

# News and Views

Issued by Overton Parish Council and distributed to Overton and Ashe.  
Information and Comment on Village Activities

May 2005

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From Parish Clerk Laura Harley..

### Parish Council Meetings

#### Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May:	Planning	7.30pm
	Finance/Gen. Purposes	8.00pm

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

### Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Please don't forget to come to the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.45pm in St Mary's Hall. We hope that representatives from various organisations around the village will take the opportunity to attend and have a say. The evening always rounds off with some sociable chat over refreshments prepared by the WI and a glass of wine.

### Commemorating the End of WWII

A weekend of events to commemorate the end of WWII is being planned by the Parish Council and the 'Stute. This will take place at the 'Stute on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September and will include a Victory Street Party and Sing-song on Sunday, 12-4pm.

The Parish Council would like to hear from any parishioners who recollect what they were doing during the period 1939-45 or who would like to share their personal memories on the victory celebrations. Please write to the Parish Council.

### Parking in Overton

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has some money set aside to help ease parking in Overton. To help them to use this money effectively, please complete the enclosed survey and return it by posting through the door of the Community Centre.

### Mayor Making

Cllr Paula Baker, one of Overton's borough Councillors, takes over as the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2005, and Overton Parish Council would like to wish her every success for the coming year.

### St Mary's Hall

Work is now well underway on the refurbishment project for the Hall. The old toilet block has been removed and the groundwork is being carried out for the new extension. The Committee would like to thank both Dennis Rowles and Eric Minall for their co-operation in allowing access to the site across their land. Also thanks to the Hewetson-Browns who are allowing the builders to store supplies at their farm in Ashe. Please note that the hall is still being used

throughout this period, contact Laura Harley ☎ 01962 774186 to make a booking.

### Allotments

There was a very large turnout for the Allotment Holders meeting at the end of March, when it was agreed to replace the gate and part of the fence at the Woodlands site. All the allotments are currently taken, but if you are interested in joining the waiting list please contact the Clerk.

### St Mary's Hall Bus Shelter

Regular users of this shelter may have noticed that the perch seat has been removed. This is to allow the SEB to access the inspection cover by the shelter to carry out important works. Unfortunately for health and safety reasons, the seat cannot be returned.

### Village Vandalism

Over the past month, there have been a number of acts of vandalism, particularly to parked cars. The police have been active in the village during this time, gathering information on the scale of the problem, and are now following up leads.

### Surface Dressing

Kingsclere Road to the Harrow Way and the C29 from the village to the A303 have been surface-dressed this financial year by Hampshire County Council.

### Ashe Cross-roads

The county council as highway authority has in recent years replaced some of the reflective signs in country areas with the old finger-post variety, thought to be more in keeping with the environment. One location that has not been actioned is Ashe cross-roads. However, the loss of reflective signs at that junction, through which traffic travels at speed on the B3400, may not be welcomed by the residents of Ashe and Burley Lane. Would you please make your views, both for and against a change, known to the Parish Clerk on 01962 774186 by the end of May before HCC takes any action.

### Village Litter

The Parish Council has employed Stuart Pike to pick litter for three hours a week. He will be concentrating on clearing rubbish from the playing fields and the village centre.

### Sapley Lane Playing Field

It has been reported that people are riding motorbikes on Sapley Lane Playing Field. The Parish Council would like to make it clear that it is against the Borough Council by-laws to ride motorbikes on this or any other playing field in Overton. The Parish Council would also like to assure local residents that it currently has no plans to build a youth shelter at Sapley Lane Playing Field.

### Noise Intrusion

The Parish Council has received complaints about noise from both motorcycles (particularly at Foxdown) and

automatic bird scarers. If you are troubled by either of these problems, please take note of the dates and times when the noise occurs and contact the Environmental Health Officers at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council ☎ 844844 for assistance.

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## OVERTON YOUTH CLUB

*From Teresa Reynolds, Secretary.*

The Youth Club requires a Youth Worker, to help run the club on Tuesday evenings, for about 25 12 –16 year olds. Please contact Lucy Sloane Williams ☎ 770607 if you are interested. Salary is £6 per hour. This post is supported by Basingstoke & Deane's Youth Strategy and training is provided. A Criminal Records Bureau check is required.

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## OUT OF HOURS

*From Pam Myers, Overton Surgery.*

Patients requiring urgent medical attention between the hours of 18.30 and 08.00 Monday to Friday, weekends and Bank Holidays please ring the out of hours emergency service: HANTSDOC ☎ 01189 365 592

### HEARING AID BATTERIES

The surgery now has a stock of NHS hearing aid batteries. Please ask at Reception and bring your ID book with you.

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## ST MARY'S HALL GARDEN PROJECT

*From Nicky Clarke.*

Spring is in the air and so the minds of keen gardeners are whirling with thoughts of moving plants for other garden work, plant divisions, cuttings and seed planting.

And the time is nearing for work to start on the new garden planned for St Mary's Hall.

Plans have been finalised and quotes organised and some items have already been located but there is much more to be done and many things to be purchased

We hope that much of the work can be done with the help of local people

Can You Help ?

Do You Have Any of the Following?

- garden items you no longer want such as pots, furniture, compost, gravel, any excess (or why not make extra) seedlings, cuttings or divisions
- larger plants
- free time to help with the planting work
- cash to help towards other purchases
- fundraising events ANY contributions for the garden at St Mary's Hall would be gratefully received.

Please contact Peter Baker at the Fireplace Shop, ☎770007, where full details of the garden plans can also be viewed.

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## JUNIOR CRICKET

*From Peter Tomlin.*

Overton Youth Cricket Club has started its outdoor summer season. From May and throughout the summer, coaching and development sessions are held at the ORC, Bridge Street every Saturday morning from 10:30am until noon for boys and girls aged 6 up to 11.

U13's practice is on Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.

We run league teams, friendly cricket matches and family events that cater for all ages and abilities.

For further details please contact Peter Tomlin ☎ 770154.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Planning Application

Are the residents of Overton aware that the present owners of Flashetts house have put in for planning permission to do a two storey rear extension to their property?

As a resident of Overton for many years I am growing increasingly concerned at the amount of development that is happening in our lovely village, especially in such a lovely spot as Flashetts. I really don't think that an extension to this already large house is necessary and I would like to urge villagers to look at the planning application and object if they agree that it's not in keeping with the area.

Also why have the present owners deemed it necessary to fell such a large number of mature trees from their property, the house is now very visible from the road.

*A very concerned resident of Station Road, (name & address supplied.)*

### Christian Aid Week, May 15-21

As in previous years, our collectors hope to call on every home in Ashe, Overton and Laverstoke. Please help us to play our part in the worldwide campaign to "Make Poverty History". Thank you

*Brian & Margaret Wheeler, ☎ 771895.*

### Lost on Overton Hill

A much valued walking stick lost off roof of our car. It is a German Alpine stick with the metal point removed. A reward is offered. Please phone Bill James, Town Mill, ☎ 771680.

*Bill James.*

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## 2ND OVERTON BROWNIES

*From Michelle Le'Warne, Brown Owl.*

On 7<sup>th</sup> May at Overton Community Centre, 10am-12noon, The Brownies are holding a cake & coffee morning with a few good bric-a-brac, to raise funds for the unit.

Everyone will have a warm welcome so please come along to support us. For further information please ring Brown Owl Michelle Le'Warne ☎ 770454.

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## UNWANTED TOOLS

*From Sarah Witchard*

Overton Methodist Church is collecting tools to send out to Africa for craftsmen and women to use.

### What is needed?

Hand tools for woodwork, building, plumbing, machinery repair, metal-working.

Equipment such as hand drills, vices, welding equipment.

Hand sewing machines-Singer with round bobbin

(sorry-gardening tools cannot be used)

### Whereto bring them?

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9am-12noon

Come and buy at our Annual Plant Sale (same day). Enjoy a coffee!

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## PLAYGROUP NEWS

*From Lorna Bloor.*

At Playgroup we have been very busy so far this Spring. Our Open Morning on 19<sup>th</sup> March was a great success, and we would like to thank everyone who come and looked around Playgroup, bought raffle tickets, cakes and joined in the fun. We raised over £400 to go towards new Outdoor play equipment. Many thanks to all the shops in the village who donated prizes for the raffle, and all the parents who produced cakes for our home made cake stall. On 11<sup>th</sup> March we were very pleased to have Jody Scheckter, former F1 champion and now local Organic Farmer, come to the Community Centre to present certificates at our official Pre School Learning Alliance Accreditation presentation.

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## FRIENDS OF OVERTON SURGERY

*From Chris Smith.*

The Annual General Meeting of the above will be held at The Community Centre, Overton on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, at 8.00pm.

This is a Group with Charitable Status to oversee the effective use of bequests made to the Overton Practice for the benefit of the patients.

All patients over 18 who are registered with the Overton Practice are invited to attend.

The Annual Accounts will be available for inspection at Overton Surgery from 19<sup>th</sup> May. Nominations for membership of the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Secretary by 12<sup>th</sup> May and must be supported by at least 2 patients over 18 years of age. Notice of any resolutions to be considered should be given to the Secretary by 12<sup>th</sup> May, and must be tabled by not less than 10 patients over 18 years of age.

For more information contact the Chairman – Bill Denny – ☎ 770183 or the Secretary - Chris Smith ☎ 397283.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*From the OSA.*

### Summer Fête 18<sup>th</sup> June

Once again the school will be holding its Summer Fête 1pm-4pm. Please come along and bring the whole family for a fun afternoon. There will be lots of attractions, craft and side stalls, a bar, BBQ and horse riding.

If you would like a stall please contact Tracy ☎ 770563 ,or a pitch for the Car Boot sale contact Carol ☎ 770277.

If you are a member of a small band or music group and would like to entertain at the Fête, we would love to hear from you. Contact Jane ☎ 771847.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*From Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.*

It was a pleasure to welcome so many children (and adults!) to our monthly storytime again last month. For those who haven't visited us yet, the sessions for under 5s are held on the second Wednesday of the month, from 2.15 - 2.45. Welcome too to my new colleague, another Christine, who joined us at Overton in April. Some of you may have met her already at Whitchurch Library.

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## HART CONCERT

*From J Grey.*

A date for your diaries! This year's concert in aid of HART Wildlife Rescue will take place at St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

A group of professional musicians will provide an excellent evening's entertainment with a programme which includes music by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Rossini.

Refreshments will be available in the village hall. Tickets will be available soon. Watch out for further details on posters, or call Judith Burchett ☎ 896642.

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## DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16<sup>th</sup> May. 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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## HAMPSHIRE FARMERS MARKET

*From Andy Dowling, B&DBC.*

The Basingstoke Hampshire Farmers' Markets sell produce that have been grown, reared, caught, brewed, pickled, baked, or processed within Hampshire or ten miles of the border. The producer, or someone directly involved with the production, must sell the produce themselves and no bought in produce is allowed.

The intention is to allow smaller local producers an outlet direct to the public enabling them to become less reliant on wholesalers and supermarkets.

The use of the top of the town centre allows easy access to all the markets with the average number of producers attending being around 40 - 45. Free range beef, lamb, pork and chicken, including rare breed meat, fresh fish and crabs and smoked trout are on sale. For those wishing to try something out of the ordinary there is often ostrich meat! Seasonal fruit and vegetables are plentiful, organic produce is available alongside delicious freshly baked bread, free range eggs, lavender products and plants. All the producers are keen to talk about their produce and many offer the chance to sample before you buy including a variety of cheeses, wines and beers, jams, honeys and cakes.

Refreshments are available at the markets including a free range Hampshire Hog Roast, burgers, sausages, cakes etc.

Next dates: *Basingstoke* - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> August;

*Andover* - 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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## OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*From Jill Smith.*

### Grand 25th Anniversary Celebration Party.

Overton Dramatic Society is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a big fund raising party; profits will be going to St Mary's Hall. It is being held in St Mary's Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2005, with tickets priced at £10. We will be entertained with comedy and a variety of music ranging from Les Miserables to Rock 'n' Roll, by "Swell Party" who are an experienced group of musicians, singers and actors.

They come with excellent reviews and wonderful recommendation, so it is assured we will have a simply fabulous evening! So get your glad rags out and join us in this celebration. Tickets can be obtained from Freda ☎ 770004 or Mags ☎ 771457.

ODS recently held a Right Royal Race Night, and the evening was a great success, raising £420 towards St Mary's Hall refurbishment fund.

For more information and details on ODS, please visit our website: [ods-online.co.uk](http://ods-online.co.uk).

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## OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

*From Debbie Tomlin, Membership Secretary.*

Congratulations to the winners in the April draw. The top prizes went to Mindy Noble, £500, S Harding, £200 and £100 went to Pam Dowling, S Riddle and T Corby.

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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/60220** Erection of 9 no 2 bedroom flats, 8 no 3 bedroom house and 240 sq m industrial unit at Berrydown Garage. Objection – require proof that existing planning permission is not viable, concerned that this is an isolated development outside the Settlement Policy Boundary, concern about the highway access from the B3400. Plans not sufficient to make a more valued judgement.

**BDB/60511** Installation of replacement rooflight to rear elevation at 17a High Street. No objection.

**BDB/60338** Change of use of land from open space to domestic curtilage at land between 32 and 33 Two Gate Meadow. Objection – concern that this will set a precedent.

**BDB/60519** Erection of two storey rear extension at the Flashetts Bungalow, Kingsclere Road. No objection but register concern about the traffic movements along the footpath during construction, development adjacent to the SSSI, concern that near neighbours have been notified.

**BDB/60661** Construction of gable end and new window to replace hipped roof and flat roof dormer at 3 Southington. No objection.

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## ST LUKE'S HALL UPDATE

*From Chris Penney - Hon Secretary.*

St Luke's Hall will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in 2006. Under the Deed dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 1946, the Bank of England made a "gift for the general benefit of the residents of Overton...(of) the piece of land situate in Winchester Street...together with the premises now erected thereon and known as St Luke's Club Overton..."

As mentioned in April *News & Views*, the Trustees hope that, at the AGM at 7.45pm in St Luke's Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> June, agreement will be reached to amended plans to demolish the existing hall and build a new one.

If so, fund-raising will begin in earnest - and one event will be some kind of party around 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (which falls on a Wednesday).

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Comments and contributions for *News and Views* are welcomed by the editor, Teresa Reynolds, The Three Horseshoes, 41 Winchester Street, e-mail [newsandviewsRG25@aol.com](mailto:newsandviewsRG25@aol.com). The editor reserves the right not to print articles without giving a reason.

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In the meantime, we would very much like to hear, please, from any Overtonian who will be celebrating a Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2006 and/or who has held a highly memorable event in the hall since 1946. Please write to: St Luke's Hall Overton, c/o The Parish Office, The Community Centre, Winchester Street, Overton. Thank you.

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*From Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.*

### Buses

#### **Spring Bank Holiday weekend 28 May to 30 May**

Buses are expected to operate a Sunday service on the Bank Holiday Monday, 30 May, with the usual Saturday and Sunday services operating on 28 and 29 May.

This is traditionally a very busy weekend on the roads and, from now until the end of the summer, delays may occur on service 86 in and out of Winchester. Winchester experiences huge tourist numbers and, as well as congestion in the city centre, the A34 can have severe tailbacks affecting our bus services. As services 76/86 operate in a letter T manner (Andover-Basingstoke-Winchester-Basingstoke- Andover) any delays can have a knock-on effect on later services and any delay may not be the driver's fault.

### Trains

Trains are expected to operate a Saturday service on Bank Holiday Monday, 30 May with the usual Saturday and Sunday services operating on 28 and 29 May. However, please check the station notice board or 'phone 08457 48 49 50 for details of engineering works that may affect your South West Trains journey that weekend.

#### **Steam locomotive hauled trains through Overton**

Steam Dreams (01483 209888 and [www.steamdreams.co.uk](http://www.steamdreams.co.uk) for fares and schedule details) are again running several steam hauled specials through Overton this year.

1 May, 24 July and 6 November travelling to and from Exeter, passing through around 1000 and 1930;

8 June travelling to Bath/Bristol passing through around 1115;

20 July, 24 August, 26 November returning from Bath passing through about 1830;

17 August for Weymouth Carnival via Yeovil with water stop at Overton around 1000 returning non-stop at around 2015;

12 October travelling to and from Bath/Bristol (can board/alight at B'stoke) passing through around 1120 and 1900.

Steam Dreams also run steam hauled services on the Micheldever line and other operators, such as VSOE with Pullman coaches, run occasional steam hauled services through Overton.