

# Overton News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

August 2007

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Clerk Laura Harley

### Parish Council Meetings

#### Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August:	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.

### St Mary's Hall

#### Moviola Winter Season 2007

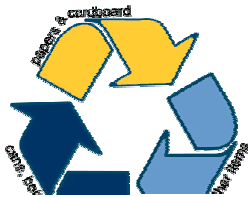
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Notes on a Scandal (15)
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Becoming Jane (PG)
9 <sup>th</sup> November	As You Like It (cert tba)
14 <sup>th</sup> December	The Painted Veil (cert tba)

### St Mary's Hall Garden

Did you know that the St Mary's Hall Garden is open every day for the quiet enjoyment of Overton residents (although it may be occasionally closed if it has been hired by a hall user)? The access to the garden is down the passageway to the right of the hall - please avail yourself of the opportunity to enjoy this lovely facility in the heart of the village. It is hoped that from time to time the St Mary's Hall Committee will run occasional events in the garden - to include plays, music and performances for children. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, the rain clouds parted for long enough to allow 'Grandpa's Spells' to perform traditional jazz in the garden - which was enjoyed by all who attended.

### Recycling Bins

Thank you for using the recycling bins on Overton Hill - however we have had complaints from nearby residents about the time of day that the bins are being used - very early in the morning and late at night. The Parish Council asks that people consider local residents and try to use the bins between 8am and 8pm only.



### Smoking in Bus Shelters

Smoking is now prohibited in all bus shelters except the cantilever type (just a back and a roof).

### Mini Motorbikes

Yet again there has been a problem with mini motorbikes using Sapley Lane Playing Field and one bike has been confiscated. If a bike is being used on common, private or council land and contravenes section 3 or 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (careless and inconsiderate driving and prohibition of off-road driving), or is causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public a Section 59 warning is given on the first occasion that an offence is committed. If another offence is committed, the bike will be confiscated. If the owner wishes the vehicle to be returned it will cost £105 plus £12 per day storage, otherwise the bike will be destroyed. If the rider is found to be on a road then there is a requirement for that rider to be insured, have tax & a driving license as per the road traffic act. If the rider does not have these then the bike will be confiscated and the relevant offences reported (even if they are a juvenile).

### Did you Know?...

That the Tour of Britain cycle race will be passing through Overton on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The start of this leg of the race will be at the outdoor cycle track of Reading's Palmer Park and the finish will be in Southampton, next to Hoglands Park. The cyclists will pass through Overton from Kingsclere to Whitchurch at approx 11.14am (get there a few minutes early in case they've made good time!). For more information visit [www.tourofbritain.com](http://www.tourofbritain.com).



### Beech Tree Nursing Home

## OVERTON SHEEPFAIR 2008

*Sandy Sykes, Secretary*

The committee wishes to thank everyone who attended the recent AGM, which was a very positive and friendly meeting.

One topic discussed was the theme. Following the appeal for ideas in the October 2006 *News and Views*, "Overton Through The Ages" had been chosen - but this was felt by some to be a bit vague. Overton Dramatic Society (ODS) now suggested that the **Regency Period** is highly suitable for Overton, particularly as Jane Austen, who was born locally in Steventon, lived at this time (1812-1820).

This was unanimously endorsed by the AGM and the committee is very happy to agree this recommendation. As with the 2000 and 2004 Sheepfairs, Rosemary Trollope has kindly agreed to produce drawings and guide notes to help Overtonians make Regency-style costumes for all ages and a suitable leaflet will be available in early 2008.

The Sheepfair dates for your diaries are 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008.



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## BIODIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*Ken MacKenzie*

### **Little Meadow.**

The annual wildflower area is now a sea of colour – poppies, ox-eye daisies and cornflowers. The wet summer has meant that the unmown grass area has grown more than expected and is starting to look a little untidy. Don't worry! – it will be cut back in the middle of August after allowing seed to shed naturally and will then be kept trimmed for the rest of the season. We are delighted that so many people have been in and checked the human sundial or just sat and looked.

### **Veteran tree survey.**

The official tree recorder for north Hampshire has now confirmed that one of the trees which John Smith and Jim Stickland recorded, is indeed a rare black poplar. This exciting news emphasises the need to carry out surveys to record what is actually present in the parish.

### **Water vole survey.**

One of the surveyors poked their finger into a possible water vole burrow and was rewarded by a split second vision of its irate owner! There is a photographic display up in the library. We found some hotspots of these endangered mammals along our stretch of the River Test.

### **Future events.**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October we hope to run a fungus foray and on 2<sup>nd</sup> November have arranged for local expert Andrew Cleeve to give a talk on dormice. We hope to follow this with a dormouse survey following training by Liz Allinson of Hampshire Wildlife Trust. Further details in September's *Overton News and Views* or contact Ken and Jane MacKenzie 771121. As always, local volunteers will be very welcome. [www.overton-biodiversity.org](http://www.overton-biodiversity.org)

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## OVERTON HARRIERS & AC

*John Thomas*

The Club wishes to give prior notice that the Overton 5 miles road race and 2 ½ miles Fun Run will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September, starting at 3pm. Villagers may find some difficulty in driving around the area between 3 and 4pm, and are advised not to try to do so during this hour. The running starts and finishes at Bridge Street Recreation Centre and villagers are invited to cheer the runners there, or anywhere around the course.

For information about the event, including those who may wish to take part, contact John Thomas on 770348.

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## TESTBOURNE NEWS

*Teresa Reynolds, Governor*

### **Arts' Week Success**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the first Testbourne Arts' Week. It kicked off with a bang with the "Testbourne Rocks" day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July- luckily in fine weather. The event – organised by parent Carol Clark and her team – was more than just a social success, raising over £6,000 towards sending a group of pupils out to Mityana, our twin school in Uganda, in the autumn.

### **The Work Goes On**

We are pleased with the SATs results the school has received so far. Maths achieved 86% Level 5 or more, against a target of 83% and Science 88% against a target of 84%. English results will not be published until August. A new approach for Testbourne was piloted after the SATS this year, with Year 9 pupils moving up to their GCSE classes after half-term. Feedback so far has indicated that pupils enjoyed getting a headstart on their new courses and appreciated dropping subjects they will not be studying for GCSE. The new Land Applications group has made a serious impression- having already planned and nearly dug out a new school pond for the Science department. The Global Action Group is also having an impact on the environment and has drawn up an action plan for reducing the school's energy consumption.

### **Retirements**

A number of long-serving members of staff, who are very well known to many of you in the community, retired at the end of term. Selwyn Naylor- Head of Science, Pam Evans – Head of Modern Languages, Ina Oakes – Head of Year and 2<sup>nd</sup> in English, Peggy Ormston - Co-Head of Maths and Angela Aps –Admin Officer. Their departure will be a big loss to the school as they have so much knowledge and experience between them. We thank them for all they have contributed to the life of the school and wish them the very best for the future.

### **Situations Vacant**

The school currently has unfilled vacancies for:  
Site Assistant - 37 hours/52 weeks, morning/evening shifts and some overtime  
Cover Supervisor - 35 hours approx full or part-time to cover lessons for absent teachers  
Lunchtime Supervisor - term time only.  
Please contact Paul Welch on 01256 892061 or 890214 if you would like more details.

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## ST MARY'S HALL

*Maggs Steward*

### **The Great Overton Duck Race Bank Holiday Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>** – free entry into the beautiful Flashetts, Station Road, – signposted from the centre of the village. Opening at 12-noon, races start at 1pm and will continue throughout the afternoon until the Grand Final at 5pm.

Great fun for all the family; BBQ, ice creams, licensed bar, tea/coffee & cake stall, face painting, competitions, Duck Tombola, handmade jewellery & craft stalls.

Sponsor a duck for just £1 - they will be on sale at the "Quackers" table in the Community Centre square each Saturday from 4<sup>th</sup> August and also from The Faraway Tree from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We thank Overton societies and businesses for sponsoring the 8 Duck Races throughout the afternoon, £20 Prize for each race winner. Grand Final Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> £50, 3<sup>rd</sup> £25.

All proceeds to St Mary's Hall facilities. For further information please contact Maggs Steward on 771457.



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## OVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

*Paula Baker, Chair, OCA*

The OCA would like to thank everyone who supported the Summer Craft Fair and Draw. In spite of awful rain lots of people came along on the day and we were able to add over £250 to our fund to refurbish the building. We are expecting work to start soon. Because contractors will need to park on site and to take deliveries, parking space will be limited. We apologise to those using the Community Centre for any inconvenience and remind everyone else that the parking we have is private, so please, if you are not using the building, leave your car elsewhere. Most people who are trying to get to the building are either frail and elderly or very young - please put their safety first. Many thanks.

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## OVERTON CRICKET CLUB

*Simon Trott, 2nd XI Captain*

### **Overton Under 11's**

Victory against Fleet in the final game of the season meant the Under 11's claimed the Under 11's Robins League title with an unbeaten record. Congratulations to everyone involved.

### **Home League Games**

4<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> XI V Over Wallop  
11<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Whitchurch II  
18<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> XI V IBM Hursley  
25<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Holybourne II

All games start at 2pm and support is greatly appreciated.

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## 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/66513** Erection of first floor front extension with the construction of dormer windows to the side elevation of 10 Hazelcombe. No objection.

**BDB/66499** Erection of a rear conservatory at 2 Overton Hill. No objection.

**BDB/66512** Insertion of 2 no roof lights to garage in the south elevation at Rose Cottage, 4 The Orchard. No objection.

**BDB/66557** Application of a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and attached canopy at 20 Hazelcombe. No objection.

**BDB/66431** Erection of water sample kiosk within existing compound at Southern Water Supply Works, Waltham Road. No objection.

**BDB/66527** Erection of two storey rear extension following demolition of single rear outbuildings and garage at 7 Poultons Road. No objection.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*Chris Vane, Library Supervisor*

If you've been into the library recently, you'll have noticed the new door – and the smell of fresh paint! The internal access door has been replaced and it can be operated by push buttons both in the lobby and in the library itself, making it easier and safer for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The **Big Wild Read** continues throughout August, finishing on 8<sup>th</sup> September. It's not too late to join! The log book has hints on protecting nature, recycling and saving water and tree tokens earned during the reading challenge will be translated into new trees as part of the **Trees for all** campaign. For more information, log on to [www.bigwildread.org.uk](http://www.bigwildread.org.uk) and [bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces). There will be a colouring competition during August, as well as an offer of 2 for 1 on children's DVDs and Videos. We are offering Playstation games for a trial period, to see what demand there is locally. There's plenty going on in the library this summer, so come along and see for yourself!

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## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

*Dr Brenda Johnston*

The University of Southampton needs volunteers to take part in a research project on educational and career decision-making.

Volunteers must be over 21 years of age, have a level 3 qualification (e.g. A levels, BTEC Nationals, NVQ3, City and Guilds etc) as their highest level of qualification and not have experienced higher education.

Participation involves taking part in an interview about your education and employment experiences. A researcher can meet you at a time and place convenient to you. All participants will be entered into a prize draw for £100 of high street vouchers! If you would be willing to participate in the project, or would like more information about it, please contact Brenda Johnston: Email: [bhmj@soton.ac.uk](mailto:bhmj@soton.ac.uk), Tel: 023 80597576.

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## SAFETY CHECKS

*Jane Gulliver, Trading Standards Officer, Hants CC*  
BASINGSTOKE Fire Station 17<sup>th</sup> October

### **ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING**

Blanket safety testing is open to all Hampshire residents. You need to phone in and book an appointment. The testing lasts all day, starting with the first appointment at 9am and going on 'til about 5pm. 01962 833625.

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport Representative Brian Langer

### Buses

#### Further reductions in bus services proposed

The evening 76 route services by Stagecoach which operate to and from Basingstoke and Andover Mondays to Saturdays are currently subsidised by Hampshire County Council. They have informed us that it is their intention to withdraw those services from a date in September because of pressure on budgets. Services affected are the 1940, 2110 (Fridays and Saturdays only) and 2235 from Overton to Basingstoke and the 2010, 2140 (Fridays and Saturdays only) and 2305 from Basingstoke. It is not yet known if Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will find the funding to ensure the services continue, which they did when the county withdrew their subsidy from the Sunday services in 2005. As developments may not fit in with *News and Views* deadlines you are advised to read updates from the local press. If you are adversely affected by these proposals please contact me on 770848 with details but also contact Overton's County Councillor, Mrs McNair Scott at County Hall, Winchester.

#### Bus service to Winchester schools.

A recent edition of *News and Views* advised that Countywide Travel were withdrawing their mini bus

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#### **Parish Councillors**

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Mark Attwell	770472	David Llewellyn	773004
Peter Baker	770007	Paula Baker	771219 also Borough Councillor
Tony Leach	772020	Ian Tilbury	771429 also Borough Councillor
Jackie Lessware	773043	Zoë Taylor	770146

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

### Shuttle Bus

Finally, a reminder that the village shuttle bus operates in the village on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and is available for everyone to use. Each trip costs 70 pence and the bus can be hailed anywhere along the route – a copy of the time table is reproduced here for your information – but can also be found on the Public Transport notice board on the side of the Fireplace Shop.

Shuttle Bus Timetable	S					TT			
High Street (Community Centre)	9.13	9.43	10.13	10.43	11.13	11.43	12.13	12.43	13.13
Harvey's Field		9.45	10.15	10.45	11.15	11.45	12.15	12.45	13.15
Pond Close	9.21	9.51	10.21	10.51	11.21	11.51	12.21	12.51	13.21
Winchester Street (bank)	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	13.00	13.30
Hilltop Road (Station)	9.34	10.04	10.34	11.04	11.34	12.04	12.34	13.04	13.34
Pound Road	9.38	10.08	10.38	11.08	11.38	12.08	12.38	13.08	13.38
S - only runs on Saturdays      TT - only runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays									

services to and from the schools from July. It is understood that from September Stagecoach will provide a partial replacement, route 86, service by providing a 0721 departure from Overton Community Centre which will become the existing 0735 departure from Whitchurch Square arriving City Road Winchester at 0806. The bus will NOT deliver to Peter Symonds college or Westgate school unlike the Countywide Travel service. Return trips will have to be made on existing route 86 services.

#### Bank Holiday services 27 August.

Buses will operate a Sunday service and trains are expected to run a Saturday service; check nearer the time for any engineering works that could affect your trip.

### Trains

#### Railway station garden

During a recent meeting with South West Trains management at Overton station SWT agreed that they would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to care for the station garden adjacent to the eastbound platform, a task that was performed by the Garden Society many years ago. Full details can be obtained from Phil Dominey, Stakeholder Manager, South West Trains, Friars Bridge Court, 41/45 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NZ or email pdominey@stagecoachrail.com.