

# News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

March 2005

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From Parish Council Clerk Laura Harley.

### Parish Council Meetings

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| • Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2005 in the Community Centre |                                |
| • Planning   | 7:00pm                         |
| • Public time  | 7:30pm                         |
| • Main meeting   | 8pm.                           |
| • Planning 7:30pm  | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March |
| • Finance & General Purposes 8pm                               | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March.        |
- St Mary's Hall Management committee meeting  
7.30pm 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Hall.

Agendas and planning applications are displayed on the events notice-board. All public are welcome to any of these meetings.

### Clerk's New Telephone Number

The Clerk now has a new telephone number which is **01962 774186**. Please use this number to contact her about all Parish Council matters and for booking St Mary's Hall.

### Overton United Halls Group

Representatives from St Luke's Hall, St Mary's Hall and the Community Centre are now meeting together on a monthly basis to finalise refurbishment and rebuilding plans for all three halls in preparation for making a bid for capital funding from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in May 2005. The Group is hoping that the borough council will be able to provide capital funding for the joint project from April 2006. Contributions from the forthcoming housing developments and a Public Works Loan Board loan will make up some of the funding. The hall committees are all intending to carry out events throughout the year to boost fund raising.

### Electoral Roll

Questions have been raised as a result of Overton's electorate reducing according to official records when we know that the village seems to have an endless building spree which should result in an increasing population. Our electorate does have a bearing on the funds the Parish Council can obtain and it is the duty of every person over 18 to be registered as an elector if they meet the criteria, with fines of £1000 for not complying with the law. The Electoral Services department at BDBC is aware of the matter so make sure you are registered so you don't find yourself £1000 worse off!

### Parking Survey

Parking is already a serious problem in some parts of the village, particularly at weekends. With the building of a further 175 houses over the next few years, Overton Parish Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are working together to try and find some resolutions to the

problem. A parking survey for residents will be included within the April edition of *News and Views*. If any shop owners are prepared to hand out Parking Surveys to non residents who use the village, please let the Clerk know.

### Flashetts Footpath

The Parish Council often receives complaints from walkers regarding the use of Flashetts footpath by horse riders. The council has sought clarification from the owners of the land, De La Rue, and has received the following response from Tony Vines, Director of Group Property; "We (De La Rue) have no wish to open up the use of the footpath beyond the current legal requirements because to do so will lead to faster deterioration of the path leading to increased cost to us and poor conditions underfoot for walkers." The Parish Council is checking that adequate signage is in place at both ends of the path.

### Overton Litter Pick

Overton Action Group is organising a litter pick on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please meet at the Community Centre at 10am to pick up litter pickers and bags, and to be deployed around the village. Remember to wear warm clothes, gloves and stout shoes.

### Did you know?

That over 50% of litter dropped is smoking related? The Parish Council has some personal ashtrays available, provided by the borough council; so if you would like to do your bit to keep Overton tidier, please contact the Clerk.

### Winchester Street Parking

We all know that parking here can be a problem, exacerbated over the years by the absence of off street parking for local residents who are now invariably car owners. Many years ago the infamous raised red bricks, provided to demarcate the parking from the pedestrian zones, were removed after a public outcry as they were a hazard to pedestrians and increased puddling. For many years drivers parked parallel to the pedestrian zone but increasingly drivers are choosing to park 'chevron style'. As such they seriously encroach on the pedestrian zone and make it necessary for people with baby buggies or wheelchairs to go into the road in order to get by. Winchester Street is NOT a chevron style parking zone and OPC will be asking the police to keep an eye on vehicles obstructing the pavement and take appropriate action where necessary.

Winchester Street is one of the most photogenic streets in the village, helped by the presence of its grass verge and trees in an urban context. This grass verge is in danger of becoming a muddy mess as a result of some drivers who consider it part of the tarred highway. It is an offence to drive over a pedestrian zone of the highway without having

an authorised access to private property from the main highway.

### Notice Boards

Overton now has a new central notice board to replace the one that was vandalised. There are also two new notice boards, one by the Spar in Sapley Lane and one in the grounds of the surgery. As the boards are now locked, please could you deliver any posters that you wish to be displayed into the Community Centre marked for the attention of Laura Harley. It would be helpful if all posters could be A4 size /portrait layout to ensure the boards can be used to their full potential.

### Security Pens

PC Swallow has provided pens that can be used to invisibly mark your postcode onto items. If you would like one they are available free from the Fireplace Shop.

### Street Lighting

To report a fault, check the defective light number (this is found on the street light column 5 to 6 feet off the ground facing the road) and the road name. Phone 0800 506060 and you will receive a prompt to leave a message. Be sure to state Overton as this number covers all of Hampshire. The light will normally be repaired within 5 working days.

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### MP SURGERY

*From Graham Lambert.*

Your local Member of Parliament, Sir George Young, will be holding a surgery in the village on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. He will be available from 10am to 11am in the Palmer Room at the Community Centre. (An appointment is not necessary but it may avoid a wait. ☎ 01264-401401). He will be pleased to discuss any matters of concern with which you feel he can be of assistance.

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### OVERTON BRIDGE CLUB

*From Mike Scoggins.*

Overton Bridge Club hold duplicate bridge sessions on Monday evenings at Testbourne Centre. The club has been in existence for over 10 years and is keen to increase its membership. If you would be interested in coming along to our meetings we would be delighted to hear from you. Don't be put off that we are a club; our sessions tend to be fairly relaxed. The club offers all potential new members a free introductory period. For further details please contact either our Chairman, Pam Taylor, ☎ 770049 or myself, Mike Scoggins, ☎ 770455.

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### OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*From Jill Smith.*

Overton Dramatic Society is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and we would like to thank you all for your support over the years. Our first production, in April, is to be **"Love begins at 50"** which is a modern farce by Raymond Hopkins. It is based around a man who has been married for 25 years and as he is about to turn 50, he is feeling his life is passing him by and so is yearning for a final fling. The show will be in St Mary's Hall, from 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April. We are also planning social events throughout the year, including a big celebration party in May.

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### ST LUKE'S HALL UPDATE

*From Chris Penney – Hon Secretary.*

Following on from previous updates in *News and Views* over the last year or so, the latest news is that an application was made at the end of January to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to demolish the existing hall and build a new one further back on the same site, with more car parking spaces at the front.

As previously mentioned (*N&V* April 2004) - and supported at the 2004 AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> June - the proposed external design/façade is fully sympathetic to all its surroundings. Copies of the plans are on display on the Hall's noticeboard, Local Events noticeboard and in Overton Library. It is probable that we won't have an answer from B&DBC until after Easter. Fund-raising will then begin in earnest - bearing in mind that 2006 is our Diamond Jubilee celebration.

We hope that the building work might take place during summer 2007 to minimise disruption to current hall users and to be ready in good time for a 2008 SheepFair, if one is on the cards.

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### TIDDLERS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

*From Joanne Furlonger.*

We meet in Freefolk and Laverstoke Village Hall every Wednesday morning between 9.30 and 11.30am. All parents/ carers /babies and toddlers welcome. Cost £1 per parent and first child, each extra child 20p. For further information please call Joanne on ☎ 892216 (or just come along any Wednesday).

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### DAFFODIL SUNDAY

*From Vanessa Miller.*

A Date for your Diary – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2-5pm at Binley, near St Mary Bourne. In aid of Riding for the Disabled. Two glorious gardens, with woodland walks, home-made teas, plants, bric-a-brac, pony rides & raffle.

Entrance: £1.50, dogs 50p, to be kept on leads.

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### ARKLE LODGE NURSING HOME

*From Sylvie Sintah and Jo Mas.*

#### Easter Coffee Afternoon

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm, Sprents Lane

Entrance fee 50p (includes teas/coffee/soft drink)

East Bonnet Competition

(To be judged by David Brierley)

Raffle, Tombola, Soft Toys, Sweet & Cake stall, Plant Stall, Bric-a-brac, Book stall.

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### BASIC QUIZ

*From Jane MacKenzie & Linda Allen.*

£430 raised for "BASIC" - British Association for Immediate Care.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this fun evening so generously with raffle prizes, cooking or by taking part. Heather and Richard Oram excelled themselves with the variety of questions they prepared.

BASIC is a group of doctors in Basingstoke and north Hampshire who volunteer to provide advanced medical pre-hospital care at the roadside following road accidents.

For more information about BASIC see

[www.emergency.dsl.pipex.com/0200.htm](http://www.emergency.dsl.pipex.com/0200.htm) or contact Dr



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If you want to contact the ORC, visit our web site at <http://www.overtonrc.org.uk/> or phone Jan Oates on ☎ 771761 or Gordon Baker ☎ 770807

Or you can e-mail us on [chairman@overtonrc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@overtonrc.org.uk)  
We still need new collectors. If you can spare a little time each week, please consider helping us – contact Debbie Tomlin ☎ 770154 for details.

Remember, our sports facilities and halls are available for hire at reasonable rates.

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## KINGFISHER

*From Julia Cobb.*

Kingfisher Day Centre in Whitchurch needs a cook! Our wonderful cook is retiring at the end of March and we will need someone to replace her. 4 days a week (not Tuesdays), from 9am to 1pm (negotiable). Please contact me for details of salary. If you could only manage two days a week, or even if you could only cover for holidays, please get in touch. Julia Cobb, Day Centre manager ☎ 893333.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*From Alma McKellar.*

Overton Community Centre is holding a “Funny Scary Stories” session with storyteller Graham Rogers on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Free tickets are

available from the library. The event is aimed at children from 5-9 years old.

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*From Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.*

### Buses

#### Easter weekend

A Sunday service will be operating on Friday 25 March, Sunday 27 March and Monday 28 March with a Saturday service operating on Saturday 26 March on routes 76/86 and Village Shuttle route 74.

### Trains

#### Easter weekend

There will be major engineering works in the Basingstoke area over the Easter weekend and considerable disruption to services can be expected, perhaps involving the use of buses to replace some trains. However, in principle, SWT intend to operate a Saturday service on Friday 25 March, Saturday 26 March and Monday 28 March with a Sunday service on Sunday 27 March but please check full details on 08457 48 49 50.

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## Overton Shuttle Bus

Overton has a shuttle bus service that runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The bus does a circular route around the village every half hour – please see timetable below - **and is available to everyone.**

The cost of a journey however short or long is 70 pence.

Shuttle Bus Timetable	S				TT	TT	TT		
High Street (Community Centre)	9.13	9.43	10.13	10.43	11.13	11.43	12.13	12.43	13.13
Harvey's Field		9.45	10.15	10.45	11.15	11.45	12.15	12.45	13.15
Pond Close	9.21	9.51	10.21	10.51	11.21	11.51	12.21	12.51	13.21
Winchester Street (bank)	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	13.00	13.30
Hilltop Road (Station)	9.34	10.04	10.34	11.04	11.34	12.04	12.34	13.04	13.34
Pound Road	9.38	10.08	10.38	11.08	11.38	12.08	12.38	13.08	13.38
<i>S - only runs on Saturdays</i>	<b>TT - only runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>								

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