

Overton News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

June 2007

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councillor Brian Langer and Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 13th June: Public time 7.00pm

Main meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 26th June: 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 fourth 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.

Overton News and Views Inserts

Most months, a club or society in the village requests that an insert be placed in *Overton News and Views* to advertise forthcoming events and general information. If you would like to place an insert in *Overton News and Views* please contact the Editor, Teresa Reynolds who will let you know if she considers it suitable. A draft of the insert must be with the Editor (in electronic form) by the 16th day of the month before the month that it is to be circulated for approval by the Parish Council. As a rule of thumb the Parish Council does not circulate or advertise for commercial enterprises although it has in the past included a list of members of the Overton Business Association (this is seen to be a service to parishioners).

Any club or society must pay for the insert to be produced and must carry out the insertion into the magazine prior to distribution - this takes about 4 hours. Carrying out the insertions must not jeopardise the distribution schedule.

Dog Mess

I am passing on a plea to dog owners from our litter picker Stuart Pike. Please could you bag dog mess before placing it into a litter bin. As you can imagine, it is very unpleasant to empty a bin of unbagged poo!

St Mary's Hall

Many apologies for having to cancel the Moviola showing of Casino Royale on 20th May because the projectionist was sick. Full refunds are available from the Fireplace Shop – and Moviola has offered a 50% discount off the next ticket purchased.

The next film is Venus (15) with Peter O'Toole and Leslie Phillips which will be shown at 7.30pm on 15th June. The final film of this season is A Good Year (12A) starring

Russell Crowe on 20th July. Tickets are available from the Fireplace Shop for £4.50 each (£5 on the door). There will then be a summer break before Moviola returns on 14th September.

St Mary's Hall Garden Party – come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon of traditional jazz in the garden provided by Grandpa's Spells on Sunday 8th July between 3pm and 5pm. There will be a charge of £5 for adults to cover the cost of the band (children under 16 free) and there will be a bar and other refreshments available.

AGM

To be held on Monday 9th July at 8pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Roadside Verge Signs

A reminder that the local highways authority is reasonably tolerant of temporary signs on verges so long as they do not constitute a safety hazard, are not erected more than three weeks before an event and are taken down immediately after the event. Blatant advertising is not permitted on verges. For clarification specific to the Overton area please contact the highways office of the county council at Hook -764444 - and ask to speak to Steve Goodall.

Grit Bins

Not very topical in mid summer but a reminder that these are not general refuse bins, nor are they to be used for getting rid of dog mess. The county council staff who refill these bins with salt and grit every autumn are within their rights to refuse replenishment if the bins have been wrongly used by parishioners. If you have misused them please retrieve the litter and dispose of it correctly for the community's benefit.

DEADLINE OVERTON NEWS & VIEWS

This will be 16th June. 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

POLICE NEWS

PC Richard Baldwin

For those of you who may have seen or heard about the Police Cordon around the area by the telephone box on Winchester Street on Saturday 12th May; there is no need for any concern. Police are now fully satisfied that no criminal offence had in fact taken place in the area.

Car Crime

Seven cars were broken into in May.

One of the most recent crimes occurred at 3am on Friday 18th May in Harvey's Field. A male wearing a hooded top was seen to be cycling away from the car. This latest theft is a worrying development as the offender is obviously a home grown "talent", whereas historically we have been targeted by external forces.

We will do everything we can in identifying and prosecuting the guilty parties, however do not give these individuals the opportunity to steal your property.

Please do not leave anything of value in your car whilst it is parked unattended. If you own a Sat Nav system, please remove it and the cradle from your car; thieves are now using Bluetooth technology to locate any such item that may be hidden in your car!

Updated local Police News can be found on the Forum page at www.overtonvillage.com

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Heather Manning, Croudace Homes Limited

Come and join in the fun and help us to create the mosaic sheep skins which will adorn the flock of sheep seats soon to be seen on the hillside in the new neighbourhood park area of Overton Hill.

The children of Overton CE Primary School, and also the rainbows, brownies, guides, beavers, cubs and scouts took part in the first mosaic workshops in March.

Now we are inviting the Overton village community to come and join in!

The mosaic workshops will take part in the Community Centre: Saturday 7th July & Sunday 8th July, 10am to 4pm. All ages welcome (under 16 to be accompanied by an adult please), no previous experience needed.

Refreshments will be available from The Womens Institute.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Carol Clifford

Overton Primary School is holding its Summer Fête on Saturday 9th June, 12noon-2pm. All the traditional stalls plus some more unusual ones will be there plus, sporting and dancing displays, live music, BBQ, bar, a craft fair and car boot sale. To book a pitch for the car boot sale, please contact Carol Clifford (770277). Please come and join us for what promises to be a great day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Overton Art Group

Overton Art Group is running a trip to Art In Action near Oxford on 21st July. If any one would like to go please ring Sandra Jeffrey on 781043. The cost is £10 for the coach + entry to the exhibition.

Mary Reid.

Lambing Weekend in April

The tenth lambing weekend at Northington Farm raised £1,568 to support the vital work of the NSPCC.

Several hundred adults and children enjoyed visiting the farm in the sunshine and watching the new born lambs.

The NSPCC is very grateful to Mr and Mrs Crosbie-Dawson of Northington Farm for allowing the organisers to continue to hold the event. The organisers are also very grateful to the staff and the volunteers who helped and all those who came along to help raise funds for a very worthwhile cause – the prevention of cruelty to children.

Further information from Susie Bobin 07876 526223 or Inge Hunter 770078.

Susie Bobin.

Community Wardens

Just wanted to say that I feel extremely reassured by the almost continual presence of the local beat officer and PCSO in Overton, I also read PC Baldwin's updates in *news and views* as well as on the Overtonvillage.com website. That with the fact that both PC Baldwin and James are both very much approachable and easy to talk to does a lot to reassure many people I'm sure. May they long stay here in Overton and be a very welcome part of our village life. I was amazed to learn a couple of weeks ago however that Overton used to have a Community Warden too! I went onto the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website and looked up the Community Wardens and yes, Overton along with Whitchurch is supposed to have a warden. What has happened to this Warden and why is he / she no longer in the village? As a semi retired person I am out and about in the village a fair bit but I can honestly say that I have never seen a Community Warden. I attend as many village events as possible and whilst you see the police/PCSO at these events you don't see a Warden. Can anyone enlighten me and the rest of the village?

Mr Toby Boye, Two Gate Meadow

Parish Clerk Laura Harley replies: Overton has two new Community Wardens, Caroline and Matt who started their duties at the end of May – more details in the next edition of *Overton News and Views*.

Daffodil Supper, Overton Methodist Church

Our candle lit, daffodil bedecked feast and musical delights in aid of Cancer Relief and MacMillan Nurses, raised £500 including kind donations from people unable to come. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this.

Jane MacKenzie.

Hare Horror

We have been asked to point out that the **Hare Horror** letter in April's *Overton News & Views* was not written by Mrs Cecilia Leahy.

NAOMI HOUSE HOSPICE

Clarendon Way Walk

Clare Bates

On Sunday June 10th why not join the hundreds of people who will be walking the Clarendon Way in aid of the Naomi House Children's Hospice (Sutton Scotney)? Walkers will be walking the 24 miles from Winchester Cathedral to Salisbury Cathedral. Those who feel something shorter is in order can start at the half way point of Broughton and walk the 12 miles to Salisbury Cathedral. This is ideal for children wanting to walk with their parents but not able to complete the whole Walk. Still a challenge!

If you are unable to walk on the day but can give two or so hours of your time, we are eager to hear from you as we need help with marshalling and registering walkers in this well-run event.

For further information on the Walk and to register, visit naomihouse.org/walk, email walk@naomihouse or telephone 01962 736493

OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Maggs Steward, Chair, ODS

Can you act? Sing? Dance? Would you be interested in helping out behind the scenes with lighting, sound, backstage or at set builds? If so, please read on...

ODS produces two shows a year, plus we have a very full social calendar including theatre trips, treasure hunts, pub trips, games nights, quizzes and lots more...



Our next show is a pantomime, *Babes In The Wood*. Readings start on Tuesday 19th June at 7.30pm, ORC Pavilion, Bridge Street and continue every Tuesday and Thursday; final

auditions are Tuesday 3rd July. More information is available from the Rehearsal Secretary, Julia Cobb on 771492.

If you would like to join this very friendly and busy society, please email or telephone Maggs Steward on chairman@ods-online.co.uk / 771457 or come along to the reading on 19th June – it'll be great to see you there.

The Great Overton Duck Race

August 27th Bank Holiday Monday – it's happening again – The Great Overton Duck Race.

Lots of attractions are already booked – face painting, BBQ, ice creams, licensed bar, tea/coffee & cake stall, tombola, handmade jewellery. There are still some spaces



available, if you would like a stall for the event please contact Maggs Steward on 771457 – they are just £5. Ducks will be on sale soon – look out for the “Quackers” table in the Community Centre square.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

An Inspector Has Called!

The school was very busy last month as we received a short-notice Ofsted inspection for two days in the middle of May. The Ofsted inspection process is a very different one from when we were last inspected in December 2001. We received just over two working days' notice and were inspected by just one inspector. The purpose of the inspection now is to test out and hopefully validate the information already known about the school, based on our own Self Evaluation Form submitted annually to Ofsted, and data about the performance of our pupils.

We are encouraged by the dialogue we have had with the inspector and anticipate that we should be receiving a very positive report. We look forward to bringing you more information next month.

Year 11 pupils have now left, following the **Leaver's Assembly** on 25th May. They return only to sit their exams. We wish them well in the exams and in the future.

Website

The new Testbourne website can be found at www.testbourne.hants.sch.uk

Situations Vacant

Locum Caretaker – able to provide cover alternate weekends and/or for sickness or holiday leave.

Lunchtime Supervisor. Please contact Paul Welch on 01256 892061.

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/65670 Erection of new front porch and single storey side extension at 23 Kerchers Field. No objection.

BDB/65536 Erection of four new concrete supporting pillars for the return pipe at Overton Mill, Papermill Lane. No objection.

BDB/65784 Erection of an agricultural storage building at Ashe Warren Farm, Ashe Lane (retrospective). No objection.

TIDDLERS

James & Mindy

We are a friendly and welcoming parent run toddler group that meets in the Laverstoke and Freefolk Village Hall every Wednesday. If you have a child aged nought to five years please come and join us, we particularly cater for children up to 3 years. We have a wide range of play equipment for the children and provide parents with the opportunity to make friends and socialise. During the session the children can join in an art activity and sit down together for fresh fruit and a drink while parents have tea or coffee. All members are encouraged to join in the running of the group. We meet from 9.30 to 11.30 every Wednesday. For more info or directions call Sharon on 773092 or just come along any Wednesday.

RUGBY CLUB (JUNIOR SECTION)

Pete Barratt

Another successful season for Overton Rugby drew to a close on 29th April with an end of season fun day at Laverstoke. The next season starts on September 2nd and we welcome any new recruits from ages 5 to 15. In the meantime we are inviting young sportsmen and women in this age group to a series of Summer Fun & Fitness sessions on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8pm at our glorious grounds in Laverstoke. These multi-sports sessions will take place on June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, and July 6th & 13th, and will be run by trained coaches. Drinks and snacks will be available. Come and join in. For further information go to www.overtonrugby.com.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP NEWS

Diane Wildash

Our annual Open Morning and fundraiser will be held on Saturday 23rd June, 10am to 12 noon at the Communi 802jET23

Race Night

The highlight of the social calendar arrives on Friday 29th June in St Mary's Hall. Tickets are £5 per person which includes a ploughmans. We will also be running a fully stocked bar. Tickets are available from Andy Wake on 771042 or wakeywake@yahoo.co.uk

This Months Home League Fixtures

2nd June 2nd XI v Tichbourne Park III
 9th June 1st XI v East Woodhay
 16th June 2nd XI v Ampfield
 23rd June 1st XI v Littleton & West Hill
 30th June 1st XI v Flamingo II

All games start at 2pm and are 42 overs each innings. Local support is always very welcome.

Training at the ORC

Seniors Tuesday evenings – 6.30 to 9pm
 U15's Tuesday evenings – 5.30 to 7pm
 U13's Monday evenings – 6. to 7.30pm
 U11's Monday evenings – 6.30 to 8pm
 U9's & Beginners – Saturday Mornings – 10.30 to 12noon.
 For more information and all the latest club news and stats visit our website www.overtoncricket.com

ST LUKE'S HALL 2007 AGM

Chris Penney - Hon Secretary

Every resident of the parish of Overton, aged 16 or over, owns one share of St Luke's Hall - the former social club for employees of the Bank of England during WW2. It was given to Overtonians by the BoE at the end of the war. Come along on **Tuesday 26th June** at 7.45pm and hear the latest developments on plans to demolish the ageing building and build a replacement hall on the same site in Winchester Street. (Charity 1026873)

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

This month we welcome a new member of staff - Myfanwy Whitehead. Christine Geary has returned to Whitchurch library. Two new collections have arrived, which will be with us until September. **Love letters** is aimed at our female readers - light reading for the summer - and **Healthy living** is just what it says: books with advice on diet, cooking exercise and life style.

Comments and contributions for *Overton 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.

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Clerk to the Council is Laura Harley, Oak Tree Lodge, Roundwood, Micheldever, Winchester, Hants. SO21 3BA, ☎ 01962 774186, e-mail opc@overtonvillage.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.

Buses

Service 74 village service by Burghfield Mini Coaches

At the time of writing (mid May) there was still a problem concerning the type of bus being provided for some of the runs around the village, in particular the first one of the day. Many regular passengers were having difficulty accessing the bus as it had no grab rails, limited internal height, a very high step to gain access and only six seats. Usually a bigger bus arrives in time to run the service from the 0943 departure from the Community Centre layby. The county council, who pays for the entire service, is discussing the problems with the operator in the hope a bus suitable for all passengers can be provided all the time. A reminder that this service, although primarily used by the elderly, can be used by anyone and details were given in May's insert.

Service 11 Countywide Travel (CT) scholars' service to and from Winchester.

This service, details of which were included in the May edition's insert, will not operate beyond July. It has been provided by CT on a commercial basis but they are in future concentrating on their services in the Fleet/Farnham areas. Parents of those already using the service or planning to use it from September are advised to contact local operators to see if they would be prepared to fill the gap from September; Stagecoach Andover has already been advised of this development.

Trains

South West Trains fares

A new Mondays to Fridays fare structure was introduced in late May whereby the cheapest fare of £19.50 to Waterloo can now be purchased only on the 1118 (and later trains). The fare which applies from the 0849 to the 1018 trains is £22.70; trains before the 0818 incur an even higher fare. The cheapest fare is available on any trains at weekends. You will need to check whether any discounts using Senior Citizens, Young persons, Family and Network cards, continue to apply to specific departures under the revised regulations – tel 08457 48 49 50.