

Overton News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

July 2007

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councillor Brian Langer and Clerk Laura Harley.

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 11 th July:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 24 th July:	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.

Neighbourhood Watch

Basingstoke and Deane Neighbourhood Watch Committee is in need of some new members. It does not involve much work and the committee only meets once every two months. Please contact Paul Green on 845316 if you are interested in joining or would like to know more.

Welcome Packs

Are you new to the village or know someone that is? If so, please contact the Clerk for a Welcome Pack with lots of useful information about Overton.

Welcome to New Parish Councillor

Overton Parish Council is pleased to report that it is now up to its full strength of 12 councillors with the co-option of Zoë Taylor at the last meeting.

St Mary's Hall

The last film of the summer season is A Good Year (12A) which will be shown at 7.30pm on Friday 20th July. Tickets £4.50 from Overton Fireplaces or £5.00 on the door.

Bus Shelters

The ones in the village have suffered some mindless vandalism recently. The shelters are on the Parish Council's capital assets list for insurance purposes so any claim, if not met in full by the insurance company, is a charge on YOUR council tax payment. The perpetrators of the damage are rarely caught in the act so taking action against them is difficult; if you know of anything which might lead to a prosecution please contact the parish clerk.

Road Surface Work

The proposed summer-time work in parts of the village has already appeared in *Overton News and Views*. Renewing the white lining around the village is also due to take place when weather permits so lets hope the surface dressing takes

place before the white lining! A further area to receive attention will be the badly rutted area on London Road at the Waltham Road/Station Road crossroads where heavy freight traffic has pushed up the tarmac to form ridges. The B3400 from Hurstbourne Priors to Overton will receive attention for surface dressing which has not 'taken' correctly.

Inconsiderate Parking

There have been complaints recently from two areas of the village where inconsiderate parking has firstly, in Woodlands, severely inconvenienced both disabled people who have to use motorised buggies and people using baby buggies and secondly, in Poyntz Road, where an ambulance had to travel over the grassed area as it was unable to reach someone who had fallen over and been injured. Sometimes these cases involve parking over dropped kerbs put in specially for disabled persons /buggies and where often a white line has been painted on the road to deter parking. At other times it is straightforward lack of care and consideration on the part of the drivers who seem to abandon their vehicles without checking if there is enough room for others to get by, a particular problem when an emergency vehicle has been called, on dustbin collection day and on the route of the shuttle bus. The police have authority to ticket anyone obstructing the highway and they will be asked to step up their efforts in this respect to bring home to people that vehicle users are not the owners of the highway and at all times should act with consideration for other highway users.

Railway Station Car Park Resurfacing

There may be a traffic problem on nearby public roads, affecting deliveries to the business units, the school bus run and the village shuttle service whilst resurfacing is taking place.

DEADLINE *OVERTON NEWS & VIEWS*

This will be 16th July. Please send your articles to the editor in writing (typed), or by e-mail. The email address is NewsandviewsRG25@aol.com

OVERTON SHEEP FAIR AGM

Sandy Sykes, Secretary.

Our AGM will be held at 8pm on Thursday 12th July in the Community Centre. All who live in Overton are welcome.

OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Noelle Moysi

Overton - the Plastic Bag Free village!!

Inspired by the Devon village of Modbury, which has become the UK's first plastic bag free village, Overton Business Association is spearheading a campaign to make Overton the first plastic bag free village in Hampshire by December 2007.

The OBA is encouraging Overton retailers to run down their stock of plastic bags and invest in “greener” alternatives. We will also be producing an Overton cotton or jute bag with the support of a grant from Basingstoke & Deane borough council, which customers will be able to purchase from local shops from December - it will be launched at the Late Night Christmas Shopping event.

We will be keeping you up to date with the shops which have signed up to the “plastic bag free” pledge with posters in the windows of the shops and a sign above Overton Fireplace Gallery.

Please encourage your local shopkeepers to join this campaign by letting them know you support it - customer opinion is the most important driving force!!

For further information please contact Peter Baker 770007.



PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP NEWS

Diane Wildash

“Outstanding in all categories “ OFSTED 2007

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the children in our sponsored bounce challenge. We had a fantastic day and raised £1800.

Last month Amanda, the Playgroup leader, was invited to visit the Early Years Excellence Centre in Huddersfield. The centre specialises in developing children’s interests and in promoting effective learning across the curriculum. We have already introduced some exciting ideas gleaned from her 3 day visit and will use the money raised from the sponsored bounce to help create a quality environment for teaching and learning.

Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Marion Alleker who is retiring this summer. Marion has been with playgroup for over 20 years and will be greatly missed by all.

A reminder that we are currently registering children for September and to guarantee your place for your child, please either call in for a registration form, or contact the Play Leader, Amanda Igo on 770370.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Road Safety

My wife and I shop regularly in the village and are appalled at the incredible risk drivers are taking in performing 3 point turns in Winchester St and the High St. Outside the Co-op and the chemist is the favourite spot on the north /south aspect with the butcher/baker and the opposite lay-by being the east/west aspect.

We have seen the latter area used in front of the traffic lights using the bus lay-by! In many cases the “3” points turn into “5” or more depending on the vehicle’s size. It is only a matter of time before a pedestrian is injured by a reversing vehicle, or an accident caused; apart from these inconsiderate people causing traffic build up in an already busy area of Overton’s shopping precinct.

Desmond Warren, Crawts Rd.

Christian Aid Week

We wish to thank you all for such a generous response to the house to house collection. 40 volunteers received a total of £3443 including Gift Aid. Christian Aid works with around 600 partners, bringing hope and opportunity to some of the world’s poorest communities – regardless of race, colour or religious belief. Thank you.

Brian & Margaret Wheeler.

Spring Fair

Many thanks to all who contributed to the May 19th Local Charities Spring Fair. £440 will be shared between: Darby & Joan, A.C.T.I.O.N, Mothers Union Holiday Club, 2nd Overton Brownies and Kingfisher Trust.

Jane Waldram, Mission Committee.

Fundraisers for HART

Well done to Janet Wigney and Carey Nelson who last month walked 63 miles round the whole of the Isle of Wight, raising over £300 for Hart Wildlife Rescue.

St Mary’s Hall Badminton Club.

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/65896 Erection of pump house over new borehole at pumping station grid ref 451811150178, east of Station Road – no objection

BDB/66001 Erection of first floor front extension and part conversion of garage to living accommodation at 11 Hazelcombe. No objection.

BDB/66041 Erection of first floor front extension involving the construction of dormers in the side elevations at 10 Hazelcombe. No objection.

BDB/66069 Erection of single storey rear extension at 21 Hazelcombe. No objection.

BDB/66072 Erection of a rear conservatory at 30 Two Gate Meadow. No objection.

BDB/66066 Erection of front porch, construction of pitched roof to bay window and single storey rear extension at 3 Hill Meadow. No objection.

BDB/66197 Erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling with detached four bay garage and demolition of exi

BDB/66204 Erection of 1 x two bedroom detached dwelling and 1 x 3 bedroom detached dwelling at rear of Glasskeeragh, Sapley Lane. Objection – overdevelopment of the site. The driveway to the houses was too narrow and the exit on to Sapley Lane was not in a safe location. Due to the gradient the new houses would overlook the existing houses in Winchester Street.

BDB/66340 Erection of rear conservatory at 55 Lordsfield Gardens. No objection.

BDB/65812 -Erection of single storey extension to the mould making building at Portals Mill. No objection.

BDB/65964 Erection of agricultural barn at Upper Whitehill Farm. No objection to the barn but concern about the access.

BDB/66249 Erection of 3 metre high fences around two pump houses at Pumping Station, Grid Ref 451811150178, east of Station Road. No objection.

BDB/66286 Erection of 2 x four bedroom dwellings and creation of new access following demolition of existing dwelling. Amendment to planning permission **BDB/64715** to include erection of detached garage to serve new dwellings and new doors to south elevation of plot 90 at Ambledene, Winchester Street. No objection.

BDB/66214 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 36 Dellands. No objection.

BDB Conversion of existing offices to new visitors centre in north block, to include alterations to form new entrance and terraced area at De La Rue, Overton Mill, Papermill Lane. No objection.

ST MARY'S HALL

Mags Steward

The Great Overton Duck Race

Book the date in your diaries now. The Great Overton Duck Race will be held on August Bank Holiday Monday – free entry into the beautiful Flashetts, Station Road. Noon – 5pm. Great fun for all the family; face painting, competitions, 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 this popular event please contact Mags Steward on 771457 – they are just £5.

8 races throughout the afternoon, £20 Prize for each race winner. Grand Final Prizes 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £25. Sponsor a duck for just £1 - they will be on sale soon – look out for the “Quackers” table in the Community Centre square.

All process to the St Mary's Hall facilities.

The Great Overton Balloon Race – Results

Thank you to everyone who took part in this event at the opening of St Mary's Hall Garden. We launched 300 balloons over Overton. Christine Dean's balloon went the furthest and she wins the £75 prize. The balloon was returned from Hunstanton, Norfolk travelling 137.6 miles as the crow flies. All proceeds from this event will go towards some garden games for St Mary's Hall Garden.



LITTLE TOTS

Julie Torrible

Little Tots is having a busy term enjoying its project about 'People who help us'. We have had visits from the local Police Force, a nurse, the crossing patrol lady and the fire service who all gave the children an insight into their jobs and how they help us. We grew sunflowers, which are planted in our very colourful garden and looked at the life cycles of butterflies and frogs, which has given many opportunities for different art and craft activities. Visitors are always welcome at Little Tots, we are also holding two open days this term on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July, from 10am- 12 midday.

Please contact Brenda on 07786 294574 for further details about this thriving and popular Montessori Nursery School.

OVERTON CRICKET CLUB

Simon Trott

Crickby Cup

The annual Twenty20 cricket match between Overton Rugby Club and Overton Cricket Club will take place on Sunday July 22nd. A fun filled day is planned starting at 10am with Overton's under-9's taking on Fleet under-9's. This will be followed at 1pm by the main event, The Crickby Cup. At 4pm there will be an open cricket match during which we aim to get as many people as possible involved. The BBQ will be fired up all day and a bar is onsite to quench peoples thirst. If you would like more information please visit www.overtonrugby.com, or www.overtoncricket.com. Alternatively you can email crickby@overtoncricket.com.

July League Home Fixtures

7 th July	2 nd XI vs Burghclere II
14 th July	2 nd XI vs Penton II
21 st July	1 st XI vs Owselbury
28 th July	2 nd XI vs St Mary's

All games start at 2pm and any support is welcome.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

Good News from Ofsted

The school has now received the written report following the recent Ofsted inspection and is pleased to be able to report that the inspector has judged Testbourne to be “a good school where pupils achieve well and where their personal development and well-being is of the highest order”. He was able to report very positively on many aspects during his visit, and his findings include that:

- *teaching and learning are good...pupils make good progress in their lessons*
- *a great strength of the school is the outstanding sense of community amongst staff and pupils*
- *pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding*
- *pupils get on very well with each other*
- *Pupils behave very well without any diminution of their individual personalities!*
- *pupils enjoy school very much indeed*

The full report can be found on the Ofsted and the Testbourne websites.

Performing Arts Week

This summer sees the first Testbourne Arts Festival which runs from Saturday 7th starting with Testbourne Rocks, to

Saturday 14th July. Pupils will have the opportunity to join in with sessions on salsa, street dance and Irish dancing classes as well as strings, woodwind, pan pipe and drama workshops led by experts from out of school. There will also be evening performances open to the public including A Night at the Musicals on Monday 9th, a GCSE showcase on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th, a joint performance with our primary partners of the Emerald Crown on Thursday 12th, a beginners' Ballroom class on Friday 13th and a professional jazz band concert on Saturday 14th. For full details contact Kirsty Sagar Goldsmith on 892061 or 890223.

OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

Colin Parker

Parking at Town Meadow

This issue has been a concern for several years. The land is leased to ORC by B&DBC. It is our responsibility to ensure parking for our Golf and Youth Activity users who frequently are unable to park at the site. ORC has made contact through notices with those who park illegally, advising them of our intentions and appealing to them to make alternative arrangements.

General Membership of ORC does not confer the right to a parking place. **Please do not park here.**

ORC will consider the matter further at its next meeting.

Draw Results

Congratulations to D McCann who won £1000 in the June draw and J P Stewart who won £200.

TIDDLERS

Mindy Noble

Anyone with a child from nought to five is very welcome to join us. We have toys suitable for newborns up to preschoolers and provide an opportunity for the children to play while the parents and carers make friends and socialise. We provide an art activity for you to do with your child followed by a snack of fresh fruit and a drink for the children and tea and coffee for the adults. As a self run group, all members are encouraged to take an active part in the way the group is run. We look forward to seeing you there. Every Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.30, "Laverstoke and Freefolk Village Hall" (just after the hump backed

bridge in Laverstoke). For more info call Mindy on 773337 or just come along.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

This summer's Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 14th July. It's called **The Big Wild Read**. To find out more, bring your children in to the library any time after the starting date. In the meantime, I'll give you a clue – there's an animal connection!

HART WILDLIFE RESCUE

Jackie Grey

Wildlife Garden opens for Charity

Nature-lovers gathered beneath the shade of a walnut tree to hear how David and Annette Beeson created their wonderful wildlife-friendly garden on Andover Down. Covering about an acre, the garden has featured in several gardening magazines and is sometimes open by appointment under the National Garden Scheme. For one day in June, Forest Edge was open to the public for the benefit of HART Wildlife Rescue. The afternoon raised £448.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer.

Buses

Service 74 village service by Burghfield Mini Coaches

Burghfield Mini Coaches have rearranged their driver school-run schedules so that the larger minibus should be available for the Overton service each Tuesday and Thursday with Chris Goodchild the regular driver. They will do their utmost to provide the bigger bus each Saturday too but other commitments may prevent this occasionally.

Services 76 and 86 by Stagecoach

There have been many complaints recently about overcrowding on the early morning services to Basingstoke with people being unable to find a seat – not a good way to start a working day. Stagecoach has for some time endeavoured to provide a duplicate bus for the service that leaves Overton around 0800 but it is clear that this has not run on some days. It doesn't help if the driver of the full bus doesn't know if a duplicate is following. This has been taken up with Stagecoach Andover and their response will be published in due course.

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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