

# News and Views

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

October 2005

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Council Clerk Laura Harley.

### Parish Council Meetings

#### Taking place in the Community Centre

Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October:	Planning	7.30pm
	Finance/Gen. Purposes	8.00pm

St Mary's Hall Management Committee meeting: 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Hall.

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

### Cycling on Pavements

Children are cycling on pavements more often, which is quite understandable given the increased traffic on local roads. **Pedestrians have the right of way on pavements and footpaths not bicycles.** Parishioners have complained about speeding and inconsiderate cyclists recently. It may not be cool to have a bell but pedestrians can only move out of the way if they know a bicycle is behind them.

### Street Lighting

The clocks go back at the end of the month when it will be dark at 5pm. If you see a faulty street light please contact 0800 50 60 60 and report it, quoting light column number, street and village as the number covers the whole of Hampshire.

### Spirit of Wartime – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September

The Parish Council would like to thank Sue Berry, Sarah Mills and the Memorial Institute together with all the entertainers and helpers for hosting the Spirit of Wartime event. All those who attended thought that this was a fantastic occasion and thoroughly enjoyed themselves watching the Paul Sykes Big Band on Saturday and Lola Gibbard and the ODS on Sunday. Congratulations!

### Table Top Sale

The next St Mary's Hall Table Top Sale is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 10am- 12 noon. To book your table please contact Mark or Maggs ☎ 771457. Entrance is free. Teas, coffees, squash and biscuits will be served. All proceeds to St Mary's Hall Refurbishment Fund.

### Unveiling the Trafalgar Plaque

Did you know that Overton was one of the places where Captain Lapentiere changed horses on his epic trip from Falmouth to London taking news of the victory at Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Nelson? To mark the event which took place 200 years ago, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled in a short ceremony outside the Community Centre at 3.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The ceremony will be concluded by a cream tea served in the Community

Centre by the WI. The tea is free but due to the size of the venue, tickets will be limited. If you would like to attend – please contact that Clerk on the usual number.

### Parish Council Budgets

Overton Parish Council must set its budget by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 for the year from 1 April 2006. If you have any ideas for spending the precept, please let the Clerk know – or come along to public time at the Parish Council meetings at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> October or 9<sup>th</sup> November – and put forward your proposal.

### Sapley Lane Playing Field

New signs have now been erected at the playing field asking dog owners to keep dogs on leads. The Parish Council accepts that most people go across the recreation ground to walk their dogs in the fields to the east, but asks that dogs are kept on leads within the recreation ground and that owners clear up after their dogs.

### Basingstoke in Bloom

Congratulations to Battens Avenue residents who have won the Basingstoke in Bloom competition for the 5<sup>th</sup> year running. It is hoped that more residents might take part in this competition in 2006.

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

PC Richard BALDWIN

### Where is your Child?

In my short time on the Beat I have met and spoken to lots of young people who congregate in and around Overton High Street. In the main they are well behaved, however, there are continuing instances of Anti-Social Behaviour which include being noisy and abusive, playing football, spitting (pet hate of mine) and littering - mainly during the evening.

I appeal to the parents of these individuals to speak to their children about these issues as the residents who live in the High Street are suffering the consequences of the childrens' behaviour.

It is not too much to ask for people to respect each others right for a peaceful life, remember the next time you see your child standing in the village square late at night, that could easily be a gang of kids standing outside your house disturbing your peace !!!

## OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Jill Smith.

### Beauty And The Beast Bazaar

Overton Dramatic Society will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10am - 12 noon at St Mary's Hall. There will be lots of stalls including tombola, cakes and white elephant as well as a grand draw. The entrance fee of 50p includes coffee. **Tickets for the panto "Beauty and the Beast"** will also be on sale, priced at £6

and £4.50 concessions, with all tickets full price on Saturday evening. They will then be on sale at the Executive Dry Cleaners on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, as well as Saturday mornings in St Mary's Hall. The show runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Hall, with a Saturday matinee.

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## OVERTON CHORAL SOCIETY,

*Lyn Hardy.*

Rehearsals have started for the first concert which will be held in St Mary's Church, Overton on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:45pm in conjunction with Hannington Silver Band, OCS will present "Overton Celebrates Trafalgar 200", a concert with a nautical flavour.

Tickets:£7.50, to include interval refreshment, from Paul the Barber, Winchester Street, and Colin Parker ☎ 77103 Regional Co-ordinator, Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond for Disabled Ex-Service Men and Women.

Proceeds will go to the Royal Star and Garter Home, with donations from the Choir, the Band and St. Mary's Church.

The Home is a military charity, which has been in Richmond since 1916. It has had a Royal Charter since 1974. The Patron is HM The Queen and one of the vice-presidents is Simon Weston, the Falklands veteran.

The following concert in OCS calendar will be our ever popular Christmas Concert and it will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December in St Mary's Hall.

Welcome to two new members at our AGM. If anyone would like to join us please come to St Mary's hall on Mondays. Our rehearsals start at 7:45pm.

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## COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

*Laverstoke Park Estate.*

It has been brought to our attention that some dog walkers are letting their dogs off their leads when walking on the areas that Laverstoke Park has kindly made available. The farm has increasing numbers of very special animals, to include rare breeds and wild boar; the latter have been getting very stressed especially when "worried" by barking dogs running loose around their enclosure. Wild boars are classified as wild animals for the simple reason that they are dangerous and are consequently sited away from the public footpaths. Please could everyone respect the welfare of the livestock on the farm and keep to the "dog walking" field that Laverstoke Park has allowed us to use and the footpaths.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Please note that letters can only be printed if contributors are prepared to put their names to them.*

### Station Car Park

I read with interest the article in August *News & Views* concerning the parking dilemma which will occur when Portals /De La Rue close two thirds of the overflow car park on Station Approach. I have lived on Station Hill for the last 10 years and prior to the opening of the PDLR car park, inconsiderate commuters would constantly park their vehicles as far down the hill as the Copse Rd entrance, impeding the access of residents at 1 to 5 Station Hill.

Contrary to popular belief, the painting of double and single lines on Station Hill did **not** act as a deterrent and I feel that

further yellow lining of the Foxdown, Copse Rd, Beech Close and Hilltop Rd areas will not deter parking unless the area is regularly policed by the resident traffic wardens and restriction plates are posted.

Finally, one of the most annoying aspects of this inconsiderate parking debacle is that the majority of the commuters live outside the village and board the train at Overton to avoid parking charges elsewhere!

*Mr & Mrs R Hutchins, Station Hill.*

### OPC Reply:

The Parish Council has received a number of letters regarding station parking, both from residents and commuters and has been in touch with De La Rue, who confirm that the rear two thirds of the car park at the station will close once planning permission for business units has been granted. De La Rue has also re stated that if any agency or individual is prepared to come forward to purchase the land for use as a car park, then their offers will be considered. In the mean time the borough council is looking at the possibility of applying for a Road Traffic Order to stop people from parking on Station Approach to ensure that the road is not obstructed. This will be enforceable despite the fact that it is on an unadopted road. The parish intends to organise the clearance of rubbish and vegetation in the small front car park to try and optimise spaces. **Please could commuters park effectively – at least five or six more cars could be parked in the existing space if drivers took some time to park properly.**

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## HEALTH MATTERS

*Dr Richard Coppin, Oakley and Overton Partnership.*

### Influenza and Pneumonia

#### FLU

Flu is a highly infectious illness caused by the influenza virus. It tends to start suddenly with symptoms such as fever, chills, headache, aching muscles and feeling generally unwell, together with a cough or sore throat. Flu is spread by coughs and sneezes from people who are already infected with the virus. For most people flu is a nasty experience but for some it can lead to serious illness. Flu vaccination needs to be given every year.

#### **We advise you to have a flu vaccination if you:**

Are 65 years or older by 31.03.06.

If you have a heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes or lowered immunity due to disease or treatment, whatever your age.

**Patients registered with Oakley or Overton Surgery** can have their flu vaccination when they see the doctor or nurse for anything during October and November. Patients not visiting the surgery for other reasons can book an appointment at the flu vaccination clinics by phoning the surgery in mid October. Clinics will be held during November.

#### **PNEUMONIA**

Pneumococcal disease can cause pneumonia and meningitis and is a major cause of illness and death, especially amongst the very young, elderly and those with lowered resistance to infection. This vaccine is usually given once in your life. Your GP or practice nurse will advise you if you fall into one of the few categories of people who need more than one.

**We advise you to have a pneumococcal vaccine if you are:** 65 years old or older.

Whatever your age if you have heart, lung, kidney or liver disease, diabetes, no spleen, cochlear implants or lowered immunity due to disease or treatment.

**Patients registered with Oakley or Overton Surgery** can have their pneumococcal vaccination at the same time as flu vaccination or at any other time during the year by making an appointment or asking for it when they come for other reasons.

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## TESTBOURNE NEWS

*Teresa Reynolds, Governor.*

### Examination Success

Pupils have again achieved an excellent set of GCSE results. 72% of the pupils gained five or more A\*-C grade passes, a 4% increase on last year. Almost a quarter of the grades were A\*s or As. Some of our pupils who received support for special educational needs also made outstanding progress. The Governors all congratulate the staff whose hard work made this success possible.

### New Faces

156 new Year Seven pupils joined us at the start of term, each joining one of six tutor groups, two belonging to Beech House, two to Oak and two to Willow. For the first time we also have ties in House colours, with a red, green or blue stripe added to the traditional Testbourne colours.

### Governors Meetings

The Governing Body has met already this term, in a constitutional meeting where we set out the agenda for the coming year. We have also held a Self Evaluation session, when we discussed how effective the Governing Body is and how we can improve. We would be pleased to receive comments from parents, or the wider community served by the school, on any aspect of our leadership of Testbourne Community Secondary School.

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## HAMPSHIRE DOWNS (OVERTON) BEER FESTIVAL

*Russ King.*

The Overton Beer Festival will be taking place from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Luke's Hall. Come and sample 35 real ales and ciders and celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot!

Friday: 6 – 11 pm (£2). Saturday lunchtime: 11am – 3pm (£1). Saturday evening: 6 – 11 pm (£2) including live music with Gary Miles. Enquiries: Bob Edwards ☎ 771634, [robe@uboyu.demon.co.uk](mailto:robe@uboyu.demon.co.uk), or visit [www.camrahantsnorth.org.uk](http://www.camrahantsnorth.org.uk)

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## OVERTON CRICKET CLUB

*Simon Trott.*

With cricket in England on a high, Overton completed their most successful season in recent history OCC clinching the Hampshire League North East 2 title away to Froxfield. Under the captaincy of Andrew Galvin, Overton lost only two league games throughout the season and are rewarded with a trip to the Rose Bowl for the presentation and promotion to Regional North 1.

Steve Blunden also captained his side to success winning the Basingstoke Mid Week League division 3, while Nick Parnell-Smiths Sunday side continues to enjoy its cricket.

Now in the off season Overton will continue to compete in the North Hampshire Indoor league played at the Dummer Cricket School before resuming net sessions in the spring.

### Dates for your Diary:

2<sup>nd</sup> November Club AGM

12<sup>th</sup> November The Hampshire League Presentation Evening

19<sup>th</sup> November Club Dinner & Awards Evening

More details about the club can be found at our website:

<http://overtoncc.proboards25.com>

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## OVERTON YOUTH FOOTBALL

*Karen Watts.*

O.Y.F.C. has recently embarked on the 2005 -2006 season. We are an F.A. Standard Charter Club and are running teams aged from U 7's to U15's providing soccer for both boys and girls. Three of our teams were successful at winning trophies last year which is a reflection on how the club is run. We are always striving to improve and grow the club and invite players to join our teams at all age groups. If you are new to football and want to trial or an existing player who is ready for a change come and join us. For further information please contact Club Secretary Karen Watts ☎ 771360 or call in and speak to our President Paul Savory at Pauls Mens Styling in Winchester Street.

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## LATE NIGHT XMAS SHOPPING

*Noelle Moysi.*

Overton's popular late night Christmas shopping evening will take place this year on 29<sup>th</sup> November, with most of the shops open until 9pm. Amongst the special attractions are Father Christmas and his helpers, who will be in the "grotto" in the Community Centre from 6pm, and the switching on of the Christmas Lights by a special guest.

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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/61621** Erection of a rear conservatory at 38 Kingsclere Road. No objection.

**BDB/61519** Erection of a 6.1m high flag pole at Test Valley Golf Club. Objection – not necessary in this rural location. If the pole is to have a logo/advertising flag on it, the Parish Council would wish to discourage advertising of this nature in the countryside.

**BDB/61537** Installation of hand rails to front porch at Holy Trinity and St Andrew's Church, Ashe. No objection.

**BDB/61581** Internal repairs to roof and additional supports and replacement of existing ladder with a softwood staircase at 17 High Street – as the Parish Council is unable to view this internal location it has agreed that this decision should be taken by the borough council planning officers.

**BDB/61769** Erection of a single storey front extension to garage at 8 Highfields. No objection.

**BDB/61741** Construction of a temporary car park on land at OS no 8565 SU5149NE north of London Road. No objection subject to the following amendments – some lighting is required to ensure that people use the car park, especially in the winter months; move the recycling bins away from the boundary closest to Turnpike Cottage and raise the bund level; review the need for a circular route

within the car park; the timber rail down the centre is too low; request a review of the layout within six months.

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## TIDDLERS NOUGHT TO FIVES

*Mindy Noble.*

Do you have a new baby, a toddler or a pre-schooler? Would you like to meet local parents and carers? We are a friendly and welcoming parent run group that meet every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.30am in the Freefolk and Laverstoke village hall (take the second right turn immediately after the hump back bridge in Laverstoke). We have a range of equipment to suit children aged nought to five with a dedicated rug of baby equipment. There is a weekly craft activity and in the coming weeks our theme will be "the outdoor environment". The children will be doing leaf printing and leaf rubbings, "found" collages and firework paintings to name a few. There is fruit and a drink for the children and teas and coffees for the adults. Come along and see for yourself or call Joanne ☎ 892216 for more info. Cost: £1, additional children 20p.

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## DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16<sup>th</sup> October. 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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## READING GROUP

*Jacky Lessware.*

**New Reading Group** meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October in Overton Community Centre (Palmer Room); Members eagerly sought.

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## OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

*Debbie Tomlin.*

Congratulations to Mr S Malsman who won the £1000 prize in the September draw and Jean Lambden who won £200.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.*

More children than ever finished the summer reading scheme this year, and it was good to see such enthusiasm. We had lots of entries for our competitions too – it's a pity there can be only one winner.

As part of Basingstoke's Wordfest we have a poet visiting Overton. Chris Bennett will spend some time with the Playgroup children, and then he'll run a session for children aged 7 -11, from 4 - 5pm. It will be free, but by ticket only. From the beginning of October we will be selling a collection of railway books - strictly first come first served, as supplies are limited.

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.*

### Buses

Thank you to all those who contacted me and are adversely affected by the county council decision to withdraw their subsidy from certain services through the village. The Thursday only 120 service to and from Newbury ran for the last time on 29 September. However, thanks to last minute top-up funding from Basingstoke and Deane Council a revised Sunday service is in operation from Overton to Basingstoke and Whitchurch; **no** services will run through to Andover. Buses to Basingstoke leave St Mary's Hall at 0948 (starts from Winchester), 1108, 1228, 1428, 1548 and 1708 and depart Basingstoke for Overton at 1020, 1140, 1340, 1500, 1620 and 1740 (bus returns to Winchester). The Parish Council has made representations to the county council over the withdrawals and the way the whole process has been handled, having informed us only in May that new contracts had been awarded for both the Newbury and Sunday services. If budget considerations were paramount in the about-turn then the county council's procedures are seriously flawed and the awarding of new contracts should have been out on hold and discussions with local councils held to see what could have been done.

### Trains

South West Trains advise that they are in the process of updating the current timetable for the winter/spring 2005/6 period. No major changes to the timetable that was introduced in December 2004 are anticipated. However, please let me know quickly if you have a particular problem that could be resolved relatively easily without significant knock-on effects along the route.

### Southampton Airport Expansion

Local residents may have taken advantage of the increased frequency and relatively low cost of flights that have been introduced from the airport in recent years. The flight path for flights to and from the north and Scotland over Overton is certainly more busy than in the past. BAA (British Airports Authority) is planning a significant expansion of the airport which you may or may not agree with. This Master Plan would result in 37,400 air transport movements in 2004 rising to 62,000 in 2015 and 96300 in 2030. If you wish to study the detail of or comment on the proposals – deadline 31 October - please write to Master Plan Consultation, Planning Department, Southampton Airport, Wide Lane, Southampton SO15 2NL or email Southampton\_masterplan@baa.com