

# Overton News & Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

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## Parish Council Notes

Laura Harley - Parish Clerk

### Parish Council Meetings

These will take place in Overton Community Centre:

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	Planning	7.30pm

The main Parish Council meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm.

**Please note: Public Time will now be held between 7.00pm 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 start of the meeting. Agendas and planning applications are displayed on the events notice-board.

### Parish Council Accounts: year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

These accounts for Overton Parish Council have now been approved and electors can inspect the financial records until 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Please contact the Clerk for further information.

### Parish Council Grants

Does your club or society require some funds for an item of equipment or specific activity? If so, the Parish Council has some money set aside to give as grants to local groups. If you would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk, by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> July, for a simple application form; a copy of a bank statement and latest set of accounts are also required.

### Overton Burial Ground

The Parish Council is concerned about how quickly the Kingsclere Road cemetery is filling up. In addition there is concern that there is no non-consecrated ground available for the burial of non-churchgoers and people from other faiths. The Parish Council is once again looking for a site for a new burial ground for the Parish and if anyone has any land which they believe to be suitable, please contact the Clerk.

### Teresa Reynolds

Overton Parish Council would like formally to thank Teresa for her 12 years' service as the Editor of *Overton News & Views*. Teresa was presented with a picture and flowers at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in recognition of her conscientious work. The Parish Council would like to welcome Chris Penney as the new Editor - email [OvertonNewsViews@aol.com](mailto:OvertonNewsViews@aol.com)

### Planning Applications

**Please note: The comments given are those of the Parish Council. The Borough Council does not necessarily endorse them when arriving at its decisions.**

**BDB 68514** Change of use of existing land for the keeping of horses & erection of stable block, construction of outdoor riding arena & extension of drive to new facilities Ashe Hill, Ashe Lane. No objection (continued in next column)

**BDB 68204** Erection of a detached dwelling with attached garage (amendment to BDB 63032) to include provision of living accommodation within the roof space with the installation of roof lights to the front and rear elevations, new windows to side elevations and revised parking arrangements at 36 The Green. No objection

**BDB 68370** Erection of a single storey rear extension with construction of external staircase to flat following demolition of existing store and toilet block at Overton Pharmacy, 4 Winchester Street. No objection

**BDB 68424** Erection of 2 no four bedroom dwelling and creation of new access following demolition of existing dwelling (amendment to planning application BDB 64715 to include erection of detached garage building to serve new dwellings and new doors to north elevation of plot 92 and south elevation of plot 90) part retrospective at 90 & 92 Winchester Street. No objection

**BDB 68434** Erection of single storey front extension at Hilltop House, North Field. No objection

**BDB 68376** Erection of summerhouse following demolition of garden shed, 24 Winchester Street. No objection

**BDB 68433** Construction of bund and landscaping on land adjacent to Coney Field House, Polhampton Farm Road. No objection

## Overton Business Association wins Green Award

*Keith Green - Chairman (01256) 770907*

Overton Business Association were the proud winners of the Business Category at the Green Watch Heroes Awards. The award was in recognition of the OBA's part in making Overton a Plastic Bag Free Village. Thank you to all the businesses and the community who embraced the plastic-bag free culture and made it a success.

Membership of the OBA ([www.overtonbusiness.com](http://www.overtonbusiness.com)) is open to all local commercial organisations, business owners, traders and self-employed - both retail and non-retail - and is a valuable way to make business contacts as well as forming a powerful group for positive action in the village. All current and prospective members are invited to come along and join us - we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm at The Honey Pot.

## Garden Open Days

*Celia and Ian Lamb*

Our garden will be open for charity under the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) at Timaru, 24 Southington, Overton on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June (11am - 5 pm) and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June (2pm - 5pm). Entrance £2.50, teas and plant sale. Sorry - no dogs. For further information, phone (01256) 770464

## St Mary's Hall Film Night

The next film to be shown is **Definitely, Maybe** (12A) - a romantic comedy from the makers of *Notting Hill* and *Love Actually* - at 7.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Tickets are £5.00 from Overton Fireplaces and £5.50 on the door. The last film in the 'Summer Season' is **There Will be Blood** (15) on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008

## Hidden Gardens - Open Days

*Mary Reid and Lyn Macmillan*

Visit our gardens by the Test in the centre of Overton between 2pm and 5pm on both Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, in aid of **ORC** and **HART Wildlife Rescue**.

Follow the arrows to the entrance in Kingsclere Road via the Old Surgery, opposite Town Mill (parking available). Entrance £1.50 (children under 12 free). Teas, plus sales of plants and organic vegetables.

## Overton Regency Sheepfair 2008

*Sandy Sykes - Secretary*

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Souvenir Programmes will be on sale soon at several Overton shops. They contain much useful information about

- the Sheepfair weekend itself (19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July)
- the many associated events being organised throughout Overton during the whole week
- a lucky number programme prize entry
- plus a special voucher worth 50p when

exchanged for one ticket into the **Grand Prize Draw**, which has six prizes totalling over £1,000 (first prize is £500 cash). You can buy more Grand Prize Draw tickets every Saturday morning at the Community Centre, as well as at several Overton shops during the week.

Please support both the programme and Grand Prize Draw sales, as any surplus Sheepfair funds at the end of **ORSF2008** will be used as seed-corn towards setting up the 2012 Sheepfair - ?an Olympic theme, perhaps?

Please see also the Sheepfair Insert in this issue of **ON&V**, with final update to follow in the July issue.

## Sheepfair Teacloths

*Jane MacKenzie*

I've got some wonderful sheep in the fold already! Thank you everyone for supporting **WaterAid** and the **ORC** this year. The cloths will be on sale from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July for the same price as 8 years ago... a mere £3 for your unique, historic, unbleached cotton heirloom depicting Overton's delightfully eccentric social history! Contact Jane (01256) 771121

## U3A for Overton and Whitchurch

*Diana Goodwin*

At an open meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May it was decided to go ahead and form a **U3A** in this area.

This is a self-help group of like-minded people who meet mainly in the daytime and will form sub-groups to explore and extend their interests - be they crafts, walking, arts, history, languages etc.

Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St Mary's Hall, Overton to get it off the ground.

For further information please contact me on (01256) 771855 or e-mail [dianaw@tesco.net](mailto:dianaw@tesco.net)

## Overton Society

*Sue Carter - Secretary*

**Energy efficiency and eco-measures in new housing** were topics suggested at our last AGM for future meetings. These will be the theme of our next meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 8pm in the Community Centre, when our speaker will be Andrew Lehmann from David Wilson Homes (the company currently building the second phase of Foxdown). All are welcome - do come and join us for an informative evening complete with refreshments!

## Overton Pre-School News

*Anne Boyere*

Thank you to all parents and children who joined us for our sponsored bike ride. Luckily we had a bit of sunshine during an otherwise very bleak week! The first year children at Playgroup also enjoyed a little play at our school setting. By mid-May we had raised over £900!

We would like to say thank you as well to all the people who came and supported us at the Open Morning. As always we received great support from businesses and individuals in the local area. Lots of people helped on the day too. And of course we couldn't have had such a successful morning without our wonderful staff - on hand to show parents what their children do at Playgroup - and the committee members for organising and running the event. Thanks again to everyone involved and we look forward to our next one!

## Daffodil Supper

*Jane MacKenzie*

A splendid £680 was raised for **Cancer Research** and **BASICS** (the local doctors' emergency response team). Many thanks to Colin, Eddie, Elsie and her grandson Matthew for their contributions to the homespun entertainment - and to our little band of super cooks and bottle washers!

## Overton Choral Society

*Lyn Hardy (01256) 397507*

Members of Overton Choral Society joined other choirs in the area to perform Rossini's *Petit Masse Solenelle* in Romsey Abbey on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Four excellent soloists enhanced the performance and **OCS** members made new friends from the other choirs. The weather was also excellent and a shorter rehearsal enabled us to have some strolls and a restful time in the lovely and spacious Abbey gardens. Most were able to find a tea shop or restaurant open and all agreed it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Anna and Richard Mallinson again hosted our end of year party and a really enjoyable time was had, with our Conductor - Paul Timms - and accompanist - Nick Hussey - being warmly thanked for all that they do for **OCS** during the year.

Next month there will be news of our trip to Euskirchen. While we are away, a very special **OCS** member, who is unable to travel with us, celebrates her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> May. We may be overseas, Cynthia, but we will sing something just for you - and, knowing the hospitality of our German hosts, probably raising a glass or two as well!

## Overton Garden Society

*Joy Macgregor*

The lovely weather contributed to the enjoyment of our evening visit to Wades House, Barton Stacey, a beautiful two acre garden with plenty to see and set in a really peaceful area. For those unfortunate enough to miss this visit, the garden is open under the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Our June outing is to a private five acre garden in Headley. We meet in the Community Centre promptly at 6.15 pm (lifts arranged) on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the cost being only £2.

If you are not already a member you can join on the night, the subscription being £6 for the rest of the year.

## Plant & Cake Sale Success

*Methodist Church*

Thanks to the generosity of the green-fingered and/or gourmet shoppers in Overton, we raised a tremendous total of £580. A very big thank you to everyone who supplied plants, tubers, cakes, pies, and cards. All the money goes to WaterAid.

## Overton Dramatic Society presents



### The Beggar's Opera (by John Gay)

*Jill Smith - ODS Press/Publicity Officer*

The show is a musical romp through the seedier side of Georgian life, featuring the dashing highwayman - Captain MacHeath - and a cast of colourful characters from the criminal underworld of 18<sup>th</sup> Century London.

First performed in 1728, the play was popular throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Century into the Regency period. We will use a mixture of traditional and modern instruments for a lively rendition of songs (based on popular ballads of the day).

The show will take place in St Mary's Hall, Overton, from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, which is the week leading up to the *Overton Regency Sheepfair 2008*

There will be a licensed bar which opens at 7.00pm for curtain-up at 7.45pm.

Tickets £6.00 & £4.50 on sale now at the Faraway Tree, High Street, Overton. (01256) 770333

## Invitation to OCA AGM

*Paula Baker - Chair, Overton Community Association*

All OCA members, users and friends of the Community Centre are warmly invited to our AGM, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, in the Community Centre, Winchester Street, Overton. Come along and renew (or take out!) membership of the Association and hear about our progress with refurbishing the building.

If you can't get to the AGM but would like to join the OCA, or renew your membership, it costs just £1. Please contact Derick Mirfin on (01256) 770664 and he will be pleased to help you.

## St Luke's Hall Update/Notice of AGM

*Chris Penney - Acting Secretary*

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March, the Trustees reported the results of investigations since the 2007 AGM into the various alternatives for the future of the ageing 1940s-built hall.

At the end of the EGM it was unanimously agreed to move towards an **Enhanced Refurbishment Option** (rather than the previous proposal to demolish the hall and build a replacement further back on the site).

A full structural survey has since been carried out and a progress report towards refurbishment will be made at the 2008 Annual General Meeting at 7.45pm in St Luke's Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. All Overton residents aged 16 and over are invited to this AGM.

## Library News

*Chris Vane - Library Supervisor*

This summer's reading challenge is called **Team Read** and there's an Olympic link. Come into the library when it starts on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July and find out more! In connection with this, we are hoping to find some volunteers to help with enrolment and to talk to children about their holiday reading. Please ask for more details if you think you might like to be involved.

2008 has been designated the National Year of Reading and special events and displays are being organised nation-wide in bookshops and libraries. We have a good supply of special bookmarks already and are planning to add some new features as the months pass, starting with our Reading Wall - so do come and see what's going on...

## Overton C of E Primary School

*Debbie Dennison - School Governor*

The Year 2 and Year 6 children have now started their SATs and also QCA is under way for Years 3, 4 and 5. We wish all the children well with their tests, particularly our Year 6, and look forward to celebrating their successes with them.

The Life Education Centre mobile unit was on the playground for a week at the end of April. All classes enjoyed the opportunity to visit the unit and find out more about healthy eating and healthy living. Parents were also invited to visit at the end of the school day.

Year 1 children have been on a trip to Milestones as part of their topic on homes. This living history museum is a wonderful facility available on our doorstep, providing many opportunities for comparing our lives today with those of times gone by.

The children have been enjoying Gamelan workshops with a specialist teacher as part of their weekly music provision this term. Gamelan, a musical ensemble of Indonesia, features a variety of drums, gongs and xylophones amongst other instruments and its style has even been used in some recent film soundtracks!

Cycling proficiency has started again for Year 6 children. This helps children to develop observation and manoeuvrability skills, introduces the Highway Code, teaches the importance of cycle maintenance and hazard awareness and provides information and advice on being conspicuous and wearing protective headgear. Our summer fête is this coming Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**Deadline for Overton News & Views**

Please send comments/contributions by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**.  
The Editor's contact details are at the foot of this page

**Testbourne News**

*Teresa Reynolds - Governor*

**Testbourne Goes Global**

It has been an exciting time at Testbourne as a group of pupils won a big international award, which resulted in two pupils and two members of staff flying off to Japan. It started last October: the school was selected from a national field to receive equipment and training from Panasonic to make a 4-minute news film as part of the Kid Witness News global citizenship programme. The Testbourne film, called **Won't Listen, Can't Hear** is about the dangers of hearing loss caused by loud music and was shown at the UK Youth Parliament at the end of April. It won the British Grand Prix and was forwarded as the British entry for the European Grand Prix, which it also won, beating 90 other entries. The whole team has an all-expenses paid stay in London to receive their award, meet the runners-up from Austria and Poland and do some more film making. Then they'll take our film to Osaka in competition with rest of the world. This should put Testbourne on the map!

**Public Transport**

*Brian Langer - Public Transport Representative*

**Highways improvements**

HCC has proposed several road and footway improvements as a result of funding from S106 Developers' Contributions stemming from the Overton Hill development. These were generally supported at the Parish Council's April meeting and were the subject of a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May.

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Plans and details of the proposed improvements are available in the Library until the end of June 2008. Please use this opportunity to make comments on the sheets provided. More details are included on an Insert in this issue of **ON&V**. Further proposals that have been put forward as a result of the **Have Your Say** questionnaire are currently being put together in a draft **Roads Plan** which will be circulated in the summer.

**Retirement of Les Dan at the station ticket booth.** Les has been at Overton for about seven years and made many friends amongst the regular railway users. He had some ill health in 2007 and has now retired. We wish him all the best for the future and trust that SWT will expedite his replacement.

**Trains: Timetable change 18 May 2008**

There are minimal changes to the existing timetable until the leaf fall season from 26<sup>th</sup> September when some London-bound trains will depart three minutes earlier. One earlier departure from **May** is the 0816 Sundays-only to Paighton (previously 0817).

**Basingstoke Bus Station - change of stand**

Services 76 and 86 now leave from stand Q which has both shelter and seating. Hopefully this resolves the problem parishioners had with the previous location used by our buses.

**Street Lighting**

To report a fault, please call (freephone) **0800 506060** - a 'real person' will answer the telephone and will require your name and address together with the defective light number (this is found on the street light column 5 - 6 feet above the ground facing the road) and the road name or postcode.

The call centre is open between 8.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday.

The light will usually be repaired within 5 working days.

Editor's footnote: May I add my personal thanks to Teresa Reynolds - and Dave - for all your help and kindness with the editorship handover.

**Shuttle Bus** Just a reminder that this 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 - but can also be found on the Public Transport notice board on the side wall of the Fireplace Shop.

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

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