

Overton News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Councillor Liz Lewis and Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 14 th February:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 27 th February:	Planning	7.30pm

The main Parish Council meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm. **Please note that Public Time will now be held between 7pm and 7.30pm.**

Planning meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) starting at 7.30pm. The public is welcome to attend these meetings and may discuss any planning matters prior to the meeting from 7.30pm onwards. Agendas and planning applications are displayed on the events notice-board.

New Parish Councillor

Overton Parish Council has co-opted a new parish councillor – David Llewellyn. David, who is married with three grown up children, has lived in Overton for 10 years.

Cycle ways and Footpaths

The Parish Council has bid for a grant to establish a cycle way from Overton to Basingstoke via Ashe and the Beech Arms. It is hoped that this will join a path between Station Road and Kingsclere Road which will give both cyclists and pedestrians a safe route around the village as well as encouraging families to walk their children to school.

Overton Hill Car Park

The PC hope that residents will continue to use the recycling bins sited at the car park but they would ask that this is not used as a fly tip. The council has seen unsightly photographic evidence of this and would ask residents to show consideration for others and take pride in the appearance of our village and dispose of unwanted articles in the correct way.

There are also bottle banks in the car park of the Memorial Institute on the corner of the B3400 and Station Road and behind the Red Lion pub and these can be used by anybody.

Village Website

Please remember to use the Diary function on the website – it would be useful if all village events could be recorded on this site and then the information can be used to reproduce a “What’s On” section in *News and Views*.

Welcome Pack for New Residents

The Parish Council is now producing a Welcome Pack for new residents. If someone has moved in next to you or you are a new resident – please contact the Clerk and she will arrange to have the pack delivered.

Overton Handbook Update

Overton Cricket Club are to be congratulated for being the first – and only – club to update their entry in the Overton Handbook – so here is a reminder that the Handbook is being updated for distribution in March/April 2007. If you have an entry in the existing edition, please could you check it for accuracy and forward any amendments to the Clerk – preferably by email to opc@overtonvillage.com. If there are any items that need to be added – please also forward these to the Clerk.

St Mary’s Hall News

The work to the new committee room at the back of the hall is nearly complete – and very smart it looks too. This small room will soon be available for hire – please contact the Bookings Clerk on 01962 774296.

St Mary’s Hall garden is also very close to completion – and requires a gap in the wet weather to be able to finish everything off. It is hoped that the garden can be used for outdoor plays and musical evenings, initially run by the St Mary’s Hall Committee. If you would like to hire the garden for an event, please contact the number above.

The next two **Moviola** showings are *The Devil Wears Prada* on 16th February and *Sixty Six* on 16th March – tickets £4.50 from Overton Fireplaces and £5 on the door. Please support this excellent venture.

The St Mary’s Hall Committee is also holding an entertainment and supper evening on Saturday 24th March. The entertainment is to be provided by the London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra – described on their promotional literature as “celtic, Cajun, Cossack, klezmer and country blues with high energy and zany fun”. It looks like a good laugh – so throw caution to the wind and give it a go. Tickets from Overton Fireplaces.

Distributors Wanted

Can you spare approx 6 hours a month? Can you take on the distribution of *Overton News & Views* to the 30 or so volunteer deliverers? The only stipulation is that the deliverers must have time to deliver the newsletter before the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please contact the editor if you are interested. You will receive payment!

We will also require a volunteer to deliver on the new Overton Hill estate. Again, please contact the editor if you could do this. Thank you.

Delayed Work

The county council is aware of several jobs which are outstanding from 2006 and is taking the matter up with the contractors. Job orders have been issued/re-issued. One such job is the paving of the corners of the roundabout on The Green.

POLICE NEWS

PC Richard Baldwin

I have written much about the "Bad Lads" of the village, however the well behaved children often do not get a mention.

I speak to lots of kids on my travels and unfortunately have to target my time and energy in dealing with a minority of trouble makers.

I would like to say that most of the children in the village are indeed well behaved and actually contribute something back to the community. I have visited local clubs such as the Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides and Army Cadets and I am impressed with the organisation and the participation of local children. Some are also enjoying membership of the tennis club, the Golf club, Overton Harriers etc. On a visit to the Overton Panto, I saw local youngsters enjoying themselves up on stage and contributing behind the scenes.

There are many more clubs & organisations that I haven't mentioned that are being attended and enjoyed by village children every week.

I would like to thank all of the well behaved, law abiding children in Overton and also give credit to their parents who have raised their offspring with decency and respect for others.

A whole hearted - Well done to you all !!

IntroducingPolice Community Support Officer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Police Community Support Officer in Overton. My name is James Copley and I will be working alongside PC Richard Baldwin who will remain the Beat officer for Overton & Hannington. My role will be high visibility patrolling and reducing crime. Although I have Police Powers my role will be building better relations between Hampshire Constabulary and all members of the community, local businesses and the Parish Council. I hope to address the needs and concerns brought to me by working closer with you all and I hope we can make Overton a better place for everyone.

James Copley

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllrs Ian Tilbury & Paula Baker

Foxdown Housing Development Update

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has now agreed to sell the Foxdown site to a different developer who intends to build the 75 houses in line with the existing planning permission for houses that meet the eco-homes 'Excellent' standard. The Council had little choice but to re-tender the sale of the site after the previous developer attempted to negotiate a large price reduction at the eleventh hour.

Since 2001 when the original decision was taken to sell this site, the demand for affordable housing in Overton and the rest of the Borough has increased dramatically. This led BDBC to increase the percentage of affordable housing it requires on all large housing sites from 20% to 40%.

Despite a request from both Borough cllrs to increase the number of affordable homes on Foxdown from 22 to 30 to

meet the Boroughs own standard, the ruling administration at BDBC chose not to.

We have been advised that the developer plans to start on site by the end of March this year.

OVERTON CRICKET CLUB

Simon Trott

Two Saturday Teams Next Year

After several successful years, Overton Cricket Club has entered a second team into the Hampshire League. The 1st XI will continue to play in Regional North Division 1 while the 2nd XI will join the new Regional North Central Division 4.

2006 Awards

A big thank you for all involved in the organising of another successful Awards Dinner held at the Test Valley Golf Club. Andy Galvin was the big winner on the night picking up 5 awards which included both the 1st Team Bowling and the 1st Team batting. Andy was also recognised at League level when he received the Best Bowler award for the division, presented to him at the Rose Bowl. Will Kinnear was presented with the Mary Jewel Trophy awarded to the best batsman in the Guy Jewel Trophy, the Basingstoke based Twenty20 knock out competition.



Winter Nets

Winter nets begin Wednesday 7th February at the Dummer Cricket Centre. They will be held every week between 7pm & 8pm and will cost £2 per person.

Recruiting for next year

We are actively seeking new members for the season, all ages all abilities. We have a very strong youth section running teams from under-9's to under-15's, two Saturday league teams, a Sunday team and a Mid-Week evening league team. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to get involved off the pitch whether it's umpiring, scoring, coaching or teas.

We have a home game every Saturday next season from the beginning of May to the end of August and appreciate all of the support that we can muster on the boundary.

Website

Please visit our website at www.overtoncricket.com where you can find the latest club news, contact details and fixtures. If you do not have internet access but are interested in becoming part of our club please telephone Simon Trott on 770244.

OVERTON BEER FESTIVAL 2007

Bob Edwards

We are now in the early stages of organising this years Beer Festival which is normally held in October..... but we need your help!

It is urgent that we form an organising committee now, in order that we can outline what is needed.

Without help from volunteers the Festival will not take place this year and sadly may be lost for good.

If you wish to help in any way, however large or small, please contact Bob Edwards on 771634. We do need people to come forward within the next few weeks, but we must receive names no later than 31st March, otherwise the Festival will not go ahead.

On a far lighter note the local CAMRA branch is still running the very popular Beer Buses on the last Friday of each month. The bus picks up from the village with stops at various real ale pubs along the way. If you are interested in booking your place please telephone Bob on the above number.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Twelfth Night Bash

Saturday 6th January saw the staging of our 3rd "Twelfth Night Bash" event, featuring local band "Sideways Down", in aid of local charity the Kingfisher Trust. Thanks to the enormous generosity by people on the night and donations and support from local businesses and individuals, we are delighted that £370 was raised for the Kingfisher Trust Day Centre, and a fantastic night was had by all. We'd just like to thank everyone involved. We're already looking forward to next year's Bash! ..

Becci and Paul Larkham

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

The school has recently gained the International School Award (Foundation Level) from the British Council. The award is for curriculum-based international work done by a school and has been prompted by our twinning with Mityana Secondary School, Uganda and our involvement in Global Action.

The Mityana partnership is really beginning to flourish, with pupils already having raised nearly £700 towards new water tanks. A group of Year 9 and 10 pupils are also raising funds to enable them to visit next autumn.

Testbourne is one of just 30 Global Action Schools in the UK ~ investigating sustainable development and ways of tackling global poverty. The work will include pupils conducting a sustainable audit of their own school, looking at how we use/waste resource and energy.

We have also invited The Carbon Trust to visit the school to measure our "carbon footprint" ~ and see how it might be reduced.

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/64895 Erection of garden shed at 1 Southington Lane. No objection.

BDB/64873 Erection of 4 no terraced dwelling and 2 no semi detached dwellings and creation of 2 no parking spaces for use at 15 Dellands Road on land at 9-15 Dellands. Objection - the levels of the new houses would dominate the existing properties, the width of the access road was considered not to be wide enough and this would result in cars/lorries not being able to turn and having to back on to the highway. Access onto Dellands was considered to be dangerous; there was a high bank to either side of the exit and there were always a number of parked cars in the vicinity of the exit. The Parish Council was concerned about the loss of trees and hedges on the site. Although the Parish Council understood that the

development of these garden sites was being encouraged by central government, the Parish Council strongly objected to this type of creeping development. Random house building on vacant ground within established housing developments would lead to a messy and unplanned urban environment and would detract from the generally well planned and attractive developments that were abundant in Overton. Consideration of the quality of the environment for existing residents should also be strongly considered.

BDB/64940 Installation of a 5m lighting column on land at parking area rear of 21 Pond Close. No objection

BDB/64922 Display of various externally illuminated fascia signs, monoliths and 7 no flagpoles on land at OS parcel 4518 7014 9663 north of London Road. Objection, OK with unlit fascia signs, lit signs were unnecessary and would cause light pollution. No flagpoles or monoliths were required – this was a semi rural location on the edge of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council understood that there was a wide interest in these properties and consequently it was not necessary to go these lengths to attract sales.

BDB/65013 Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 2 Folley Cottages. No objection.

BDB/65022 Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of existing and erection of front porch (amendment to planning permission BDB 59637 to widen the two storey side extension and alteration to windows and doors) at Well House, Burley Lane. No objection.

DEADLINE OVERTON NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16th February. 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

OVERTON BIODIVERSITY SOCIETY

Jane MacKenzie

Climate Change Talk

Did you see the Moviola film "An Inconvenient Truth?" Do you want to find out more? Dr Mike Sparrow from the climate variability project at Southampton University will give another talk with a questions and answer session on Thursday 22nd February in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.00pm. 50p- homemade refreshments. OBS Members free. Check details on posters or phone 771121.

Grand Opening of Little Meadow

Sunday 6th May. Starting with a community picnic at 12.30 and Grand Opening at 2pm by Kath Doyle our founding chairman. Burial of a time capsule! All welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

We had a number of excellent entries for our Christmas competition and it was difficult to choose between them. The two winners were Izzie Kater and Susie Harrison, and the runners-up were Ben Wilson and Fred Harrison. We have had a small reorganisation recently, in an attempt to make the stock more accessible. Comments so far have been favourable! The latest special collection to reach here is **All at sea**. They are not all naval epics, so do take a look - you might be surprised.
