

News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From Parish Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday July 12 th :	Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm
Tuesday July 25 th :	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.

Did you Know?

The Post Office will be open from 9am to 8pm between 31st July and 4th August, 29th August and 1st September and 25th and 29th September to deal with the extra work caused by Road Fund Licences. So if you don't want to join the queue, visit the Post Office in the evening on these dates!

Trafalgar Plaque

If you have wondered why the Plaque has not been mounted on the wall of the Community Centre, there has been a problem with fixing the plaque in the original position on the brick and flint wall to the left of the Library door. Permission is now being sought from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to fix the plaque on the brickwork to the right of the door. We hope it will be in position soon.

Two Gate Lane

Thank you for all your responses to the article in May's *News and Views* about Two Gate Lane. Most people were against the closure of Two Gate Lane stating that this would put pressure on roads within the village; however many were concerned about the speed of traffic that used this road and the Parish Council is now investigating ways in which a reduction in speed can be achieved. In the meantime the Parish Council requests that you use this road with care bearing in mind that a number of people also walk along Two Gate Lane.

Local List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest

The borough council intends to compile a list of buildings that are not listed or within the Conservation Area – but might be cherished locally or provide a sense of local distinctiveness. Consequently local people are being asked to form a 'Local List Focal Group' to identify buildings within the parish that meet the set criteria and then liaise with the borough council and house owners to compile a list. If you are interested in becoming involved with this project please contact the Clerk. More information in the next edition of *News and Views*.

Who's Who Patrolling your Community

Basingstoke & Deane BC

Community wardens started patrolling the streets of Overton in June after going through their training.

So now there are three types of wardens on patrol in the area but who's who and what do they all do? Here's your 'at a glance' guide to who's keeping your streets safe and how to get in touch with them.

Community Wardens

Reporting to: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

What do they wear? Green t-shirts fleeces or jackets branded with the Community Warden logo, with black trousers or shorts

What do they do? Work with communities and other agencies to develop communities we can all be proud of

What powers do they have? No enforcement powers

How do you contact them? 01256 845508

Logo



The wardens do not have enforcement powers, do not make arrests or prosecute people, issue cautions or intervene in violent crime. What they do is help to improve the local environment, involve residents by helping to resolve issues and making their neighbourhoods places to be proud of.

Police Community Support Officers

Reporting to Police

What do they wear? Police style uniforms with blue banded hats

What do they do? Patrol areas to assist in tackling anti-social behaviour and minor offences

What powers do they have? Power to detain until a police officer can attend. Can issue fines for minor offences

How do you contact them? Call the main police number 0845 045 45 45 and ask for a Police Community Support Officer

Logo



Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are employed by Hampshire Constabulary to assist in tackling anti-social behaviour and minor offences. They wear police-style uniforms, have the power to detain suspects for up to 30

minutes until a police officer can attend. They can also issue fines for certain minor offences.

Accredited Community Safety Officers

Reporting to Hampshire County Council

What do they wear? Blue grey uniform with Hampshire County Council Logo

What do they do? Patrol on foot and in marked vans deterring anti-social behaviour and low-level crime

What powers do they have? Some powers of enforcement such as £50 fixed penalty fines for things such as graffiti, littering or fly-tipping

How do you contact them? 0845 6001747 Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, either leave a message or call the police out of hours

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Accredited Community Safety Officers patrol on foot and in marked vans and act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour aiming to prevent low-level crime. The ACSOs do carry some powers of enforcement that the community wardens do not. For example they can issue £50 fixed penalty notices for things such as littering, graffiti and fly-tipping.

The community wardens, ACSOs and PCSOs work as a close-knit team, with strong links with other bodies, such as Youth Services, housing associations, schools and community groups. Their aim is to cut anti-social behaviour, making people feel safer and encouraging a greater sense of community.

The team supports Hampshire Constabulary's local community beat officers. They are not intended to replace the important role police officers provide when patrolling urban and rural locations. Dedicated to local policing issues and working with partners to address issues of neighbourhood concern, they are backed-up by hundreds of police officers operating across the force. Easily recognisable in their standard black and white uniforms, on bikes or on foot, the beat officers have all the usual police powers to deal with crime and disorder.

Hampshire Constabulary; Non-emergency Number

101 is the new telephone number for advice and action on safety and anti-social behaviour issues. The idea is to give a better co-ordinated response by local agencies while freeing up the 999 service to handle emergency incidents. The core service will cover: vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property, noisy neighbours, intimidation and harassment, abandoned vehicles, rubbish and litter including fly tipping, drink and drug related anti-social behaviour and street lighting. Calls to 101 will be charged at a fixed rate of 10 pence per call.

The Police Surgery will be in the village on the following days

Thursday 6th July

Overton Community Centre Car Park – 11am to 1pm

Hannington Village Green – 1.30-3pm

Laverstoke, Portals Sports & Social Club Car Park 3:30 – 4.30pm

Freefolk, Manor Cottages - 4:30 to 5:30pm

Sunday 23rd July -

Overton – 1pm to 3pm

Hannington – 3.30-5pm

Laverstoke – 5.30 -6.30pm.

Freefolk – 6.30 to 7.30pm.

OVERTON SHEEPFAIR COMMITTEE

David Backers

Annual General Meeting 2006

If you live in Overton or have a business within the Parish, you are invited to the AGM of the Overton Sheepfair Committee to be held on 20th July in the Community Centre at 8pm.

The Sheepfair Committee has been impressed and gladdened by the enthusiasm and support shown for the fairs in 2000 and 2004 and invites your support to help organise another fair in 2008.

There will be some changes to the committee membership this year, so if you would like to join the committee and be involved in the detailed planning, please telephone or email me, my telephone and email details are given below.

All the committee members are volunteers and while there is work to be done, meetings are informal and no committee experience is necessary, so do not be put off if you are not 'a committee person'. All you need is a desire to make the 2008 Sheepfair a memorable and joyful event.

David Backers, Chairman

☎ 770793, or email dijbackers@aol.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Spring Fair

The Spring Fair Coffee Morning on May 6th raised £465 for local charities. This has been divided between Kingfisher Trust, A.C.T.I.O.N., Darby & Joan, Overton Scout Group and the Mothers' Union Family holiday. Many thanks to all concerned.

Jane Waldram

BBQ Season

After months of cold and winter, summer and the BBQ season has finally arrived. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity, as it's the only type of cooking a "real" man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine... (1) The woman buys the food.

(2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.

(3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces,

and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand. Here comes the important part:

(4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.
More routine....(5) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.

(6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation. Important again:

(7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine.... (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.

(9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes. And most important of all:

(10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

(11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women....

Paul McGill.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

Retirement

This term we are saying goodbye to two members of staff who have given particular long and committed service to the school. Mrs Clare Braines, our Deputy Head, is retiring after 16 years at Testbourne and Mrs. Dunlop is retiring from her post of Science Technician after 23 years. We wish them both a happy retirement.

Absence

Testbourne has introduced a new electronic absence-calling system. A call now goes home automatically to parents of any pupil who has not registered for school by 10am and for whom we have received no reason for their absence. The system keeps calling until we get an answer from the home, work or mobile number. This is a really effective way to monitor attendance and make sure all pupils who should be present are in school and safe.

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/63387 Erection of a single storey front extension to office building at Overton Mill. No objection.

BDB/63207 Change of use of farm store, pig sty and cow shed to two dwellings at Berrydown Farm. No objection – but there is concern about a great deal more traffic using the Berrydown Crossroads – as there is no sightline to the west when leaving this road.

BDB/63544 Erection of a single storey front infill extension and pitched roof over existing single storey rear element at 30 Poyntz Road. No objection.

BDB/63546 Fell T1 conifers at 4 Oak Close. No objection.

BDB/63498 Erection of rear conservatory at 16 Hazelcombe. No objection.

BDB/63523 Relief of condition 5 of planning permission BDB 38582 to allow opening of premises from 10.00 hours to 00.00 hours – Monday to Saturday at Overton Kebabs, 6A High Street, Overton (considered on 10.05.06). Objection.

BDB/63586 Erection of a single storey front extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation at 5 Hazelcombe. No objection.

BDB/63629 Erection of a two storey rear extension and front porch at 53 Pond Close. No objection.

BDB/63522 Erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension forming garage and single storey front extension. Demolition of existing garage and conservatory at 6 Pound Road. No objection.

BDB/63276 Erection of rear conservatory at 42 Winchester Street. No objection.

OVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Paula Baker, Chair.

The OCA would like to thank everyone who has helped with our fund raising through the year. We have been absolutely delighted with your response and are extremely grateful to you all. The wonderful generosity of local people and local firms has meant that we have been able to claim the full £10,000 of "matched funding" from the Parish Council and are hoping to start work this summer. To hear more about our activities in the past year, do come along to our AGM on Thursday July 6th at 8pm in the Community Centre.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

This summer's Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 15th July. The Reading Mission, this summer's theme, invites all 4 - 11 year olds to become a Reading Agent by reading 6 books by 9th September. As well as the mission pack there will be stickers and quizzes, and everyone who completes the challenge in time will be awarded an agent's medal and certificate.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Lorna Bloor

At Playgroup we have been enjoying the lovely weather in the garden and looking back at our great Open Morning and fundraiser. We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who supported us so well as we raised a massive £750!

A few more months to go before the end of term, and still things to fit in, including our Summer Day Out, to Finkley Down Farm.

Please remember in the hot weather to keep your children well protected with sun cream and a hat before they come to Playgroup. Thank you!

LITTLE TOTS

Julie Torrible.

At Little Tots Montessori nursery School this term our garden is keeping us busy and we have pulled our first radishes grown from seed; the beans and potatoes are coming on well and we have high hopes that the carrots will be ready before the end of term. We are continuing our project about food from around the world making kebabs, pizza, banana milk shakes and tasting kiwi and other produce from different countries. We will have a morning of Maypole dancing and hope to arrange a visit to a local farm before the end of term party and treasure hunt. We will also be welcoming our new children and their parents as they visit in preparation for September as well as teachers from local schools who will be visiting this year.

leavers as they take the next step in their education to go on to 'big' school. Visitors are always welcome; if you would like more information or would like to arrange a visit please ring Brenda ☎ 07786 294574.

DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16th July. Please send your articles to the editor in writing (typed), on a PC floppy disk or by e-mail. The email address is NewsandviewsRG25@aol.com

NAOMI HOUSE FUNDRAISING

Pat Bain

The Trust has been thrilled by the response to the collection of plastic milk bottle tops, but, due to rising fuel prices, decided to bring that initiative to a close at the end of June. This is not because it was unsuccessful, but it has been very labour-intensive and time-consuming to administer, which outweighed the money raised from the scheme. Indeed, the money raised from the other items collected from recycling overshadowed that made by the bottle tops, so it has been decided that it is time to focus attention on raising money from those other recycling initiatives. These are:

- mobile phones
- used postage stamps
- foreign and obsolete currency
- inkjet and laser toner cartridges

So please continue to collect these items and drop them into the Naomi House recycling bin in the Community Centre. Please contact me directly to arrange collection of the larger toner cartridges, and if you are a business or establishment which has a regular turnover of these, then we can arrange for the recycler to pick them up from you directly.

For further information ☎ Pat Bain 771433

Thank you for helping us to raise our target of £18,000 towards our fuel bill.

BIODIVERSITY SOCIETY

Margaret Rainford and Jane MacKenzie.

Little Meadow Bald Patch

Don't worry if you see topsoil removal from a small area down at Little Meadow, - the developers have not moved in here! The soil at present is too rich for the successful establishment of many wild flowers, and by removing the top few inches we hope to impoverish this area. In time it should look a lot more attractive and increase the biodiversity of Little Meadow. We will also be trying other methods, such as sowing Yellow Rattle, a native plant which parasitises on grasses, thus reducing the vigour of these dominant grasses and allowing wild flowers to flourish. Many thanks to the volunteers sowing and tending wild flower seeds in trays in their back gardens, for transplanting to Little Meadow in the future.

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. The editor reserves the right not to print articles without giving a reason.

For problems or comments about Parish Council matters, contact the Parish Council Chairman, John Bennett, 64 Woodlands, e-mail john@hid.cc, or Vice Chairman Alan Whitney (770174) or Parish Councillors – Maggie Atkins (770369), Mark Attwell (770472), Peter Baker (770007), Paula Baker (771219 -also Borough Councillor), Sue Johnson (770975), Brian Langer (770848 – Transport and Highways Representative), Liz Lewis (770576), Lucy Sloane Williams (770607), Ian Tilbury (771429 – also Borough Councillor), Clerk to the Council is Laura Harley, Oak Tree Lodge, Roundwood, Micheldever, Winchester, Hants. SO21 3BA, ☎ 01962 774186, email opc@overtonvillage.com

15th July - Wildflowers for beginners (accompanied children welcome) 2pm. 1, Southington Lane. Contact Jane ☎ 771121: 50p members £1 non-members, includes refreshments.

23rd July - Members visit to Forest Edge wildflower garden near Andover 2pm. Contact Jane, booking necessary. £3.50 includes refreshments.

30th July 2pm - Short birdwatching walk at Northington Farm. 50p / £1 Contact Peter Hutchins ☎ 07760 247615 Peter's sponsored Bird Watch in aid of HART, OBS and RSPB has reached bird species number 100! Sponsors and sightings of rare birds welcome.

OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Noelle Moysi

The Overton Wedding Fair, supported and promoted by Overton Business Association, will be taking place in the village in September this year. So all you prospective brides and grooms watch this space for further details.

To help improve the parking situation in the village centre the OBA agreed at its last meeting that it would be actively encouraging all its members to park in the new Overton Hill car park wherever possible. We will be writing to all our members to this effect.

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 and join us and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm at The Honey Pot.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.

Buses

New bus stops on Overton Hill

These are placed on each side of the B3400 above Turnpike Cottages and are now available for public use; they should be of particular benefit to those living in The Green and Two Gate Meadow until the new estate is completed.

Services 76/86 timekeeping

Individual buses on this route usually operate a triangular service during the day - Andover to Basingstoke, then to Winchester, then to Basingstoke before returning to Andover. As a result they have ample opportunities to get delayed enroute with a knock-on effect for the rest of the drivers' shifts; the ability to make up time is limited as the schedule is tight. A particular problem is the city centre congestion in Winchester during the main tourist season. It is rarely the driver's fault that a bus is late so have some sympathy if he or she has had a rotten trip and arrives late!
