

# News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

June 2003

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From Parish Council Clerk Laura Harley and Councillor Brian Langer.

### Parish Council Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2003, starting with Planning at 7:00pm, followed by Public time at 7:30pm when parishioners may speak about Overton issues. The main meeting will start no later than 8:00pm

The committee meetings will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2003 starting at 7:30pm with Planning and followed by Finance and General Purposes at 8:00pm. For Amenity matters such as litter, dog fouling, play areas etc please contact the Clerk ☎ 01962 774296. For Highways and Public Transport matters contact Brian Langer ☎ 770848. The next St Mary's Hall committee meeting is at 7:45pm on 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Hall.

The agenda and planning applications for each meeting are displayed on the events notice-board three days before the meeting. Minutes can be found on the notice-board inside the Community Centre.

### Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council had a lively first meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Sarah Mills is the new Chairman with Paul Green as Vice Chairman. Sue Johnson continues as the Parish Council's Minor Authority's Representative on the Primary School Governing Body. Peter Baker joins Lucy Sloane Williams as a Trustee for St Luke's Hall.

### Community Centre Clock

A clock now graces the north and east sides of the Community Centre's bell tower, just in time for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Overton Community Association. This is an attractive and useful addition to the village centre.

### Sapley Lane Playing Field

The skate park was in action ready for the half term week. We are still awaiting the basketball post and some bins, but hopefully these will be in place soon. Fencing and work to the small car park by the road entrance should be completed in the next couple of months.

### Grants

The Parish Council has agreed to give a grant of £300 to the cricket club for new nets, £300 to the Harriers for the Road Race weekend and £2000 to Overton School towards the cost of re-lining the swimming pool.

### St Mary's Hall AGM

The first AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May. At the meeting the current Chairman, David Backers stepped down and Alan Turner agreed to take his place. Terry Robinson was also co-opted onto the Committee to represent the Friends of St Mary's Hall. The aims of the St Mary's Hall Management Committee over the next year are to increase the use of the

hall, and to plan a refurbishment programme to include disabled facilities.

We are hoping to establish a bank of volunteers who could be called on to help with painting, decorating, gardening etc. If you can help, please contact Teresa Reynolds.

### Sports and Early Learning Group

The Sports and Early Learning Group is held at St Mary's Hall on Monday from 1:00 – 2:30pm and Tuesday 9:15 – 10:45am. Sport games, tumbling, creative play, art and craft, music and dancing – learning through sport and play. Member of the Early Learning Alliance. For more information, ☎ 771510.

### St Luke's Hall Options

The newly appointed St Luke's Hall Management Committee has agreed to suspend work on a new hall on London Road and look once again at the potential for the current site. The two options under consideration will be 1) to refurbish/extend the current hall and 2) demolish and rebuild. The trustees intend to update the community regularly in *News and Views* but if you have any views or skills that you would like to offer the Management Committee please ☎ 770607 or e-mail stlukeshall@hotmail.com

### High Street Pavement

Several areas will be repatched by the County Council such as that outside the One Stop shop and remedial work undertaken outside the Hospice Shop and residences further west where puddling has resulted in water entering properties. There is a major problem in this area as some kerbstones prevent the water escaping into the road and some doorways are lower than the pavement level.

### Impact of Development at Manydown

Meetings are being held to encourage those most closely affected by any development to comment on infrastructure and community facilities. The road changes the developers envisage are likely to be unpopular here although public transport improvements could be helpful to us. The consultation meetings are open so anyone can attend. The currently scheduled meetings will have passed by the time *News & Views* is printed but more are planned so look out for ads in the local press.

### Do you Park in Poyntz Road?

From BDBC.

The refuse collection vehicle is experiencing problems gaining access to Poyntz Road due to parked vehicles. Vehicles parked opposite in Red Lion Lane may also prevent access to Poyntz Road.

The refuse freighter visits Poyntz Road on Friday mornings. Please be aware that this is a very long vehicle and needs a great deal more room than a car to manoeuvre between parked vehicles.

Please be considerate when you park your car near the entrance to Poyntz Road or on the corner opposite the flats.

## GARDEN OPEN DAY

*From Mrs P Harrison.*

We are opening our garden at Litchfield Grange, South Litchfield, in aid of St John Ambulance on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2-5pm.

The garden covers some three acres and is always undergoing changes. It encompasses a Knot garden, a yew garden, a shade garden and various herbaceous borders. There is a beautiful thatched barn dating back to 1640 where Cromwell is said to have lodged some of his troops. The garden is suitable for wheelchairs and dogs are allowed on leads. Refreshments will be available.

Admission: adults £2.50, children under 14 free. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hallowe'en

It has been reported that Overton school governors have unanimously agreed not to hold Hallowe'en related activities in future.

I understand that it is St. Mary's Church policy not to condone un-Christian doings of this sort, and perhaps they could confirm, for the sake of consistency, that they will no longer permit Christmas trees and mistletoe, that Father Christmas, Easter eggs and bunnies and the tooth fairy will be banned, and children discouraged from reading the works of the Grimm brothers and Hans Andersen and the Harry Potter books.

While they are about it, could they please abolish Guy Fawkes celebrations, so offensive to Roman Catholics, and organise a lobby to demolish Stonehenge?

*Nicholas Crace, The Lynch.*

### Local Charities Coffee Morning

£326 was raised on April 12<sup>th</sup>, to be divided between Wel-Care, Active Christian Team in our Neighbourhood (ACTION) and Darby & Joan.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

*Jane Waldram, St Mary's Church Mission Committee.*

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## PILATES CLASSES

*From Cath Wheeler.*

Now booking for the next series of Pilates classes, at Bridge Street Recreation Centre, Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Please contact Cath Wheeler, qualified physiotherapist and Pilates instructor, ☎ 770726.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*From Martina, OSA.*

### Summer Fete and Show!!

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This year, for the first time, we are including a Show.

There will be a display of beautiful vintage cars, come and chat to the proud owners! Or, if you prefer the speedier version, why not take a look at a Formula One Racing Car?! In our extensive Crafts Show you can enter and admire works in the following categories:

Story Writing for children KS1 & KS2

Collage for children KS1 & KS2; Patchwork

Photography; Cakes & Flower Arranging for all ages

Quiches, Marmalade, Fruit Curd, Chutneys, Wine, Knitting

All entries to these categories are very welcome, for details please contact Overton Primary School ☎ 770249.

Of course we will also be holding our popular Car Boot Sale, for details contact the Primary School.

To keep you entertained the pupils have been busy rehearsing exciting displays for you!

So come along, have a burger and lots of fun. All proceeds will again be helping to provide extra-curricular equipment for the children.

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## STARLIGHT MEMOIRS

*From Overton Dramatic Society.*

Overton Dramatic Society's next production is a musical play with a difference; the action takes place in the Starlight Club, which is half old time and half modern, with cabaret style seating. The music also ranges from old to new, and will appeal to a wide range of audience.

The show runs from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Hall, with curtain-up 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £4.50 and £5.50, which include coffee, are available from The Executive Dry Cleaners, Overton.

For more information ☎ J Smith 770027.

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## OVERTON ACTION

*From Dawn Denning.*

The Hampshire Voluntary Care Advisory Service has advised us that we should make it clear that the long established Overton A.C.T.I.O.N (Active Christian Team In Our Neighbourhood) is not connected in any way to the recently formed Overton Action Group.

We offer a weekly Lunch Club on Tuesday and provide, whenever possible, transport to the Community Centre, the local Surgery and Basingstoke Hospital for people without family support.

If you are interested in joining ACTION, either to cook or drive, we would be pleased to hear from you. It is a voluntary service but expenses are met. More information from Dawn Denning, Chairman, ☎ 771221.

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## JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING

*From Debbie Tomlin.*

Overton Cricket Club is running cricket coaching for 8 – 11 year olds this summer. The sessions will be run on Saturday mornings from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> July (10am – noon) at Bridge Street. There will be a £15 enrolment fee that covers the entire course.

Contact Graham Devereux ☎ 773073 for further details or enrolment forms.

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## OVERTON TAE KWON DO CLUB

*From Gerry Reilly Senior Instructor Overton & Basingstoke Tae Kwon Do Clubs*

The Club will be holding its 6th annual "Children's Summer School" in St Luke's Hall starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The Summer School will run from 10.00 until 12.00 every day from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August. It will consist of fun packed sessions covering all aspects of the dynamic Korean Martial Art of Tae Kwon Do. This will include self defence, fitness and games, and the Olympic style of Tae Kwon Do sparring competition. The sessions are open to children aged from 7-16, and are suitable for both complete beginners and the more experienced alike. The cost for the

week is £18, and there are discounts available for families. The sessions will be taught by experienced local black belt instructors registered and insured with The British Tae Kwon Do Council.

For more details of the "Summer School", or for information on our regular Overton classes (covering all ages from 4 up to adult) which are held every Tuesday and Sunday, please contact Gerry Reilly ☎ 895701, or by email on gerry@chungdokwan.demon.co.uk, or visit the club website at www.obtkd.org.uk.

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## OVERTON SOCIETY

*From Sue Carter.*

How many villagers know about the Overton Society? It was formed in 1970 "to promote any lawful activity designed to foster interest and pride in the village of Overton in Hampshire" and membership is open to any local resident. A more up-to-date statement of the Society's objectives would be :-

- To foster an awareness of Overton's heritage - built, natural & cultural
- To promote the village as a community
- To consider the impact of developments and change
- To provide a focus to celebrate the things we value in Overton.

Open Meetings are held on local topics of interest and the next will be in early September when we plan to have a speaker on the soon to be published Rights of Way booklet and perhaps an update on the local bio-diversity study. The details of this meeting will be published nearer the time in *News and Views*. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for topics we could include at future meetings, please contact Sue Carter ☎ 770681 or e-mail her on carterdf@talk21.com.

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## HART WILDLIFE

*From Jackie Grey.*

HART Wildlife Rescue has been granted planning permission for a purpose built rescue, rehabilitation and education centre in Kingsclere Road. The first job will be to appoint a campaign director who can attract the funds needed not only to build the centre but also to run and maintain it over the coming years and who has a passion for wildlife and the time to devote to this vital task. Perhaps a recently retired businessperson would be interested. As well as providing accommodation for the treatment of injured and orphaned creatures the new centre will incorporate facilities to encourage studies into the care and appreciation of native wildlife. In its current home HART already provides work experience for dozens of students each year and the new facilities will enable the trust to further extend this work. Anyone interested in becoming campaign director for the hospital should contact June or Bob ☎ 770438. For further information please contact Jackie Grey ☎ 01264 356253.

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## TESTBOURNE NEWS

*From Teresa Reynolds, Governor.*

We have been delighted to hear from the Department for Education and Science that we have won a **School Achievement Award**. These are cash awards given to schools that have substantially improved their results.

We also heard that we had gained a National Sportsmark Award from Sport England, for the second time. We are particularly pleased that, as a small school, we still provide a wide range of sporting opportunities in and out of school hours and that pupils of all abilities are able to take part in and enjoy sport here.

We gathered together for what is now our traditional **Leavers' Assembly** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Parents, staff, guests, governors and, of course, Year 11 pupils met for a celebration of their time at Testbourne on their last full day in school before the GCSE's. We had a colourful balloon launch, carrying hopes and dreams for the future, this time in a north easterly direction! We wish all the pupils good luck in their exams.

We have already appointed a number of new staff for September but still need to appoint a Maths teacher (full or part-time) and a part-time Humanities teacher. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please do get in touch with Mary Soper ☎ 892061 at the school office.

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## PLAYGROUP NEWS

*From Carole Clifford.*

Exciting times ahead as plans develop to accommodate the ever growing numbers of children seeking places at Playgroup. As from next September, we hope to use the playroom at Overton Primary School as an additional setting for our pre-school children. Although we will operate independently from the school, this opportunity will forge stronger links between us and provide the children with a fantastic opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school environment.

Do you have experience and/or qualifications working with young children? Playgroup requires bank staff to provide cover for staff sickness and training days. If you are interested, committed, flexible and willing to train, please contact Amanda Igo, ☎ 01264 353167 for further details.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*From Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.*

There's a wide programme of events planned for Hampshire Woodland Week, which this year runs from 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June. Our monthly storytime, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, will have the Woodland Tales theme being offered in several libraries. There are leaflets in the library which give details of events throughout the county. The local highlight is the Hampshire Wood Fair at Milestones, Basingstoke, from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Over 70 exhibitors will be demonstrating traditional crafts and selling their beautiful wooden products, and there's a combined ticket offering admission to both the Wood Fair and Milestones.

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## OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

*From Gordon Baker, Chairman.*

Congratulations to these prize winners in the May draw:  
£500 J Waldren                      £200 B Harrington  
£100 J Webster, P Saunders and M Lemon.

If you want to contact the ORC, perhaps to book facilities for a sports match or a hall for a party, or to become a member, contact phone numbers are:

Mindy Noble                      773337  
Gordon Baker                      770807

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH FETE

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Turrill House, Southington.**

This year's fete is nearly upon us and there has been a lot of hard work put in by the stall holders and helpers to bring you an afternoon of entertainment and enjoyment. This year we have no Grand Draw, but we have put together a Big Raffle instead, with tickets on sale at the fete. Please come along and support St. Mary's Church and bring friends and family, all will be most welcome. We hope we have included all your favourite stalls:

Pony Rides, Hoopla, Lucky Dip, Smashing Plates, Bowling, Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy, Toys, Plant Stall, Workbox, Gifts, Face Painting, Nail Painting, Jam Jar Painting, Teas, Strawberries and Cream, BBQ, Juice and Sweets, Ice Cream, and we would be most grateful for donations to the following stalls:

Home Produce	Grace Foot	773086
Cake Stall	Pauline Wooster	772083
Bottle Tombola	Richard Joynt	770506
Bric a Brac	Marian Sweet	770672
Plant Stall	Kate Harwood	770209
Smashing Plates	Ian Boreham	771981
Books	Janine & Peter Smith	771724
Toys	Alison Hudson	770169
Lucky Dip	Sally Stone	771341
Nearly New Clothes	Jane Waldram	770444 &
	Corinne Cooke	771263

Jane Waldram is willing to collect. A last request, please pray for a sunny day and come along and enjoy the Church fete. P.S. Nearly New Clothes Stall is looking for clothes in good condition. It would be helpful to have them washed and ironed whenever possible. May I ask you *not* to bring jumble, underwear or men's suits/coats - they do not sell.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Readers should note that the comments given are those of the Parish Council; the Borough Council does not necessarily endorse them when arriving at its decisions.

**BDB/55621** Loft conversion involving raising of the roof with the creation of dormer windows to the front and rear elevation at 7 Greyhound Lane. No objection.

**BDB/55704** Erection of first floor front extension above existing garage at 16 Hazelcombe. No objection.

**BDB/55452** Change of use of open space to residential curtilage. Erection of a two storey side extension at 67 Woodlands. Objection – it was agreed that the extension was overlarge and would not be in keeping with the rest of the development. The extension would set a precedent for other development to take place and would result in the loss of open space.

**BDB/55421** Erection of flues and alteration of existing flues at rear of building at 15 High Street. Objection – the current chimneys have no planning permission and it was agreed that the proposed work will have a negative effect on the Conservation Area.

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**BDB/55516** Erection of 75 no dwellings, associated car parking and creation of access on land at Foxdown, Kingsclere Road. Objection.

**BDB/55366** Erection of an attached single garage at 16 Kerchers Field. No objection.

**BDB/55577** Erection of a single storey rear extension and front porch at 83 Woodlands. No objection.

**BDB/53094** Change of use of redundant farm buildings to B1 office and B8 storage and distribution at Ashe Warren Farm (amendment). No objection.

**BDB/55504** Conversion of cartshed to family room at Parsonage Farm, Southington. No objection.

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## DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please send your articles to the editor in writing, on a PC floppy disk or by e-mail. The email address is NewsandviewsRG25@aol.com

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*From Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.*

### Buses

#### Sundays And Bank Holidays Bus Services 76 and 86

With effect from 18 May these will be operated by the Winchester depot of Stagecoach Hampshire Bus and not by Countywide Travel. Please note that the 2020 service to Basingstoke and the 2045 service from Basingstoke (arrival Overton 2108) will no longer run and that the 1938 westbound service from Overton will not run beyond Whitchurch. The last service into Basingstoke from Overton is now at 1850 and the last one back at 1915 from the Bus Station. This information was included in an article in the Andover Advertiser on 8 May and each bus shelter within the parish gave details of the changes so hopefully no one was inconvenienced. Further details from Brian Langer, Overton Public Transport representative ☎ 770848.

#### Services 76/86 detour via Basingstoke Leisure Centre.

All County Council subsidised services, ie Sundays, Bank Holidays and the last two services into and out of Basingstoke Mondays to Saturdays, are contracted to detour via the Leisure Centre on both their inward and outward journeys. There was trouble in the past when the detour was not made and the problem has again arisen with the late evening Saturday service resulting in parishioners being stranded and having to call a taxi at great expense. The problem has been raised with Stagecoach and with the County Council in the hope that drivers are made fully aware that these services do make the detour they are supposed to make in future.

#### Service 86 eastbound departure 0900 on Weds 14 May

This service broke down at Sutton Scotney but Stagecoach sent out a replacement bus for the return journey at 0952, service 76, to Andover from Overton. I was able to notify, later that day, those whom I knew in the bus queue but apologies to those who did not receive an update from me.