

[L&Freefolk Facebook](#)

[laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk](http://laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk)

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Lady Rose Hall:

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

Bombay Sapphire Help

Line: 01256 890078

or [hello@bombaysapphire.com](mailto:hello@bombaysapphire.com)

(monitored daily 10-16.00)

Neighbouring web-sites:

[Whitchurch Town Council](#)



## 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](mailto:natalia@thelittleyogacompany.com)  
07880 742817

at 19.30 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.**

[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](mailto: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](http://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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Julia Chedghey

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