

Overton News and Views

www.overtonvillage.com

Issued by Overton Parish Council and distributed to Overton and Ashe, Laverstoke and Freefolk.

Information and Comment on Village Activities

April 2007

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From Parish Councillor Brian Langer and Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 11 th April:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 24 th April:	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 are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month 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.

Annual Parish Meeting

Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on 18th April in St Mary's Hall. Hopefully this will be an informal social event – come along from 7pm for a pre-meeting drink and a stroll around the St Mary's Hall garden. The meeting will start at 7.30pm when representatives of the Overton Recreation Centre, St Luke's Hall, the Sheepfair Committee and the Overton Biodiversity Society will be updating everybody on their current and future activities. The evening will round off with more drinks and a light buffet – everybody is welcome

Deadline Overton News & Views

This will be 16th April. 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

Grants

The new grant application form for the year from 1st April 2007 is now available from the Parish Council – please contact the Clerk if your club or society wishes to make an application.

Trees in Edward Kersley Playing Field

The Parish Council has planted six Silver Birch trees in Edward Kersley Playing Field in memory of John Smith who assisted the Parish Council with footpath matters for many years. If they survive(!), they will provide welcome shade for people using the seats by the play equipment in future years.

Litter Picking

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to Stuart Pike, our litter picker who has been working around the village for the last six months. Together with several

volunteer litter pickers he has made the village a much tidier place.

St Mary's Hall

The next Moviola film at 7.30pm on 20th April is Miss Potter (PG) – tickets £4.50 from the Fireplace Shop or £5 on the door. The other films to be shown in this 'season' are: 18th May - Casino Royale (12A) – worth it for the Daniel Craig moment alone, 15th June – Venus (15) and 20th July – A Good Year (12A).

On 21st April, Terza Rima – a virtuoso guitar and percussion trio will be playing in St Mary's Hall playing everything from Russian folk tunes to contemporary jazz, from Brazilian sambas to hot club swing. Tickets £6 from Overton Fireplaces.

On 20th May, the St Mary's Hall Committee is holding an opening for the garden. Starting at 2pm, the garden will be officially opened at 3pm. Look out for further details in the May edition of *Overton News and Views*.

Pedestrian Phase at the Traffic Lights

At the last Parish Council meeting several parishioners requested a pedestrian phase at the traffic lights in the village centre. It has now been established that this is one of the projects being considered by Hampshire County Council to be included within a feasibility study looking at the way the S106 money (from the Overton Hill development) will be spent on traffic related matters in the village. A list of schemes that could be financed from S106 monies will be presented to the Parish Council in the second half of 2007.

Drive Construction

Planning permission is required if you wish to construct a drive onto a classified road. Classified roads include C roads which are not signed as such. There are several of these around the village so always check this point before you start the work because if you don't you could be asked to reinstate your front garden by the planning authority!

C29 . Overton to A303 road

We hope that more improvements will be made to the rail bridge as part of HCC's safety audit review, following the provision of safety barriers. This road is constantly being complained about, be it driver speed, the absence of a footway and a 40mph speed limit at least as far as the Sapley residences, its variable width, its disintegrating haunches or its inappropriateness for classification as a County Distributor Road. (Hampshire County Council has reported that the haunches and verges along the C29 are to be temporarily repaired, and that an application has been submitted for funding a major rehaunching scheme in 2007/08; however officers are not optimistic that they will be successful with this bid.)

The Parish Council is seeking a further meeting with our county councillor on all these issues.

Disabled Parking Bay, Overton Pharmacy.

It has been noticed that several cars use the bay without displaying the appropriate badge. The police are aware of the problem and able bodied drivers are asked not to abuse the regulation just because they can't be bothered to walk a few extra yards.

What's On

14 & 15 April, Northington Farm

Lambing Days, 2-5pm

15 April meet at Community Centre

Annual Litter Pick, 10am

20 April St Mary's Hall

Moviola –Miss Potter -Tickets: £5 from Overton

Fireplaces

21 April St Mary's Hall

TerzaRima 7.30pm, Tickets £6 /£4.50 from Overton

Fireplaces

28 April Testbourne Community School

Pamper Day, (Ladies over 15 only) £5

29 April Community Centre

OBS Action Plan, 2.30pm

3 May

Borough and Parish Elections

OVERTON ACTION GROUP

Freda Robinson

The annual litter pick will be on Sunday 15th April at 10am, meeting at the Community Centre. There will be refreshments afterwards at the Fireplace Shop. Help us make the village look tidier around the roads and pathways. Please join us if you can.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Cancer Open Days

Thank you to everyone including the village shops who supported the days on 4th November and 2nd March. The final total raised was £1326.22. this would not have been possible without everyone's help and generosity.

Corrine Cooke.

Parish Walks –Date Change

The April walk will be on the 3rd Sunday, the 15th; and in future months will be the 2nd Sunday. We meet at the Community Centre at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Brian Wheeler on 771895 or Adrian Smith - 770053.

Brian Wheeler.

Hare Horror

On driving from Overton to Kingsclere on a Saturday morning in February I had to slow down due to some men carrying shot guns crossing the road and as I did so I was horrified to see dozens of dead hare lying on the ground, all shot I expect by these men. As an animal lover the scene made me sick to my stomach. What I can't comprehend is that in this day and age with such huge varieties of harmless entertainment available to adults and children alike that some people still get a buzz out of killing beautiful creatures such as hare in the name of sport. What makes this worse is that the bodies of these animals were all laid out in pairs for anyone passing to see!

I consider myself very lucky to catch a glimpse of wild hare especially at this time of the year when they have their boxing matches. I live in the countryside because I love and appreciate wildlife in all its forms and believe along with many others that we are very fortunate to have so much flora and fauna on our doorsteps. To know that so many are being shot and killed at one time saddens me greatly.

Isn't it time now with climate change worries and the pressing need to take care of our planet and protect animals and the environment that people find something more constructive to do with their time and money than shoot animals for pleasure, it's not big and it's not clever!

Celia L, by email.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

To celebrate **National Science** week in March, Testbourne entered 3 teams into the Annual Science Quiz held by Cricklade College in Andover. Congratulations to Year 8, who beat 7 other schools to take a prize.

Don't forget **Pamper Day**, on 28th April; tickets from the school -892061.

PTFA –the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association of Testbourne needs new members. If you would like to help the school but don't want to commit to becoming a Governor, perhaps you would like to join this committee. Please phone the school.

OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

Colin Parker, General Manger

Ed Beckmann, our Treasurer for the past two years has reluctantly decided to stand down.

Ed has given unstintingly of his time during this period and led the Charity in its desire to secure a viable financial future. We are greatly indebted to Ed for the work he has done and thank him most sincerely for his time.

ORC is on the cusp of exciting if challenging times as it begins its 5th decade serving Overton as provider of sport and leisure facilities.

If you think you can make a contribution as Treasurer to this worthy charity please contact me on 771038.

OAKLEY AND OVERTON SURGERY

Frances Turner, Practice Manager

Thank you to all the patients who took part in our recent "Improving Practice" survey. We particularly appreciate the many kind comments made about the quality of care we provide. Positive feedback is always good.

The winter months are the busiest time of year for the Practice. Fortunately this year we have not had a 'flu epidemic, but demand for appointments is still high. For routine appointments, you can book up to a month ahead. Urgent appointments are available everyday, or you can speak with a doctor on the 'phone if you don't need to actually come in.

Visit our website at www.oakleyandovertonsurgery.co.uk for full details of our services.

The practice has produced the first in a series of regular newsletters, intended to keep patients informed about current issues. Copies are available at either surgery, and at the Chemists in Oakley and Overton.

A BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN.

Ken MacKenzie, Chair, Overton Biodiversity Society

Would you like to help Overton Biodiversity Society to produce a Biodiversity Action Plan or BAP for the parish? A Biodiversity Action Plan is a document which aims to record wildlife habitats and species in an area and to suggest ways in which they can be protected or improved. BAP's have been produced at different scales from national level down to county and then borough levels. Our BAP will fill in the practical wildlife details at a parish level which can actually inform the decisions made for site management and planning.

We would like as many local people as possible to be involved with this, by identifying local wildlife sites and helping to record them and photograph them over a year. This could include 'mini wildlife sites' such as gardens, road verges or ponds, which only you may know about! If you are able to help or are interested, please come along to the Community Centre on Sunday 29th April at 2.30pm to find out more – followed by tea and cake! All are welcome, no experience is needed, (only enthusiasm!) as training will be provided.

10TH NSPCC LAMBING EVENT

Susie Bobin

Saturday 14th April And Sunday 15th April 2pm – 5pm
Admission adults £3, Children under 12 free.

With the kind permission of James and Jackie Crosbie-Dawson two Lambing Days are being held at Northington Farm, the Lynch, off Southington

Lane, to raise funds for the NSPCC. Come along and enjoy an afternoon on the farm and see the new born lambs. Wellington boots recommended.

Refreshments will be available.

Mr and Mrs Crosbie-Dawson and the NSPCC would like to draw to visitors attention the fact that disease can be transferred between animals and humans. Therefore any contact is at visitors own risk.

Mr and Mrs Crosbie-Dawson and the NSPCC do not accept liability for any illness or accidents which may occur.



BDB/65379 Erection of two storey rear extension and new access with crossover at 32 Station Road. No objection.

BDB/65334 Construction of a first floor, involving raising the roof with rooflights to the east and west elevations following demolition of co

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/65267 Conversion of office to 2 no two bedroom flats and erection of a first floor rear extension. Decking over flat roof to rear at Entec House, Station Road. No objection – but concerned about parking and whether there is enough space to turn round. Also concern about the decking area overlooking the neighbouring garden.

BDB/64583 Erection of garage/store at 30 Sapley Lane (retrospective). No objection.

BDB/65260 Erection of 2 no detached dwelling with integral garages and single detached garage for 15 Sapley Lane with new access and cross over for new dwellings on land at Lemsford and 15 Sapley Lane. No objection but concern about sight lines for access.

BDB/65348 Change of use of land from agricultural land to create access and drive to Pilgrims House. No objection – but concern about sight lines.

at our setting and found herself thinking “WOW” as she observed the staff and children at work and play. The inspector particularly praised the experiences the children gained in the area of knowledge and understanding in the foundation stage.

Staff and the committee would like to thank parents and the community for their support and we will endeavour to maintain the status of “outstanding” to continue to provide high quality provision and education for the children. For further information about Overton preschool playgroup please contact the play leader Amanda Igo Tel 770370.

OVERTON CRICKET CLUB

Simon Trott

Club Shop

We have just opened our on-line club shop at www.overtoncricket.com, offering a comprehensive range of cricket clothing in both the junior & senior sizes. Order forms are available on-line or from committee members. We have also established a partnership with Serious Cricket in Thatcham which allows us to supply the full range of cricket equipment from bats to balls.

Indoor Nets

The senior sides are currently practicing at the Dummer Cricket Centre every Monday night 7pm – 8pm. Cost is £2 per session and are open to all.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st May - First Outdoor Nets, 6.30 at the ORC

Saturday 5th May – First League Games

Friday 29th June – Race Night

Sunday 22nd July – The Crickby Cup (The Cricket Club v The Rugby Club)

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th Sept – Nottinghamshire Tour.

GET FIT FOR THE SUMMER

Hayley Wade

MONDAY 7pm-8pm St Mary’s Church Rooms

Keep fit, whole body toning. £5.

THURSDAY 9.30am-10.30am Meet outside St Mary’s Hall

Power Walking, all abilities welcome. Good calorie burner.

Trainers, comfortable clothing. £4.

FRIDAY 9.15am-10.15am St Mary’s Hall

Keep fit, whole body toning. £5.

Term time only.

All taken by Jill, fully qualified, friendly instructor.
For more information call 07879473759.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Jo Mas, Activities Co-ordinator

A Coffee Morning will be held every last Friday of the month at Beech Tree Care Home (was Arkle Lodge Nursing and Residential Home) at Sprents Lane.

There is no entrance fee, but there will be a raffle.

OVERTON TENNIS CLUB

Joy MacGregor

Exciting news for the Club - we have been awarded planning permission for floodlights which will extend the season for tennis throughout the year (sorry no installation date yet).

Our Club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm and have already started so come and give us a trial run - you will be made to feel very welcome.

Further information from Bob on 770643 or Joy on 770391.

HAMPSHIRE FOOD FESTIVAL!

Sophie Boxall, Local Food Marketing Officer

With around 100 different events held at various locations, the Hampshire Food Festival (23rd June to 8th July) celebrates all that is great about food and drink from Hampshire.

Join farm walks (from cheese and water buffalo farms to vineyards and lavender fields), talks, demonstrations, cookery workshops, tastings, open days, feasts and barbecues. Visiting celebrity chefs include BBC2’s Ready Steady Cook regular Gino D’Acampo at Basingstoke’s Festival Place on July 6th and food writer Prue Leith at The Point in Eastleigh on July 4th. Join Stockbridge Trout Festival on the River Test on June 30th and July 1st, Hampshire Water Festival in Andover on Saturday July 7th, and the Festival of Beekeeping on the 7th and 8th July at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. Hampshire Farmers’ Markets will be in full swing at weekends and Hampshire’s own chefs will be giving cookery demonstrations and serving special local themed menus at restaurants and pubs. Request your free festival programme (available early May) on 01962 845435, hampshire.fare@hants.gov.uk or visit www.hampshirefare.co.uk

Comments and contributions for *Overton News and Views* are welcomed by the editor, Teresa Reynolds, The Three Horseshoes, 41 Winchester Se(Me7ssma)8\l n1ew anvViewRG25@aole.cm., The edito2 TJJ-0.00211 Tc -0.0213 Tw37.778 41 C