

News and Views



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Information and Comment on Village Activities

October 2006

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councillor Brian Langer & Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 11 th Oct	:Planning	7.00pm
	Public time	7.30pm
	Main meeting	8.00pm
Tuesday 24 th Oct:	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.

Recycling News

The full range of recycling bins is once again available at the new Overton Hill car park. Green, brown and clear bottle banks together with cardboard, aluminium and clothing banks are all sited here. Shoes can be placed in the clothing bank.

Battens Ave and Dellands Lane

The county council has been asked to provide new signs to encourage traffic to reduce its speed in Battens Avenue and to advise against use by large vehicles at Dellands Lane.

C29 Railway Bridge Repairs

Work to the C29 railway bridge will commence at the end of October when temporary traffic lights will be erected. The work should take four weeks to complete.

Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's)

You may recall earlier this year that three parking related TROs were advertised. **Most of the responses** supported the proposals and approval has now been obtained to implement the schemes at Waltham Road and Bridge Street as advertised. The TRO for Waltham Road consists of three short lengths of double yellow lines at the B3400 and Battens Avenue junctions and near 32-36 where the carriageway narrows. The Bridge Street order revokes the existing single yellow line parking control but includes a slight extension to the double yellow lines at the junction with the B3400. The disabled persons parking space proposed to the front of the Winchester Street pharmacy has one minor amendment from that advertised, reducing the hours it applies from 9am-7pm to 9am-6pm.

Work to change signs and lines will be carried out in October with the TROs coming into effect and being enforced from 2nd November 2006. A period of monitoring will follow the implementation.

The schemes have been developed in conjunction with the Parish Council by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and the orders promoted following consultation with local Ward Members and Hampshire Constabulary. Further details can be found on www.basingstoke.gov.uk by selecting "parking controls" from the A-Z index or by contacting the Council.

Alcohol Designation Order

The Parish Council in conjunction with PC Baldwin is considering applying for an order under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 restricting the anti-social consumption of alcohol in designated public places. The effect of the order **will not make it an offence to drink alcohol in these areas** – but to continue to do so after being asked not to by a police officer **will** be an offence. The enforcement of any such order must be proportionate to the level of anti-social behaviour. All the play areas in Overton as well as the village centre would be considered for designation – but at a price. It could cost the Parish Council as much as £3000 to advertise the order and purchase the necessary signs. Before proceeding further with this matter, it is important that we seek the views of local residents so please let the Clerk know whether or not you feel that an Alcohol Designation Order should be made.

Moviola

The next film is *The Wind that Shakes the Barley* (15) which will be shown at 7.30pm on Friday 13th October in St Mary's Hall. Tickets from Overton Fireplaces.

Overton Village Website

Display a [overtonvillage.com](http://www.overtonvillage.com) sticker in your window and win a 256mb memory stick/MP3 player. Pick up your sticker from Crucible or Overton Fireplaces – the winning sticker will be chosen in the week commencing 9th October.

OVERTON SHEEPFAIR 2008

David Backers.

Planning has now started for the 2008 fair and we want your help. Previously fairs have had an historical theme. In 2000 we went mediaeval and last time we were all Victorians. So, what shall we be in 2008?

Tell us. Would you like to be Elizabethans (it will be 450 years since the start of Good Queen Bess's reign), or Regency – Colin Firth rising from that pond – or perhaps more modern: the spirit of the Blitz, Mods and Rockers? Or perhaps, would you like another kind of theme – it will be Olympic Year, so how about sports? Or TV shows? Or

your favourite paintings (a street full of Laughing Cavaliers? The Hay Wain? The Scream?).

Give us *your* ideas on dressing up, the parade, what entertainments we could (reasonably) put on.

Email your ideas by 1st November to the new committee chairman, Jeff Teagle at jeffteagle@btinternet.com, or put your ideas on paper and drop them into Sandy Sykes, 50 Winchester Street.

OAKLEY AND OVERTON SURGERY

Dr. Richard Coppin.

Influenza

Patients registered with Oakley and Overton Surgery can book an appointment at the flu vaccination clinics by phoning the surgery in mid October ☎ 770212. **Clinics will be held during November.**

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.

Flu vaccination is for:

- People 65 years or older by 31.03.07.
- All those over 6 months old with:
 - chronic heart, lung, liver or kidney disease
 - asthma that requires the use of inhaled steroids
 - diabetes requiring insulin or tablets
 - lowered immunity due to disease or treatment
- Carers in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those

who are the main carer for a disabled or elderly person whose welfare would be at risk if the carer fell ill. (At GP's discretion).

OVERTON BEER FESTIVAL

Bob Edwards.

27 - 28 OCTOBER 2006

The Overton Beer Festival is being held on the above dates at St Luke's Hall and tickets are now on sale from: The Fireplace Shop, The Faraway Tree, Basingstoke Information Centre- (next to library in Festival Place), Andover Tourist Centre (The Museum); and from Brian Hopper ☎ 770743 Enquiries please telephone Bob Edwards ☎ 771634.

Thanks again for your support in this annual event.

OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Noelle Moysi.

Overton Business Association will be presenting two annual awards at this year's Late Night Christmas Shopping event on Friday 8th December.

The Overton Community Award is available to any individual who has contributed to the community in a significant way. This could be anything from keeping the village tidy, to raising the profile of the village through sporting, academic or any other achievement. If you know any individual who deserves an extra thank you for all their hard work, please contact Keith Green, OBA Chairman. The winner of the Overton Community Award will receive £100.

The OBA Enabling Award is a grant of £100 available to local community groups or individuals looking to fund a new project.

The deadline for applications for both awards is Friday 17th November; application forms from Keith Green ☎ 770907.

OVERTON BIODIVERSITY SOCIETY.

What Is All This About Climate Change?

Jane MacKenzie.

Come and discover the facts, the likely predictions for environmental events in our lifetimes and what we can do to avoid our children and grandchildren accusing us of doing nothing while there was still time to make a difference.

Please come to a presentation with a questions/answers session, by Dr Mike Sparrow of Southampton University.

He is involved with a World Climate Change Research Programme at the Dept of Oceanography. Overton Biodiversity Society is delighted to host this evening which

get further information about the role of a retained (part time) firefighter. Alternatively you can phone Paul Allen ☎ 07918 888097.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Bonfires

I recently received a letter of complaint of 'alleged smoke nuisance'. Being a disabled pensioner I have until recently paid for a gardener, however the cost has become prohibitive and am now dependent on the kindness of family & neighbours, which means I am not in a position to dictate when any work is done. In fact it was the charitable nature of a neighbour who had volunteered to cut my hedge and burn the debris (a one off) that has resulted in a complaint via the council.

Could I suggest that anyone making a complaint to the council assess the situation first and show some understanding for people dependant on others charity. To the faceless person who complained, if you want to dictate when any work is carried out then discuss it with me, or perhaps put your time and effort to better use become more community spirited and offer assistance rather than hide behind the council making anonymous complaints which are very distressing.

The Green

Inconsiderate Dog Owners

In the last month when walking my dog in Sapley Lane field, one can only be amazed at the amount of dog mess around. Twice my dog rolled in it making me very angry. Perhaps through this letter you could reiterate the need for uncaring owners to consider the health of the many children who play there.

Mrs Costick, Pond Close

Overton Parish Council states that Sapley Lane Playing Field is primarily a children's play area. Dogs should be walked through this field ON A LEAD and owners must pick up any dog mess left by their dogs.

OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

Ed Beckman, Treasurer.

Congratulations to the £500 prize draw winner, R Murthy of Basingstoke. Ms C Holmes won the £200 prize. The next draw is on Friday 13th October at 6.30pm at Bridge Street.

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/64371 Erection of a single storey side extension at 30 Lordsfield Gardens. No objection.

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

BDB/64222 Reserved matters application for the design and external appearance for the erection of 2 no detached dwellings with integral garages and single detached garage for 15 Sapley Lane with new access and cross over for new dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/61569 at land at Lemsford and 15 Sapley Lane.

Objection – comment as per previous outline planning permission – bungalows should be placed at this site.

BDB/64187 Repairs to roof frame and walls at Quidhampton Mill. No objection.

BDB/56349 Change to elevation with regard to level details for plots 31-38 on land at OS no 8565 SU5149NE, north of London Road. No objection.

DEADLINE NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16th October. 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 The delivery of *News & Views* is timed to coincide with the monthly Parish Council meeting, NOT the beginning of the month. Events that are scheduled for the first week of the month should be advertised in the preceding month.

OVERTON SOCIETY

Sue Carter.

The Overton Society holds 3 or 4 Open Meetings each year on topics related to our aims :-

- To foster an awareness of Overton heritage – built, natural & cultural
- To promote the village as a community
- To consider the impact of developments and change
- To provide a focus to celebrate the things we value in Overton

Recent evenings have been about Electoral Services, Local Policing, the duties of the Borough Mayor, Overton Business Association, Common Agricultural Policy, Highways and the development of Overton's Heritage and Nature Trails. Our next meeting on 15th November 2006 is a light-hearted quiz "What do you know about Overton?" to be held in conjunction with the AGM - refreshments provided! We look forward to welcoming you at 8pm in the Community Centre.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

Exam Results

We are pleased to have achieved our target of 72% of pupils gaining five or more A* - C grades in their GCSE exams. Every pupil in full-time attendance gained at least five GCSEs with many of our most-able gaining 12. The boys outperformed the girls this year, against the national trend. Don't forget, our **next production ~ Red, Red Shoes ~** runs from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th October at 7:30pm. Tickets: £5 adults / £3.50 concessions, available from the school, ☎ 892061.

New Facilities

The music area has now been totally transformed, with two specialist teaching areas and three practice rooms. It is bright, modern and very well-equipped and will be a pleasure to teach, learn and make music in.

ANNUAL CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Jane Mackenzie.

We are having another Fun Quiz Night at the Methodist Church on Saturday 21st October starting at 7pm. Richard and Heather Oram are quizmasters. It will include a ploughmans and pud supper, all for £7.50. WaterAid and

BASICS (the emergency doctor's response team) will benefit this year. Tickets from Pickwicks shop, Jane ☎ 771121 or Cindy Coppin ☎ 397361.

ODS BAZAAR

Jill Smith.

Overton Dramatic Society is to hold its annual bazaar on 21st October, from 10am-12 noon at St Mary's Hall. The entry fee of 50p includes coffee. There will be lots of stalls including tombola, cakes, white elephant and grand draw etc. and tickets for our Christmas Show, *'I didn't do it 'onest -The Panto'* will be on sale there for the first time, priced at £6 and £4.50 concessions. They will then be on sale at the Faraway Tree, High Street. The show runs from Tuesday 28th November until Saturday 2nd December, (with a Saturday matinee), at St Mary's Hall.

"I DIDN'T DO IT 'ONEST -THE PANTO" is a traditional pantomime, based loosely on an Aesop fable and is a fun packed show, filled with all the usual pantomime characters, goodies and baddies, heroes and comics. There is laughter, magic, heartache and romance. Come along and participate with the singing, booing and cheering. Written and directed by Graeme "Stubby" Stubbington, our pre-Christmas show is suitable for all the family and guaranteed to leave a smile on your face and joy in your heart, right through to the morning Santa comes.

LITTLE TOTS

Julie Torrible.

We welcomed 11 new children and their families to Little Tots Montessori Nursery School this autumn.

We are having an open morning on Monday 16th October from 9.30am until mid-day. Come and see a Montessori Nursery School in action. If this date is not convenient or you would like more information please ring Brenda Sampson ☎ 07786294574, or Julie Torrible ☎ 0118 9831554.

BASINGSTOKE BLIND CLUB

Mary Cullen.

We need your help: Drivers and helpers to assist at our fortnightly meetings (Thursday afternoons). For details please contact Mary Cullen ☎ 322651.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

We would like to thank all parents who supported their children's interest in this summer's Reading Mission. More children than ever made a start this time - a grand total of 114. Maybe next year everyone will finish as well!

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 (770576), Sarah Mills, Ian Tilbury (771429 – also Borough Councillor), Clerk to the Council is Laura Harley, Oak Tree Lodge, Roundwood, Micheldever, Winchester, Hants. SO21 3BA, ☎ 01962 774186, E-mail opc@overtonvillage.com

We have been handing out free Bookstart packs during the summer. These are for any children born in 2004, so if you haven't collected yours yet, please call in at the Library.

FOOTPATH PROBLEMS

Barry Taylor.

The local Ramblers' Association Group recommend either reporting directly through the local RA Footpath Secretary or to Hampshire County Council. HCC has a web site, <http://www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths/> for reporting problems. On the site "GO TO MAPS", click "i", then click on the map to pinpoint the exact location of the problem. You should get an acknowledgement by e-mail. You can also use it to find out path numbers and check paths. You may also report by e-mail or by letter.

Which ever method used – JUST REPORT! Any problem that is not reported will never get fixed!

The local RA Group organises rambles on Tuesdays and at week-ends; for more information ☎ Barry Taylor 770175.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Richard Oram.

We start again on Thursday 5th October in the Community Centre at 8pm. The first talk is about Gilbert White of Selborne. All most welcome.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.

Trains

Engineering works

There has been considerable media coverage already about the closure of the lines between Andover and Farnborough and between Winchester and Reading from 6 to 15 April 2007; this is to upgrade signalling and affects Basingstoke, Overton, Whitchurch and Micheldever stations in this area. Replacement buses will operate but journey times will be extended. Fuller details from 08457 48 49 50 nearer the time

Buses

Drop off at Basingstoke station

Despite an assurance by Stagecoach that this facility would be reinstated when Festival Place was completed, it never has been. Now the problem would seem to be too many buses using Alencon Link thereby clogging up the bus stops! As a compromise the parish council is asking Stagecoach to take the Basingstoke bound 76/86 service along Alencon Link, BUT only when someone wants to alight at the railway station and has advised the driver accordingly, well in advance. We await the bus company's response.
