



Laverstoke and Freefolk News&Views

August 2024

We hope you are enjoying all the fun of the summer holidays and are not too distracted by the thrill of the Olympics. Indeed, the newsletter took a tad longer to prepare than usual!

In July we were treated to a couple of great theatre productions in the villages, Hardy's have had great success at all their shows and the Millennium Green have been busy removing invasive plants. To find out what is going on in August and September read on.....

Please note the next PC meeting is taking place on 17 September.

And can you spot what is missing from our our header picture?

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](#)



17 Sept PC Meeting

Please note our next Parish Council meeting is Tues 17 Sept rather than the first Tues of the month. However, as usual we shall be kicking off with public time at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.



Recycling water talk

On 8 Aug at 19.00 there is a free online talk on 'Tackling Water Shortages Through Recycling'

To book your spot to learn about this important topic click through to eventbrite [HERE](#).



Millennium Green team projects

The Millennium Green team welcomed some volunteers from Hampshire & IOW Trust in July. They helped remove non-native invasive Parrot's Feather and Water Fern (Azolla) from a large section of the outflow stream from the pond at Laverstoke. However, there is more to clear of these unwanted plants.... If you would like to get involved contact Phil on pnic@hotmail.co.uk.

Waders and equipment are provided and there are 2 more sessions planned:

Thurs 15 Aug 14.00-16.30

Thurs 3 Oct 14.00-16.30

Dates for your diary:

Next Parish Maintenance Day - Sat 12 Oct, this is for land based activities across the whole of L&F.

Millennium Green Quiz - Sat 16 Nov 19.30 for 20.00 kick off. More details to follow nearer the time.

Easyfundraising

If you use the playground, the Millennium Green field, Quiet Garden or other areas of the Millennium Green please consider a



What a treat at St Nicholas

The 'This is My Theatre' professional travelling theatre company produced a wonderful performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream in the grounds of St Nicholas' church in July. To start we were treated to 30 minutes of beautiful harmonised Shakespearean era shanties. The play itself was laugh out loud funny and the talented cast of 6 made it very entertaining all through. With wine on offer and gazebos available for cover, the last few minutes of rain didn't dishearten. Funds were raised for the churches conservation trust that looks after St Nicholas. We're already looking forward to another production next summer!



simple way to help raise funds for these fantastic green areas. Add the Easyfundraising link to your browser and select Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green as your default charity. When you shop online a donation is made on your behalf at no cost to you. Check it out [HERE](#)

Thanks, Millennium Green Trust team



Macbeth at Bere Mill

WADS (Whitchurch community theatre group) put on a super outdoor performance of this dramatic Shakespeare play. This dystopian version set in the grounds of Bere Mill added to the drama and there were some fantastic performances (Lady Macbeth aced the role!) The delicious Bere Mill butchery burgers and sausages made for an all round entertaining evening.



Hardy's flower show successes

Last month we concentrated on careers in horticulture but this month, we're back to the diary. We had great success at the BBC Gardeners' World flower show in June.

Rosy was awarded a platinum medal for her garden and indeed, it was highlighted within the Gardeners' World TV programme on Friday 21 June. Apart from numerous other flower shows we've been at, we were exceptionally busy at the beginning of July at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival where Rosy was awarded another gold. It could arguably be called 'The world's Largest Flower Show'. (Ed - we caught up with Rob at the show as per our photo below!)

The swallows in both our potting shed and sales area have chicks/fledglings and the bees and butterflies are in full flight right around the nursery. Please do come and see them over the school holidays.

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, and hopefully we'll all continue to see the sun this summer, a bit of advice for you: If your plants start to flag with the heat, rather than continue to just give them copious amounts of water, and hoping they will 'perk up', cut them back a bit too as this will do much to aid their recovery.

No matter what the weather, we are open 7 days a week. For our opening times please

Archery at Olympics

Archery GB archers are looking forward to both the Olympics and Para Olympics in Paris. We have 18 archers from the UK represented. If you want to follow the Archery then have a look at our squad members on link archerygb.org and check out the feeds on TV and social media. Overton Black Arrows hosted the Hampshire and Southern Counties Championships at our field course in Kingsclere with our archers Steve Allam, Richard Buckner, Ed Pockett, Rob Aldridge, Steve Baker and Dave Mahers all winning medals. It was also great to see our oldest club member Eric Dunlop shooting around the hills of Watership Down at the age of 85!

We have a new maintenance team in place who are repacking our bosses and giving them a tidy up and generally looking after the range. On August 10 we will be hosting a club competition for our members that includes a BBQ. If you are interested in Archery and Overton Black Arrows please have a look at our [facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/overtonblackarrows) or website overtonblackarrows.org.

see our website at hardysplants.co.uk.



Sept 14 sponsored Ride & Stride

Ride & Stride 2024 in aid of the Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust is taking place this year on 14 Sept. If you would like to help raise funds for Hampshire's old church buildings you can do a sponsored walk, cycle or ride between some of the 400 historic churches in the county. If you would like to take part then please contact Lucinda Crosthwaite on



Dismantling of old lights

Did you notice what was missing from our archery field header photo? Well, the redundant floodlights have now been removed! One of the 4 around the field edge had fallen some while ago and there were concerns about the safety of the others. It was quite exciting to watch the posts being felled after the lights at the top had been removed with the aid of a cherry picker. With thanks to Bryan Hirst who provided a RoRo skip for the benefit of our community; we were pleased to recycle the scrap metal. The 8 smaller lights in various states of disrepair within the archery hedge have also been cut down to below hedge height.

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Outstanding HCC Children's Services

Some fantastic news we have received in the last week... The latest Ofsted inspection

07941 100186. Refreshments will be available in St Mary's Church 10.00 - 17.00!



Invertebrate Sampling at Bombay Sapphire

Monthly sampling of the Upper Test river life takes place at Bombay Sapphire. The July sample achieved another healthy score.



Parish Council



Classes in Lady Rose Hall

rated Hampshire County Council's Children's services outstanding - for the second consecutive time since 2019. Children in the county continue to benefit from strong and effective services that make a positive difference to their lives. The report found that timely and robust practice of social workers and other practitioners ensure that children are kept safe and that they and their families receive appropriate and effective support to meet their individual needs.

The rigorous inspection took place in June and included all aspects of children's social care. For the key findings [READ MORE](#)

Can you give a home to a vulnerable child? HCC's Fostering Service is putting the question to local residents this summer in its new campaign to find more loving homes for children in care. [READ MORE](#)

Free fund and food Don't miss out on a summer of free fun and food! That's the message to parents and carers of children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. [READ MORE](#)

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

17 Sep NB

1 Oct

5 Nov

3 Dec

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

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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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roads, footpaths & verge**

[Hantsweb](#)

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[Southern Water](#)

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