

# News and Views

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

March 2006

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councillor.

### Parish Council Meetings

#### Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	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.

### St Mary's Hall

95% of the refurbishment works should have been completed by the end of February. The special events for March are:

4<sup>th</sup> March Barcodes Blues Band – 7.30pm – tickets £5 – cash bar;

21<sup>st</sup> March Moviola Cinema – 7.30pm – Mrs Henderson Presents (12A) – tickets £4.00 – popcorn, sweets, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages available;

25<sup>th</sup> March Table Top Sale – 10am, - tables £5 (☎771457 for details):

Forthcoming Moviola dates are Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – films to be announced.

Remember our regular users – Choral Society meet at 7.30pm on Monday evenings, Badminton at 8pm on Thursday evenings, Keep fit at 9.15am on Friday mornings and the Community Church at 10.30am on Sunday mornings. Look out for news on dog training classes, ballroom and Latin American dancing and craft workshop days.

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> March, the new **Booking Clerk** for the hall will be Peter Baker ☎ 770007 or at the Fireplace Shop.

### Annual Parish Meeting

A date for your diary:- This will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45 in St Mary's Hall. All parishioners welcome.

### Pavement over River at Station Road

The county council has quoted £18,000 for putting in a pavement to 'bridge' the gap in provision over the millstream and river between the village and Quidhampton. It is very unlikely that the Parish Council would provide such funding and its provision would seem to be dependent on allocation of 'developer contributions' in the future.

### Traffic Regulation Orders-

The borough council has now issued the TROs mentioned in February's *News and Views*. They have appeared in the local press and have been displayed on lampposts etc close

to the relevant piece of highway. Objections or representations need to be with the Head of Legal Services at BDBC by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

### Website News

The new Diary Facility is available on the website – it is extremely easy to use and updates immediately so you can be sure that your event has been logged onto the system. The first three events are shown on the home page – and these can be accessed for further details. Eventually the diary page for the month will be printed in *News and Views* – so here is a call to all clubs and societies – don't miss out – visit the website and spend 5 minutes of your time to enter all your meeting dates and times into the new diary at [www.overtonvillage.com](http://www.overtonvillage.com).

### Croudace Homes

#### A Flock Of Sheep For Overton Hill – An Exciting Community Art Project

Through the 'Percent For Art' initiative and in consultation with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Croudace Homes has commissioned artist Julie Cope to design a number of public artworks for the Overton Hill residential development. The sculptures will be sited on the proposed public open space and neighbourhood park area overlooking the village and new housing development.

The visibility of the gentle green slopes from the new housing development is a unique opportunity to create a sympathetic landmark for the village. The 'sheep' sculptures will also provide seating from which to enjoy the far reaching views over the surrounding countryside.

The inspiration for this project springs from the history of the annual Overton village sheep fair and its reintroduction in 2000.

This exciting community art project will involve the creation of the sheep 'mosaic skin' through a series of workshops, using indirect mosaic methods. These workshops will be held by Julie Cope in Overton village hall and local schools during the course of 2006.

A schedule of workshops and details of how you can be involved will be issued later this year.

## OVERTON ACTION GROUP

Peter Baker

We will be holding the 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Litter pick, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at 10am. We shall meet at the community centre car park and shall be providing all those with gloves and litter pickers. There will also be refreshments afterwards at the Fireplace Shop.

Come and help! Guaranteed to give everyone a sense of real civic pride as well as helping to keep the village looking great!

Any enquires please telephone Peter Baker on ☎ 770007.

## **POLICE NEWS**

*PC Richard Baldwin*

I have been told by several people that cars are still using Bridge Street around school drop off and collection times. Can I appeal to those drivers that this road should be for ACCESS ONLY. Drivers are using unsuitable speeds along this narrow road which is endangering both human life and local wildlife. If caught these drivers run the risk of being given a £30.00 fixed penalty notice or worse, injuring someone. Please use the safer route via Kingsclere Road and Church Road.

**Remember:**

Protect yourself from Fraud. NEVER give your credit card number to a telephone caller.

## **Late Licence**

Overton Kebab Shop has been given a late licence for the following:

Sunday no late licence - to close at 23:00 hrs  
Monday to Saturday to close at Midnight.  
New Years Eve/day to close at 04:00 hrs

John Willcox did an excellent job on behalf of local residents in expressing their concerns.

The Kebab Shop also has to make sure they take care of any litter issues in the immediate area around the shop.

However, the Kebab Shop now has to get Planning Permission to stay open beyond 23:00 hrs. So even though they have a late licence they can NOT open after 23:00 hrs until that has been granted.

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## **LAMBING EVENT 2006**

*Inge Hunter.*

With kind permission of James and Jackie Crosbie-Dawson, the NSPCC would like to invite you to the

### **9<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Easter Lambing Event**

at Northington Farm, The Lynch, off Southington Lane,

**GOOD FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006 and**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006**

**1pm to 5pm**

Adults £3, under 12s free.

Wellington Boots recommended.

For further information ☎ 770078.

Please note that disease can be transferred between humans and animals. Any contact is at visitors own risk. Mums to be please take extra care. No liability can be accepted by Mr and Mrs Crosbie-Cawson or the NSPCC for any illness or accidents which might occur.

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## **OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

*Noelle Moysi*

The OBA will be having its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in The Honey Pot on Winchester Street. Membership of the OBA is open to all local commercial organisations, business owners, traders and self-employed both retail and non-retail, and is a valuable way to make business contacts as well as forming a powerful group for positive action in the village. All current and prospective members are invited to come to the AGM, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact our Membership Secretary Melanie Wincott with any queries ☎ 772956.

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## **DAFFODIL SUPPER & SONGS**

*Jane MacKenzie.*

Paul Holmes and his merry musicians are entertaining us again with an evening of Wartime Greats, following a delicious 3 course home made supper in aid of Cancer Research and MacMillan Nurses. Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Methodist Chapel starting at 7pm. Tickets £8 from Pickwicks. Please put the date in your diary and come along to enjoy yourself.

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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.

### **Laverstoke Parents.**

It is unfortunate that I have to write with regard to the wanton damage being caused by local children abusing the football facility at Batts Meadow. Two broken windows, damage to fencing, damage to goals and not least damage to pitch surfaces. This is the result of goals being dragged out onto the playing surface, despite them being chained and padlocked together, and ad hoc games being played. This Overton Recreation Centre facility is for organised matches and training only. The children concerned have been asked politely on more than one occasion to move to the adjacent playing field but they keep returning. Are the parents of these children aware of their whereabouts and the nuisance they are causing? Matches have had to be cancelled, pitches moved and remarked. Costs for the damage are mounting. I urge the parents of the children concerned to inform them of the rights and wrongs of this matter. Official users of this site will be monitoring the situation closely and should it continue the perpetrators will be presented with a bill for the necessary repairs.

*Tim Clark. Vice Chairman O.Y.F.C.*

### **Darby & Joan Club**

The Darby & Joan Christmas Party held in the Community Centre in December was a great success. The members were grateful for the very generous support of the Overton business community who kindly donated wonderful prizes for the raffle, which ensured that everybody went home a winner. After a blessing from Nigel Cumming we all went on our merry way home.

*Inge Hunter, Darby & Joan Vice-Chair.*

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## **ST LUKE'S HALL UPDATE**

*From Chris Penney - Hon Secretary*

### **Progress towards a new St Luke's Hall.**

Following a meeting in July 2005, between Trustees and the B&DBC Planning Case Officer, an EGM was called to let Overtonians know what design modifications had been suggested. At the EGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005, the Trustees were given a clear mandate to go ahead with a full planning application for a replacement hall on the same site. Shortly afterwards, revised drawings were sent to B&DBC Planning Department for their further comments. A discussion meeting was eventually held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at B&DBC Civic Offices, attended by the Planning Case Officer, the Conservation Officer and the Chairman and Secretary of St Luke's. At this meeting we

were given comments and suggestions from a panel of architects who had been consulted by B&DBC.

These suggestions were for alternative radical changes to both the outside and inside of the hall – suggestions that were completely different from those received last July, which had in turn formed the basis of designs presented to the EGM.

As a result, the Trustees have decided that it is essential for a further EGM to be held to discuss this development. This EGM will take place in St Luke's hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and we hope to see many Overtonians there, please.

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## TESTBOURNE NEWS

*From Teresa Reynolds, Governor.*

### Performing Arts

Seats are selling well for our forthcoming production of "Titanic- the unsinkable dream", being performed at the Theatre Royal in Winchester on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale from the theatre box office ☎ 01962 840440 or [www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk](http://www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk). It should be a really memorable first production under our new status as a specialist performing arts school so please do come along. The school is also planning a joint musical venture in partnership with The Anvil in Basingstoke. Pupils from Testbourne and its feeder primary schools will be taking part in workshops with four professional musicians, culminating in a joint performance at The Anvil on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Governor Vacancies

Governors play an important role in overseeing the running of the school and we currently have vacancies for both partnership and co-opted governors. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the school to find out more. You can telephone ☎ 892061 and ask for Paul Welch or e.mail him on [paul.welch@testbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:paul.welch@testbourne.hants.sch.uk).

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## THE VYNE

*Ben Boyle*

### Volunteer Recruitment at The Vyne, The National Trust

Would you like to join our amazing team of volunteers for a new and exciting season at The Vyne? This beautiful sixteenth century historic House and Gardens just outside Basingstoke celebrates 50 years of involvement with the National Trust this year, and we are looking for enthusiastic people to help us welcome visitors to the House and Grounds.

New volunteers become part of a friendly team that enjoy social events together, such as a summer BBQ, Christmas party and annual outing.

In the House we are looking for people to volunteer on weekends, welcoming visitors and helping them to make sense of the hundreds of years of history that the House has enjoyed. We also have opportunities for people to help in our shop and with driving the visitor shuttle between the car park and the main site. No prior knowledge is required and volunteers receive travel expenses, free entry to National Trust properties and discounts at Trust shops.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering can get in touch by calling the Estate Office ☎ 01256 883858.

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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/62656** Erection of a single storey and a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Keepers Cottage, Kingsclere Road. No objection. Questioned whether it was an appropriate development within the AONB.

**BDB/62635** Erection of a detached garage and store with store/office above at Copse Farm, Burley Lane. No objection.

**BDB/62503** Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension at 13 Copse Road. No objection.

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## OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

*Debbie Tomlin, Membership Secretary.*

Congratulations to the following prizewinners from the February draw:

Daniel Physick                      £500

James Crosbie-Dawson          £200.

The AGM will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15pm in the Bridge Street Pavilion, all members are welcome to attend. The Young Sportsperson trophy will be awarded on the evening. The next draw will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Greyhound pub.

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## LITTLE TOTS NURSERY

*Julie Torrible*

Little Tots Montessori Nursery School for children aged 2-5 years has had a lot to celebrate recently. In January we had our first birthday, and all our children were invited to a party. The local press came along to record the occasion, and great fun was had by all.

We have also just received a very positive Ofsted Report. The Inspector awarded the nursery "outstanding" grades - the highest possible - in nursery education, leadership and management and helping children achieve and enjoy what they do. The Inspector's comments on completion of the Inspection - that this was the first time she had awarded "outstanding" in any nursery setting - was fantastic news particularly as we are a new nursery in the area. We hope to build on this, and will continue to strive to provide very high quality nursery care.

If you would like to see a Montessori School in action, please come along to our Open Morning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March (9.30am to 12.00pm) or just pop in and see us, we always welcome visitors. Overton Recreation Centre, Bridge Street. Nursery Grant Funding available to all children over 3 years of age.

For further information please contact: Brenda Sampson ☎ 07786 294574 or Julie Torrible ☎ 0118 9831554, e-mail: [little.tots@virgin.net](mailto:little.tots@virgin.net)

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## LAVERSTOKE & FREEFOLK PC

*Rosemary Allen.*

### Laverstoke Lane Parking

Residents in Laverstoke Lane with more than two cars are requested to park any additional vehicles in the Millennium Green car park to alleviate existing parking problems.

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## DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16<sup>th</sup> March. 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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## LIBRARY NEWS

*Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.*

Do you find long journeys tedious? Is ironing a bore? Have you thought about listening to a well-read story to make the time pass quicker? We have a large stock of books on tape and CD which can be borrowed for 60p for 4 weeks. During the whole of March these will be on offer at 2 for 1. There's no charge for over 60s.

When you're organising a public event, do remember that a Village Diary is held in the library. If you check here first, you might avoid a clash of dates. Remember too that we display local notices. When people are new to the area they often check here to find out what is happening locally, so if we have your posters we can point them in the right direction.

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## OVERTON CHORAL SOCIETY

*Lyn Hardy*

Now back in the almost fully renovated St Mary's Hall, members of OCS are rehearsing for two concerts.

The first will be Come and Sing Messiah Choruses on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. There will be an afternoon rehearsal, with refreshments provided, followed by a concert in St Mary's Church. We welcome all singers and if anyone would like to come along please either ring me ☎ 397507 or email [lyn\\_hardy@hotmail.com](mailto:lyn_hardy@hotmail.com) for a form. This promises to be a real fun day. Everyone loves singing Messiah but often pieces are cut because of the length of the work. But here is a chance to sing ALL the choruses!

OCS is also rehearsing Elijah for the Winchester and County Music Festival on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> in Winchester Cathedral. Several new members have joined us for rehearsals and, particularly encouraging, we have much younger voices with us this year. We meet at 7:30 for a 7:45 rehearsal start in St Mary's Hall, Overton, every Monday.

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## BAOS

*Julie Sutton, Publicity Co-ordinator*

The Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society is getting ready to bring the Cole Porter classic, "Anything Goes to the stage of the Haymarket Theatre in Basingstoke.

The show includes some well-loved musical numbers including "I get a Kick Out Of You" and "It's De-lovely". The show runs 20<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> March with a matinee performance on Saturday.

Tickets from The Haymarket Theatre box office ☎ 01256 46 55 66. Concessions available. For more information about BAOS log onto our website [www.baos.co.uk](http://www.baos.co.uk)

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.*

### Buses

#### Sunday service routes 76/86

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has confirmed that it will be funding the Sunday services throughout financial year 2006/7, with effect from 2 April. This is excellent news and many thanks to all who secured this assurance. It is expected that the current Sunday timetable will apply, again operated by a driver from Stagecoach's Winchester depot. Borough officers will be able to confirm the schedule situation in March.

#### Travel Tokens and Bus passes

All those currently on BDBC's list of recipients should have been informed in January when and where tokens or passes could be obtained from Overton or nearby local communities. If for some reason you could not collect them on the prescribed day or you received no BDBC advisory letter in the post please contact the borough on 844844 and ask for the Concessionary Fare Scheme unit to resolve your predicament.

For those who become 60 between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007 there will be no automatic letter from BDBC asking you to apply for your entitlement. You need to complete an application form obtainable from BDBC PO Box 191, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7EA and then attend in person at the Payments Hall at the Civic Offices with proof of identity, age etc. If you choose a free county-wide bus pass two passport size photos will be needed which BDBC can arrange to be taken on site. Please note that any resident who has attained 60 years of age is entitled to the tokens, on a pro rata basis if part way through the year, or the free bus pass – you do not need to be in receipt of the elderly person's state pension.

### Trains

#### Engineering Works

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