

Overton News and Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

November 2007

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES .

Parish Council Meetings

Taking place in the Community Centre

Wednesday 14 th November:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 27 th November:	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.

Have Your Say!

Get yourself a cup (or glass) of your favourite beverage, take a seat, grab a pen and spend a few minutes completing the 'Have Your Say' questionnaire found in this edition of *Overton News and Views*. Extra copies (for all the family – or for friends and relations that regularly use Overton's facilities) can be found in a number of shops around the village and on the website.

Disabled Person's Parking Space – Winchester Street

The Parish Council has received a request from a parishioner for a further disabled parking space to be provided on the east side of Winchester Street outside the Co-op. The borough council will consider this request but is interested in the views of parishioners. Do you think that another disabled person's parking space is required? If only one space were available is the current location outside the chemist preferable to a space outside the Co-op? Please ring or email the Clerk with your comments – or why not sign onto the Website Forum at www.overtonvillage.com/forums and have your say.

20 is Plenty

The Parish Council has agreed to support the 20 is Plenty initiative to reduce the speed limit on the roads by all schools to 20 mph. Look out for the new 20 is Plenty signs that are to be erected soon – and better still take heed of them!

Website Update

The information on the website has recently been updated and it is intended to add news items on a regular basis. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to see any other items on the website – or if any information needs amending. Please note that all the Overton Handbook information will be updated shortly.

Youth Activities in St Mary's Hall

Tuesday evenings, 4.– 5.30pm: Sonnets Theatre Arts School Drama Workshop. Contact David Phaire on 01264 332809 or dave@sonnetsworkshop.com

Wednesday evenings, 4.40 – 5.30pm and 5.40 – 6.30pm: Dance Classes. Contact Wills Llewellyn on 773004 or willsllewellyn2001@yahoo.com

St Mary's Hall

9th November As You Like It (cert 12a)

14th December The Painted Veil (cert 12a)

Tickets £4.50 available from Overton Fireplaces or £5 on the door.

Saturday 17th November, singer **Peter Savizon** with an evening of classic songs from artists including Nat King Cole. Tickets £6 / £5 (concessions) from Overton Fireplaces or Adrian Zolotuhin on 771883. Licensed Bar. Doors open 7:30pm, music starts 8:00pm

Saturday 15th December, two Russian concerts featuring internationally acclaimed balalaika player **Bibs Ekkel** and singer **Xenia de Berner**. The afternoon show will be a family concert which will have singing, dancing and maybe even some balalaika playing from local children. The evening concert will be an authentic taste of Russia with vodka tasting and some haunting and spectacular music. Family concert £5/£3 (performers free). Evening concert £7.50/£5. Times TBC.

2nd February 2008 'Instant Wit' - a family show in the style of 'Whose Line is it Anyway'

15th March Murder Mystery evening with supper.

St Mary's Hall Garden

Have you thought about having a family party in the St Mary's Hall Garden? We are already receiving bookings for next year, so if you don't want to miss out, ring Terry and Freda Robinson on 770004. Remember the garden is available during the day for the quiet enjoyment of Overton's residents and visitors.

New Community Warden for Overton and Whitchurch

Newly appointed Community Warden for Overton and Whitchurch, Richard Tozer, is ready to help you with local issues, making your area an even better place to live and work.

Richard is one of 16 wardens working across the borough, supporting community based projects and helping to identify any issues such as anti-social behaviour.

Richard will be working with ward councillors, police, housing associations, county council, parish councils, schools, local businesses and local community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch.

Richard has been a community warden since 2003 when the service was originally set up. For the past 2 years he has been working as a warden in Buckskin. Richard says

“Please come and find me if you have anything you would like to talk to me about. I don’t have set days for working in each area, but I can always be contacted on e-mail or phone.” To contact Richard call 01256 845508.or e-mail community.wardens@basingstoke.gov.uk

DEADLINE *OVERTON NEWS & VIEWS*

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

Items relating to events up to the first week in February 2008 should be advertised in December as there is no *Overton News & Views* in January.

Thank you to the new villager who passed me a copy of “The Rabbiter”, a parish newsletter published in Hatch Warren. The Parish Council and the editor regularly look at other newsletters with a view to improving *Overton’s* if feasible. We have taken a decision not to use advertising, which in any case is carried by “The Test”, published in *Overton* by the Church.

If you have an item to sell, there is a page on the website to do this. All contributions to this newsletter are very welcome, the main restriction is lack of space!

Bus Shelters

The bus shelters around the village are to be repaired by Macemain Amstad, the company that makes the shelters, in the next few weeks.

New Number Parish Council

Please contact the Parish Council on the new number of 771919.

POLICE NEWS

PC Richard Baldwin

Local residents are invited to an evening presentation by the Hampshire Constabulary on Policing issues including:

Crime prevention, Neighbourhood Watch and much more.

The event is taking place on the 21st November in St Mary’s Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Further details will be posted on the Parish Notice Board a little bit nearer the time.

ST LUKE’S HALL UPDATE

Chris Penney – Acting Secretary

At the AGM on 26th June 2007, these recommendations were made by those *Overtonians* who attended and voted:-

A the St Luke’s Hall site is a valuable village asset and must remain a village asset

B the Trustees should take their “demolish and rebuild” proposals – and their concerns, especially about the unhelpful delays – back to B&DBC, at a level above Planning and Highways Departments

C initial discussions should also be held with ORC, in the light of their recently announced revised plans, to see if there is any common ground

D *Overton* should avoid ending up with a hall too large for current users

E the refurbishment option should also be looked at, as there is still a proven case for several halls within *Overton* to cater for the wide range of village activities, often occurring simultaneously

F investigations should be made into the alternative possibility of the site being used via a Trust for affordable housing

G the Trustees should now meet to look at all these recommendations and report back at an EGM as soon as realistically possible

Although it initially proved difficult for the Trustees to arrange all the necessary meetings - because key representatives of different organisations involved have been on holiday at various times since July - considerable progress has recently been made on recommendations B, C and E. It is hoped to complete G and announce a date for the EGM in the next edition of *Overton News and Views*.

AUTUMN OVERSEAS FAIR

Saturday 10th November

9.30 – 11.30 am in the Community Centre
Cakes, biscuits, savouries, produce, preserves and gifts



OVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Noelle Moysi

Plastic Bag Free Village

Overton is on target to become the first Plastic Bag Free Village in Hampshire and the whole of the south east of England. Overton's exclusively designed, "We're Free" cotton bags, are available to buy at shops in the village and 100% bio-degradable corn-starch bags will be available in many shops as an alternative to plastic bags. As corn-starch bags are much more expensive than plastic bags, and the long-term aim is to encourage customers to bring their own bags, most shops will be charging for the bags. For further information on the campaign, please contact Peter Baker on 770007, and please do let your local shopkeepers know that you support their efforts.

Late Night Christmas Shopping

This year's Late Night Christmas Shopping is on **Friday 30th November**. Cllr Elaine Still, Cabinet Member for the Environment and climate change will be switching on the Christmas Lights and launching the "Plastic Bag Free Village" campaign at 6pm, and Father Christmas will be in the Community Centre from 6.15pm. There will be lots of festive fun including traditional fairground attractions, carol singers, hot food and drinks and the shops will be open late.

TESTBOURNE NEWS

Teresa Reynolds, Governor.

Open Evening

Staff and Governors were pleased to welcome many families to the Open Evening and Open Mornings in October. It is an important time in the school year when parents and Year Six pupils decide which secondary school they would like to attend. This year there are changes to the Admissions system, with parents being asked to express preferences rather than give first, second and third choices. There is now a long wait until March when everyone will know the outcome.

Mityana

On the day after Open Evening 14 pupils flew out to Uganda for the adventure of a lifetime, visiting our twin school, Mityana Secondary. The partnership has grown over the past two years, with pupils already having raised over £2000 to provide water tanks for the school. Mrs Evans, Head of RE, and Mr Stevens, recently retired Deputy Head, accompanied the pupils, and they were met out there by the Rev. Dodie Marsden from St Mary Bourne.

Situations Vacant

- Teacher of RE - from January 1st (temporary post for one or two terms in the first instance)
- Site Assistant - asap – 37 hours a week with some shift work and overtime
- Learning Support Assistant - 25 hours a week term-time only
- Lunchtime Supervisor – one hour a day, five days a week

Please contact Mary Soper (01256 892061) for further details.

Forthcoming Events – Craft Fair

The PTFA will be holding their annual Autumn/Christmas Fair on Saturday 24th November in the Sports Hall. Please come along and bring your friends.

LAVERSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Avril Lloyd, Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Clerk

Next Parish Council Meeting for Laverstoke:

Wednesday 14th November at 8pm at Portals Sports and Social Club.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Kilimanjaro Trek Plea

I am undertaking a trek up Kilimanjaro in March 2008 and I am hoping to raise a minimum of £3,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. This is going to be a tough 56-mile trek to the top of the world's highest free-standing mountain through jungle, forest, moorland and scree to reach the summit at 19,340 feet where there is only 50% oxygen. If anyone would be kind enough to sponsor me to raise money for this brilliant charity you can do so via my website www.justgiving.com/hilaryweston or send a cheque made out to Macmillan Cancer Support to me at 54 Winchester Street, Overton, RG25 3HY. Thank you so much, your help is much appreciated.

Hilary Weston

Litter in River Test

I am not sure whose responsibility it is to remove rubbish from the Test but that dropped into the stream that flows under the most northerly bridge nearest to St Mary's Church in Kingsclere Road (Down Dublin) seems to escape attention and remains seemingly a perpetual eyesore and probable hazard to wildlife. The stream flows into the area of the Bridge Street Sports Ground but access to the stream is limited.

In line with the Biodiversity initiative it would be helpful if the river could be kept in a state that pleases both the eye of the beholder and the wildlife which needs all the environmental assistance we can provide.

R.I.A.Knapman

Cancer Open Day

A marvellous £806.56 was raised for Cancer Research on the Open Day on 28th September. Thank you to all the shops and many people who came and supported the event. Your continued support is amazing. Congratulations to raffle winners Felicity Edwards and Jean Scrivener.

Corinne Cooke

OVERTON REGENCY SHEEPFAIR

Sandy Sykes, Secretary

All your favourite professional entertainers will be back again in 2008. If you are a local entertainer and would like to join the short list of supporting acts please write to me at 50 Winchester St, Overton, RG25 3HY.

If you want to book a stall for the event application forms will be available from January 2008 at Overton Fireplaces.

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/66954 Erection of single storey rear extensions at Glengarry, Winchester Street. No objection.

BDB/65792 Installation of a pole mounted 1.75m swept diameter wind turbine on the east elevation of the dwelling at 5 Turnpike Cottages. No objection.

BDB/66941 Erection of a single storey rear extension with an external staircase to a seating area above, enclosed by a balcony following the demolition of existing store and toilet block at Overton Pharmacy, 4 Winchester Street. Object - the roof terrace would overlook the neighbours' gardens and into several rooms to the rear of their properties – and that this was an infringement of privacy. The design of the single storey extension was not in keeping with the Conservation Area and was contrary to the recommendations made in the Overton Village Design Statement.

BDB/66928 Erection of 4 x agricultural buildings at Turrill Hill Farm. No objection.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor.

Hampshire children read an amazing 97,000 books this summer, during the BIG WILD READ. This means that enough tokens were collected to plant 545 trees. The nearest site to here will be in Dorset, planting to take place during October – so thank you to all the children who took part.

OVERTON RECREATION CENTRE

Colin Parker

Golf Section, Town Meadow. New members:

Have you ever looked across the course from the B3400 and thought, "I wouldn't mind having a go at that" ?

Well now is a good time to join the Section and find out. You could be the next Tiger Woods ! Membership could be a surprise Christmas gift leading to hours of pleasurable leisure.

Just turn up and play as often as you wish with virtually no restrictions.

Golf Section fees for the remaining months of the golfing year are: for October £60, November £50, December £40, January £30, February £20 and March £10.



Juniors pay half of the adult fees.

All section members also pay ORC membership (£12 for October reducing by £2 per month until March.)

Membership for a full year currently stands at £100 plus ORC Membership £24.

Contact: Emma Scoggins 770455 for further info and forms.

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Teresa Reynolds

Elections for Hampshire's members of the parliament will be held from November 13 -24. The UKYP aims to give the young people of the UK between the ages of 11 and 18 a voice which will be heard and listened to by local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views and needs of young people.

The UKYP has a clear code of conduct for young people becoming MYPs which emphasises the parliament's independence from political parties and pressure groups, whilst stressing the responsibility of the MYP to represent the views of their constituents. There are various ways to get involved and make a contribution to the work of this parliament. For more details visit www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk

OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Jill Smith

Babes In The Wood

Tickets are selling fast for **Babes in the Wood**, a traditional panto by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark. The story is about Pip and Penny, recently orphaned and heirs to vast fortunes. They are entrusted into the care of the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham who hatches a horrible plan to make sure he inherits the cash. All that stands in his way are Robin Hood and his Merry Men. Directed and produced by Jenna Clark and Annette Williams the show will be great fun for all the family.

The show runs from **Tuesday 27th November to Saturday 1st December** at St Mary's Hall. Curtain-up 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee starting at 2pm. Seating is cabaret style and there is a licensed bar.

Tickets at £6 and £4.50 (*all tickets for Saturday evening are full price*) are on sale at The Faraway Tree, 25 High Street, tel 770333.

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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