

News and Views



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Information and Comment on Village Activities

September 2006

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councillors Brian Langer and Sue Johnson.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 13 th September:	Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm

Tuesday 26th Sept:

this time please phone the county council immediately ☎ 764444 for them to resolve before the cutter moves out of this area.

September Events – St Mary's Hall

Sunday 10th September from 10am to 4pm – Wedding Fayre

Friday 22nd September 7.30pm, Moviola The Da Vinci Code – tickets £4.50 from Overton Fireplaces or £5 on the door.

Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm – Barcodes Blues Band – tickets £6 from Overton Fireplaces – cash bar.

St Mary's Hall refurbishment is now nearly complete and the hall is available to hire for functions and regular activities – newly decorated, lovely kitchen and toilet facilities, separate bar area – please contact Laura Harley for details ☎ 01962 774296.

Did you Notice?

Last month *News and Views* was printed on cream paper. The aim was to make it easier to read and accessible to everyone. Let us know what you think. Have you tried reading *N&V* on www.overtonvillage.com where font size is easily changed?

POLICE NEWS

PC Richard Baldwin

PC Baldwin is appealing to dog walkers in particular to be extra careful whilst out with their pets, we've recently had two reported incidents where fencing has been damaged (accidentally or intentionally).

It appears the fencing that has been tampered with is directly next to stiles, presumably to allow the dogs to gain easy access into the field. This is an extremely dangerous practice as in the majority of cases there will be livestock present in those fields. If anyone has any information with regard to this or any other incidents can you please let me know.

Mobile number - 07776 172303.

OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Noelle Moysi

The Overton Business Association presents the best of the Independent Retailers in North Hampshire, at its WEDDING FAIR on Sunday 10th September at St Mary's Hall. Parking at Overton Hill. Free entry. Goody Bags.

11am to 4pm. Please call Fantasia Bridal on ☎ 770440 if you wish to exhibit.

LAVERSTOKE NEWS AND VIEWS

Rosemary Allen

Traffic in Laverstoke Lane

Our lane is almost skip free, so we can fill it up to its normal complement with cars! This means that there are fewer crossing points for pedestrians. Given also that we have lots of children in the village we would ask everyone who drives through Laverstoke to take that extra bit of care and slow down more.

Tennis Courts

These continue to deteriorate – we would welcome ideas to ensue their effective maintenance and ongoing use

Millennium Green Maintenance

We have one more maintenance day planned for this year on 8th October starting at 3pm. Please come with handtools and meet on the green and for a barbeque afterwards, weather

permitting.

Parish Council Update

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor so if you are interested please contact Rosemary Allen ☎ 896463. Our next PC meeting is 19th September starting at 8pm at Portals Sports and Social club.

Recycling Meeting

Basingstoke & Deane BC will be coming to talk to local residents about the new green recycling bins and can answer any question on these or recycling in general. All are welcome to attend the meeting at Portals club on 28th September at 7.30pm.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

George Lihou

Club2 at St. Mary's Church is for children in school years 4, 5 and 6. Children can enjoy fun, games, competitions, quizzes, challenges and discovering more about God. Club2 is held in St. Mary's Church Rooms and takes place on two Fridays each month from 7 – 8.30pm. The next Club2 is on September 29th and there is room for some new members.

For children to join, parents need an application and permission form, available from either the leaders: George Lihou ☎ 770184 or Peter Silverwood ☎ 770243 or the Church Administrator: Ruth Williams ☎ 770717.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Bonfires continued

How we agree with the person living in Alexander Road regarding bonfires.

Saturday 5th August 2pm Woodlands Allotments - a kind soul has brought wooden pallets to the allotments to burn & refuses, when asked, to extinguish the fire which is blowing across washing drying on lines & infiltrating the houses.

Sunday 6th August 3pm Woodlands Allotments - young family with babe in arms, setting a bonfire, sending us all inside to get away from the smoke & smell.

Monday 7th August 6.30pm Polhampton area - large bonfire the fumes of which are drifting as far as the other side of the village making it necessary to close all windows.

Sometimes, the smell even lingers on the morning air the day after. How can we get it across to people that they are being anti-social & inconsiderate to others. Good air quality for those of us suffering chest complaints is essential. We have a large garden & always use waste facility at Wade Road - it takes less than an hour of our time occasionally. At the very least, is there a way we can ban bonfires before dusk?

Name & Address supplied.

OPC response to bonfire letter:

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has the following information about bonfires on its website: Although there are no byelaws prohibiting garden bonfires within the Borough area it is against the law to cause a nuisance from smoke. Bonfires can be very irritating to neighbours. The smoke, smuts and smell prevent people from enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging washing out. Bonfires also cause air pollution. Smoke, especially if the fire is damp and smouldering, will contain poisonous carbon

monoxide and other noxious or irritating compounds. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates an unpleasant smell and a range of poisonous compounds, which in large doses can all have damaging health effects. The Council encourages residents to use the household waste recycling centre at Wade Road where a high proportion of domestic and garden waste can be recycled. The Environmental Health team will investigate if residents are troubled by regular garden bonfires or commercial fires. If evidence confirms that a statutory nuisance has been caused and is likely to be repeated an abatement notice can be served. The Parish Council will take this matter up with the allotment holders.

River Nuisance?

In reply to the letter in August *News & Views*. Whilst I do not agree to children crossing private land to access the river, I cannot see any reason for them not to paddle and have fun, even if it means putting their hands into the water. Most local children have used the river for many years, mine included (aged 38 & 34 now). The Station Rd entrance to Flashetts is one of the most used paddling places and has been since my husband used it as a lad – 60+ years ago.

J Burton, Greyhound Lane.

Ed's Note: there is more on this topic on the village discussion forum at www.overtonvillage.com

Sponsored slim

Earlier this year Penny Lambert of Red Lion Lane went on a sponsored slim to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Steve Budden at Overton Pharmacy kindly conducted the official weigh in every week for 3 months (thank you Steve!), and Penny lost a grand total of 12 kilos. This helped raise nearly £800 for the Association. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported Penny. *David Grist.*

Overton Successes - Basingstoke In Bloom Competition 2006

In a difficult growing season, Overton has once again come up smelling of roses by scooping 1 in 6 of all the awards in this annual competition - In the Best-Kept Street category, the combined efforts of all 17 houses in Batten's Avenue earned us First Prize for the sixth year in succession and provided a fragrant and colourfully popular stroll for many Overton residents to enjoy. Thank you for so many kind comments.

In the Large/Medium Front Garden category, 2nd Prize went to Elvira Parker (Nightingale Rise) while Bob and Mary Reid were Highly Commended (Bridge Street). The Small Front Garden category was won by Barbara Stott, (Town Mill) and in the Communal Gardens category, St Mary's Church was Highly Commended.

Margaret Penney.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

Welcome new faces

We have again had a waiting list for places and this month welcome 157 new Year 7 pupils. A number of new staff are also joining us: Ruth Beasley, previously Assistant Head at Didcot Girls' School, is taking up the post of Deputy Headteacher, and Tom Pegler is joining us as Assistant

Headteacher from Kings School in Bournemouth. We are also pleased to welcome new well-qualified subject specialists in Science, English, Languages and Design Technology.

Major and minor improvements

Major works have been taking place since June in the Music Department, using some of the funds linked to our Specialist School status (£50K of which you helped us to raise). The whole area, once the shabbiest in the school, has been gutted and completely refitted to a very high standard, providing us with a smart music classroom, storage, an excellently equipped Music/ICT suite, 3 practice rooms and a music office. The entrance to the Theatre Hall is also having a much needed facelift. Preparations are already under way for the next production in October – a musical drama called "Red Red Shoes".

Open Evening

This will be **Thursday 5th October** and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

ST LUKE'S SHORT MAT BOWLS

Neil Thomas

The club begins its new season in September. We welcome new members, beginners and experienced bowlers alike and offer anyone who might be interested in joining the club a month's free trial during September and October. For those who have never bowled before, all equipment and coaching will be provided and all you need to bring is yourself and a pair of flat-soled shoes or slippers.

Club night are Mondays and Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm and Wednesday s 2-4pm. We have 3 top quality mats and, as well as the bowling that is competitive but friendly, there is tea and biscuits and the opportunity to socialise. We play 15 friendly matches between October and April and all members who are interested are encouraged to play in these matches. If you are more competitive, there are opportunities to play in local competitions and the Basingstoke League – we were runners up in Division 2 last season.

For more information please contact Mike Watts ☎ 770439 or Neil Thomas ☎ 770490.

NAOMI HOUSE OPEN DAYS

Rhian French

Give a butterfly wings and help us to spread ours is the call from Naomi House Children's Hospice this autumn. The Hampshire-based hospice is throwing open its doors on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September for its annual open weekend. This gives people the chance to peek behind the scenes and see how their support helps make short lives special, with entertainment and refreshments thanks to our friends at the Foresters Organisation, it's an enjoyable day out for all ages. We won't have any children or families staying during the weekend, so visitors will not be intruding in any way. This year we are inviting supporters to build a butterfly and give a donation to mark Children's Hospice Week. Butterflies are available during the weekend or to download from www.naomihouse.org.uk.

There are around 3,500 children and young people in our region who have life-limiting conditions that mean that they will not live to become adults.

Doors open at 10am until 4pm on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September and from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 24th

September. The open days coincide with Children's Hospice Week 2006, a national awareness event held from 16-23 September.

HART WILDLIFE RESCUE

Jackie Grey

Wildlife throughout Hampshire and beyond its boundaries is to benefit from fundraising events held during Councillor Paula Baker's year in office as Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane. A cheque for more than £30,000 has been presented to HART Wildlife Rescue by Cllr Baker, who has always had a keen interest in the natural world. This money will not only keep the current facility at Dellands running but also help the charity towards its goal of building a special wildlife hospital and education centre in the village. Cllr Baker's charity appeal also made a gift to the Motor Neurone Disease Association for speech aid equipment.

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/56349 Residential development of 99 houses, garages, highway work and associated works at land at OS no 8565 SU5149NE, north of London Road – consideration of landscaping details – it was agreed that members of the Parish Council and Overton Biodiversity Society would speak with borough officers about this matter. Native species are required for the roadside hedge. There was concern about ongoing maintenance of planting.

BDB/64040 Erection of a single storey front and side extension at 3 Pound Road. No objection.

BDB/63876 Erection of two storey side/rear extension at 11 London Road, Southington. No objection.

BDB/64110 Erection of a single storey rear extension, side garage and porch to other side at The Limes, 30 Winchester Street. No objection.

BDB/64122 Display of development hoarding signs and 8 no flag pole signs at land at OS parcel 451870 149663 north of London Road. Objection – would like to see two flags only – one on either side of the entrance. The Parish Council does not want the Sherfield Park development advertised on hoardings in Overton.

BDB/64105 Relief of condition 5 of planning permission BDB/38582 to allow the opening times to be amended to Monday – Saturday 11.00 – 24.00 hours and Sunday 11.00 – 22.30 hours at 6A High Street (Overton Kebabs). Objection – 24.00 is too late a closing for this particular establishment. The existing proprietors openly abuse the current hours. The clientele seem to cause particular problems outside this establishment.

BDB/64081 Erection of a single storey rear extension and double garage at 1 Folley Cottages, Ashe Lane. No objection.

BDB/64091 Fell one fir at 3 Oak Close. No objection.

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, Alan Whitney, (770174), E-mail alan-whitney@hotmail.co.uk or Vice Chairman Lucy Sloane Williams (770607), E-mail lucysloanewilliams@btinternet.com or Parish Councillors – Maggie Atkins (770369), Mark Attwell (770472), Peter Baker (770007), Paula Baker (771219 -also Borough Councillor), John Bennett, Sue Johnson (770975), Brian Langer (770848 – Transport and Highways Representative), Liz Lewis

DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16th September. 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

The delivery of *News & Views* is timed to coincide with the monthly Parish Council meeting, NOT the beginning of the month. Therefore, events that are scheduled for the first week of the month should be advertised in the preceding month.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

We have been most impressed by the enthusiasm of all the children taking part in the Reading Mission, and the entries for our "Invent a gadget" competition have been most ingenious. The final date for both is Saturday 9th September, and the medals and certificates will be presented on Thursday 28th September.

Recently we have received a new set of books for our adult readers - **That's the spirit** is a collection of books and CDs on positive living: exercise, humour and challenging thinking.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.

Buses –Changes to 76 Service

Eastbound

- The 1740 Mon-Fri service from Andover to Basingstoke will not operate beyond Overton, arr 1813.
- The 2010 Fri and Sat service from Andover to Basingstoke (Overton 2040) is withdrawn.
- The 2135 Mon-Sat service from Andover to Basingstoke (Overton 2205) is rescheduled. It will leave Andover at 2205, Overton at 2235 and arr at Basingstoke at 2258.
- The 2240 and 2330 Fri and Sat services from Andover to Basingstoke - Overton 2310 and 2400 - are withdrawn.

Westbound

- The 2110 Fri and Sat service from Basingstoke to Andover - Overton 2133 - is rescheduled to leave B'stokes at 2140, Overton 2203 arr Andover 2232.
- The 2230 Mon - Sat service from B'stokes to Andover - (Overton 2253) - is rescheduled to leave B'stokes at 2305, Overton at 2328 arrive Andover 2357.
- The 2335 and 0025 Fri and Sat services from B'stokes to Andover - Overton 2358 and 0048 respectively - are withdrawn.

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