

# 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 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July:	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.

### Starting School in September 2009

Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005? If so, you need to apply for a school place by mid-day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008. To do this you need to collect a brochure and application form (CR2) from your local primary school from September 2008 or apply on line at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). For further information please call the Admissions Team on (01962) 846038/846020/846001/846004

### C29 Road Closure

Overton Parish Council has been informed that the C29 (the road that runs south of the village towards the A303) is to be closed to carry out haunching works to the south of the Scrubs railway bridge. Currently the county council is carrying out a comprehensive survey of the area to determine the extent of the work that needs to be carried out: consequently the exact date of the works is as yet unknown. Two weeks' notice will be given and all road's residents will be informed by letter.

### Get fit for summer

Overton has an excellent array of fitness classes to suit all tastes - so if you need to shave off a few pounds here is the information you need. (Charges apply for some)

#### Mondays

9.15am - New Church Rooms - Pilates - Sarah Karsten  
10.30am - St Luke's Hall - Yoga - Pete Stanford  
7.00pm - New Church Rooms - Aerobics - Jill Hills

#### Tuesdays

10.00am - St Mary's Hall - Pilates

#### Thursdays

9.15am - New Church Rooms - Pilates - Sarah Karsten  
9.30am - outside St Mary's Hall - Power Walking - Jill Hills

#### Fridays

9.15am - St Mary's Hall - Aerobics - Jill Hills  
Contacts: Jill Hills 07879 475759; Sarah Karsten 07714 244814; Cath Wheeler and Jean Scrivener, Yoga and Pilates

If none of these suits, remember that Testbourne School holds a number of exercise classes and has a gym. Contact the Community Office on (01256) 892261

## 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 68639** Erection of detached double garage with studio in roof space at 11 London Road, Southington. No objection

**BDB 68677** Erection of single storey front extension at 13 Woodlands. No objection

**BDB 68424 - Amendment** Erection of 2 no four bedroom dwellings 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

## Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council

have their next meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 8.0pm at Portals Sports and Social Club in Laverstoke. Members of the public are welcome.

Further enquiries to Rachel Abbott (clerk) on (01256) 892584 or [laverstoke.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:laverstoke.clerk@btinternet.com)

## Forthcoming Events...

### St Mary's Hall Film Night

*There Will be Blood* (15) is the final film in the 'Summer Season' at 7.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Tickets are £5.00 in advance from Overton Fireplaces or £5.50 on the door.

### Overton & District U3A

We invite you to join this recently formed group who are getting together to explore and extend their interests. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am in St Mary's Hall, High Street, Overton. Our guest speaker will be Peter Baker, who will talk about the creation of the St Mary's Hall garden.

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

### Overton Dramatic Society

Jill Smith

As announced in last month's ON&V, our forthcoming show, *'The Beggar's Opera'* will take place at St Mary's Hall, Overton from 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July. It's well into rehearsals and tickets are selling fast - they can be purchased still, priced at £6.00 and £4.50, from the Faraway Tree, High St. Overton Tel (01256) 770333

We are delighted to announce that *'Cinderella Interstellar'*.. directed by Alice Ellingham, will be this year's Panto, from 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November. It will be a spectacular production combining the Cinderella story within a parallel universe, similar to the equally fated original Star Wars trilogy. Readings will take place at the ORC on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July: everyone is welcome. For further information, Tel:(01256) 772112

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## Overton Regency Sheepfair 2008

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 6pm each day

Only a few days to go now until the four-year wait is over and a good time is had by Overtonians at our third modern Sheepfair - a unique, free, village celebration.

**Please, please** take a few minutes to read the Insert in this issue. It will save you time and inconvenience - especially if you live in one of the roads affected by the closure of most of Winchester Street and the knock-on effects of diversions via other, smaller, roads.

### (Lucky Number) Souvenir Programmes, and Grand Prize Draw tickets

These are both on sale **now** - at Caviste, The Faraway Tree, H-C Travel, Overton Pharmacy and every Saturday morning in the Community Centre forecourt.

As well as having a Lucky Number, the programmes contain a special voucher worth 50p when exchanged for one **Grand Prize Draw** ticket .....

.....and there's even more - a "cryptic clue" prize quiz, where the answers are the names of all 36 advertisers.

**Sandy Sykes - Secretary (01256) 771233**

[OvertonSheepFair@aol.com](mailto:OvertonSheepFair@aol.com)

## Jane Austen in St Mary's Hall Garden

*Peter Baker*

Music from the time of Jane Austen will be performed for your enjoyment by the **Steventon Jane Austen Singers and Musicians** and a very special "playlet" entitled *Pride and Prejudice* will be enacted. All this takes place in St Mary's Hall Garden on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July - the gates open for picnics from 6.30pm (bring your own chairs / blankets and candles) with the performance starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00 (£10.00 unwaged) from Overton Fireplaces (**770007**)

Raising funds for **HART Wildlife Rescue**: Bar proceeds in aid of **Naomi House**. The Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke will be in attendance.

## Overton Activities Regular Reports...

### Overton Business Association (OBA)

*Keith Green - Chairman* ..... **770907**

[www.overtonbusiness.com](http://www.overtonbusiness.com) The OBA has received £300 in prize money as winners of the Green Watch Heroes Awards 2008. This is to be divided equally between St Mary's Hall Garden and the Overton Bio-Diversity Society as recognition of the valuable environmental contribution both groups bring to the community.

We are currently putting together this year's **OBA Directory**, which will be distributed direct to homes in Overton and surrounding areas in October. If you are a business owner, trader or self-employed and would like to join the **OBA** and get an entry in this year's Directory, please contact Noelle Moysi on (01256) **770333**

## Overton Recreation Centre

*Colin Parker* ..... **771038**

The **ORC** draw top prize is now £1000 each month. **ORC Monthly Membership Draw** began in 1965 and it has served the charity well for over 40 years. Earlier this year the **ORC** introduced the new 5-Star Membership

Scheme designed to enhance our income to fund new developments and projects. By the time you read this, there will be 200 5-Star Members, who each have five numbers in the monthly draw.

**ORC** has increased the value of its top prize in each monthly draw to £1000, bringing the total monthly prize fund to over £2000. Invest in the continuing development of sport and recreation in Overton by purchasing a 5-Star Membership and also give yourself a chance to win that top prize.

Learn more about 5-Star by picking up a leaflet and application form from: Overton Bathroom Centre, Overton Fireplace Gallery, The Faraway Tree, Crucible (Business Connections) or contact the **ORC Membership Secretary, Emma Scoggins** on (01256) **770455**

## St Mary's Hall News

**Wednesday evenings** Are you a club or society that needs a venue to meet, or a band that needs somewhere to practice? St Mary's Hall has a regular Wednesday evening vacancy at a rate of £9.00 per hour - please contact Freda Robinson on **770004** for more details.

**Dog Training** Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm and 8.00pm - 9.00pm, run by the Overton branch of the South Wonston Dog Training Club. Puppies and 'more mature' dogs are welcome. Tel: (01962) **855426** or email [swdtc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:swdtc@yahoo.co.uk)

## Overton Pre-School News

*Anne Boyere*

Once again we would like to thank everyone who supported us for our fundraising events this year. Thanks to your efforts and your generosity we raised £866 during the open morning and £1328 with our sponsored bike ride. It allowed us to buy new resources for the school setting including a Thomas the Tank engine track and toys and Scooby-Doo characters.

It's the time of the decade again when Overton is having its big Regency Sheep Fair. It's a very exciting event for us at Playgroup and all our little ones who will enjoy their first Overton Sheep Fair ever ! We invite you to come and celebrate this event with us. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> we will have face painting and good quality second-hand books, shoes and toys stalls. And on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> we will take part in the closing parade with our little "flock" ! So please come and enjoy !

## Overton Choral Society

*Lyn Hardy* ..... **397507**

**OCS** have recently returned from an enjoyable weekend with their twin choir (Sangerkries) in Euskirchen. Some stayed with families and some in a familiar hotel and all were treated with great kindness and generosity - the Sangerkries choir were hospitable, welcoming and great fun. Although a last minute change meant that **OCS** sang the whole of *The Creation* (Dre Schopfung) in German, members rose to the occasion and were congratulated by the members of the Sangerkries Choir. Members were taken to a Schloss between rehearsals: the weather was wonderful and a mediaeval fayre was in full swing. The weekend finished with a meal and informal music from both choirs. Members would like to thank Paul Timms for extra rehearsal time and Penny Horner for organising the event. An Alençon visit is in the pipeline. Following the success of meeting socially last year, another barbecue is planned for July. This has been

instrumental in making us work together much more closely. Members who are not on email are advised to contact me for timings etc.

OCS reconvenes on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September in St Mary's Hall at 7.45pm New members are very welcome. We will start our season by working on the works we will be performing in Winchester in May 2009.

## Overton C of E Primary School

*Debbie Dennison - School Governor*

The final report has now been received from our landscape architect, having looked at all the issues raised during the consultation, and we are now in a position to move forward. Grants have been received from Four Lanes and Laverstoke for the reception year garden project with tyre planters, seats and signs with key words and numbers to enhance learning.

Among the aims of the project, we look forward to improving the grounds, to stimulate interest and make learning more relevant, ensuring children gain real educational benefit from time spent in the grounds, developing a positive and beneficial environment to support the informal curriculum and extra-curricular and community use.

## Library News

*Chris Vane - Library Supervisor*

July will be a busy month in the library. The summer reading scheme, **Team Read**, starts here on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We are still looking for volunteers to help with registration and giving out the materials. If you're interested and can spare even a few hours, please come in and talk to us!

Only a few days later, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we'll be manning a stall at the Overton Regency Sheepfair, with competitions, library information, and items for sale. If that isn't enough, we are also keeping the library open until 6.00pm and the computers will be available until 5.30pm. There will be extra activities here too. During the rest of the year we will have a variety of promotions connected with the **National Year of Reading**. Currently we are putting book reviews and suggestions on our Reading Walls and soon there will be a lucky dip on offer - do come in to see what it's about.

## Letters To The Editor...

Please note that letters cannot be printed unless contributors are prepared to put their names to them

**We have been asked "Are you happy here"?**

Having lived in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe since the age of eight months (Fred since 1941) the decision to leave and eventual move were quite traumatic at our age - we are long past our "best by" dates (86 and 95)!! Life in Zimbabwe was becoming difficult in very many ways. The elderly enjoyed no special benefits or privileges other than assisting one another. Daily increases in inflation and prices, shortages of food (Fred, at 95, stood in a queue twice a week to get one loaf of bread and half a pint of milk), medical care, medicines, power cuts (you never knew when or for how long), no petrol and never knowing if cash would be available in the bank - I could go on forever - all of this made our family feel we had to move and enjoy a more comfortable life.

Sheltered accommodation was found for us in Overton by our dear daughter (a tower of strength) and dear friends of hers who live here. Between them, everything possible has been done to see that all was comfortable and in place by the time we arrived and ever since.

We had said that, although we didn't have a choice, we would like to live in an English village with not too many people, but green fields, country walks and within walking distance of shops. Well, we have found all of that in Overton - plus the fact that every single person we have met, or had dealings with in whatever way, has been nothing but friendly, kind and helpful. Our thanks go out to all of you. How could we not be happy here?

*Fred and Marge Brockwell*.....

## Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everyone in Overton and Laverstoke who gave so generously again to this year's appeal. Together, we raised **£3,714**. **Christian Aid** supports around 600 partner organisations in some of the poorest communities in our world, regardless of race or faith. When we all heard the shocking news of cyclone Nargis, it was good to know that our Burmese partners were already working in the delta and trying to help against overwhelming odds. Thank you again.

*Brian and Margaret Wheeler - (01256) 771895*

## NGS Open Garden

Our garden at Timaru, 24 Southington, was open under the Nation Garden Scheme (NGS) over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June. We were blessed with what can only be described as glorious weather for both days, which we think added to the enthusiasm of our visitors. We're pleased to say that, over the day and a half we were open, there were in the region of 300 visitors - raising a total of £1,245 for the eight very worthy charities supported by the NGS.

We would both like to say a huge thank you to all the people in the village who supported us and kindly donated cakes and plants for sale to add to our own. Special mentions to our dear neighbour, Sue Lyall, who did a sterling job on the gate and was our major publicity agent: Derrick and Barbara James, who kindly let us use their field as a car park: and last, but by no means least, Jane MacKenzie, who did a grand job serving with a smile in the kitchen. Many thanks to all.

*Celia and Ian Lamb*

## Macmillan Cancer Support - Cape To Cape 2008

In the April edition of *ON&V*, I let you know that I was taking part in this event to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. This is to let you know that we successfully made it to Cap Ferret - and back to Overton. Some may be surprised to learn that the 1976 Triumph 2500S estate behaved perfectly, which is probably more than can be said of its crew....

In total, the event raised almost £44,000 for Macmillan and this will be increased to over £50,000 by gift aid. My navigator, Vic Broadbent, and I raised £2,262 of that total and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sponsored us. Thanks also for helping by agreeing to hold sponsorship forms to Peter Baker at the Fireplace Gallery and Teresa and Michael at the Honey Pot - who seem to have a talent for persuading customers to part with their money in a good cause!

*John Thow*

(Letters To The Editor - continued)

**Overton Moonwalkers (the ladies in the pink jackets)**  
We did it! On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 17th we completed our 26.2 mile power walk overnight through the streets of London, in aid of breast cancer - sporting our decorated bras and carrying purple helium-filled balloons to stand out from the crowd.

It was a cold, damp, night - but we all made it over the finish line. During the course of the evening we split into two groups and finished with about 10 minutes between us - 6 hours 15 minutes for the fastest! Some of us had blisters from our shoes, one of us had a bra injury(!) and we were all very stiff and tired. The atmosphere was amazing: our balloons were great for finding each other in the crowds, (but have you ever tried to fit into a portaloo with a helium balloon?) and we've raised almost £5,000 for a fantastic cause.

Thanks to everyone who generously supported us.

**Naomi Conneely, Jane McDevitt, Lesley Howse, Zoë Taylor, Karen Watts and Sarah Wiles**

#### The Barth Syndrome Trust

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Methodist community in the village who, once again, allowed the Trust to hold a quiz in their hall to raise funds. 44 people from local villages attended and had a very enjoyable evening, answering the many and varied questions compiled and presented by Heather and Richard Oram. £280 was raised from the quiz and there was a very much appreciated additional donation of £200 from the Methodist fund-raising coffee mornings. There were very generous donations to the raffle and all the wonderful fruit pies were made and donated by Jane MacKenzie and Margaret Wheeler. A big thank you also to Rose Smith for help throughout the evening. Thanks also to those players from the Overton tennis club who turned out to support the annual tournament at Oakley in April. Again there were generous donations of raffle prizes and scrumptious home-made cakes which helped to raise a superb total of £402.50

The Trust is very grateful for the ongoing support and generosity of friends and local businesses in the village.

**Terri Allison**

#### Sheepfair Teacloths

Thank you to everyone who drew a sheep for the charity Sheepfair cloth - they are wonderful. You can reserve one/some Teacloths by phoning me. They make brilliant presents to send to ex-Overton folk and friends overseas. The price is the same as it was in 2004 - £3 each for a unique unbleached cotton heirloom?!?! All the profit will be split between Overton Recreation Centre and WaterAid.

**Jane MacKenzie (01256) 771121**

**For problems or comments about Overton Parish Council matters, please contact:**

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#### Parish Councillors

Maggie Atkins	<b>770369</b>	Brian Langer	<b>770848</b> Transport and Highways Representative
Mark Attwell	<b>770472</b>	David Llewellyn	<b>773004</b>
Peter Baker	<b>770007</b>	Paula Baker	<b>771219</b> also Borough Councillor
Tony Leach	<b>772020</b>	Ian Tilbury	<b>771429</b> also Borough Councillor
Jacky Lessware	<b>773043</b>	Zoë Taylor	<b>770146</b>

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The next issue of **Overton News & Views** will be published on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
**The deadline for receipt of contributions and letters is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

The Editor's contact details are shown at the foot of this page

## Late News...

### St Luke's Hall Refurbishment

**Pat Taylor - Chairman**

St Luke's is owned by every parishioner in Overton and it needs your support. Vital funds need to be raised for a refurbishment and some of the money raised in the near future is eligible for the Parish Council's Match-funding scheme.

I will be at St Luke's during the Overton Regency Sheepfair 2008, looking for sponsors of new roof tiles. I would like to see everyone in Overton, who supports keeping this hall as a much-needed central hall for the village of Overton, purchase a sponsored tile for a minimum of £5.00.

St Luke's needs your support now!

### Twang Rocks 2008 - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008

What do you get when you cross the success of 2007's explosive Twang 3 with the might of the awesome Testbourne Rocks ? 2 of the best Whitchurch events have now joined forces to present Twang Rocks 2008. With 2 main stages (inside and out), Acoustic Sessions, open mic, live Djs and even an Ambience Tent, Twang Rocks looks set to raise the roof this July and provide a fitting crescendo to Whitchurch Festival period. Around 20 artists and bands from across the South UK (and further) are set to perform on multiple stages and, as the local anticipation grows, this 12-hour extravaganza is set not only to offer the best bang-for-your-buck day of live entertainment you've had in years but profits will be donated to 2 very deserving causes: **The Testbourne Mityana Appeal**, helping to provide and instal solar panels for the primary and secondary schools in Mityana, Uganda.

**Holly Croxford**, one of Hampshire's 2012 Olympic hopefuls looking for a podium finish (we're hoping it's the middle one!)The line-up is full, the stages are set and the bands are primed and ready .....

Tickets are on sale now at local clubs, pubs and venues and are also available to buy online. Prices:11 - 17 years, £10.00: 18+ years, £15.00: OAP, £5.00: 10 years and under get in free if accompanied by a paying adult. For more information you can also contact us via our web pages: [www.myspace.com/twangfestival](http://www.myspace.com/twangfestival)  
[www.myspace.com/chillidogpromotions](http://www.myspace.com/chillidogpromotions)