

Overton News & Views

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Information and Comment on Village Activities

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Overton Parish Council (OPC) Notes

Laura Harley - Parish Clerk

Parish Council Meetings

These will take place in Overton Community Centre:

Wednesday 13 th August:	Public time	7.00pm
	Main meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 26 th August:	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.

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 68987 Erection of a rear conservatory at 6 Two Gate Meadow. No objection

BDB 68892 Erection of a side porch at 13 London Road, Southington. No objection

BDB 68752 Erection of two detached single storey buildings forming changing units with creation of access and associated parking. Ground work to prepare pitch area at Overton Recreation Centre, London Road. No objection

BDB 68908 Erection of a single storey front extension at 65 Woodlands. No objection.

Please check the notice board for planning applications or access them online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk Remember that yellow notices denote that planning permission has been applied for and if you wish to look at the plans they are available from the Clerk.

Resignation of Overton parish councillor

The parish council would like to thank Zoë Taylor for her service to the parish council over the last year. Her resignation leaves a vacancy for a parish councillor. This year OPC is concentrating particularly on highway and parking issues within the village and if this matter interests you or you are generally concerned about Overton please contact the Clerk.

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council

Grounds maintenance tender. The Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council is putting out to tender areas of grounds maintenance within our parish (ie grass cutting, strimming etc. The contract would run from April 2009 through to October 2009. Anyone interested in submitting a tender should contact Rachel Abbott, Parish Clerk by 31st August 2008 on (01256) 892584 or laverstoke.clerk@btinternet.com

Fire Rescue Presentation to Parish Council

On Wednesday 13th June Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service Group Manager Tom Carr provided a presentation to Overton Parish Council with information on the actions being taken by local fire-fighters at Overton fire station to make our lives safer.

Tom outlined Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service's vision to 'make life safer' by reducing the risk in local communities, making it safer for people to live, work and visit our area. The Service's objectives are very challenging but, as Tom explained, working together with local communities and fire-fighters we can achieve the following objectives

- Reduce fire deaths and injuries from accidental fires by 20% by 2010
- Reduce the number of deliberate fires by 20% by 2010
- Reduce the number of fires by 20% by 2010
- Work with others to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the road by 40% by 2010

Recruitment: Tom made a plea for help from our community. On occasions our fire engine is not available because of the lack of personnel. Our local fire station in Station Road is currently recruiting both men and women - especially for the day time.

Part-time (Retained Duty System) Firefighters are paid well for their services and will receive training to enable them to fulfill the role of a firefighter. They will also receive help to achieve a Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) licence, a certificate in First Aid, plus all there is to know about emergency situations.

These roles are certainly demanding. While dealing with emergencies takes priority, attending community events and acting as an ambassador for the Service are additional social aspects of the job.

If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, please visit the careers and training area on Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service's website at www.hantsfire.gov.uk or contact Tom Carr on (01256) 818886

Better still, visit our fire station in Station Road on a Monday evening between 7.00 and 9.00pm

Public Transport

Brian Langer - Public Transport Representative

Bank Holiday weekend 23rd -25th August. Trains - a Saturday service will operate on the Monday, otherwise as normal. There are no engineering works affecting Overton services. Buses - a Sunday service will operate on the Monday, otherwise as normal.

Vacancy at station ticket office

This still exists. Details from Dean Pettitt, Flagship Station Manager, Salisbury, Wilts.

Basingstoke bus station - use of bay Q

The recent problems encountered by Overton-bound passengers have thrown up numerous operational problems which Stagecoach Bus management assure me are being tackled and resolved. Let me know if you think otherwise!

Alcohol Consumption in Public Places in Overton Village

Police Constable Richard Baldwin

Overton village currently has a very low crime level. However, there is an evident problem with alcohol consumption in public places and related anti-social behaviour, by a minority of local adults, which is spoiling the idyllic image of your picturesque village.

The alcohol is being legitimately purchased in off-sales outlets and is consumed in public by local adults - and in some instances the alcohol is being supplied to minors.

The main problem areas are the centre of the village, the Edward Kersley Playing Field and Sapley Lane Skate Park. It is hoped that these areas (and possibly more) could be cited as Designated Areas which would empower the Police with additional powers to curb alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.

As the local Community Police Officer for Overton village, I would like to hear your views in relation to the proposal of a Designation Order for Overton:

- Have you witnessed alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the village?
- Have you, or your property, ever been targeted by drunken louts?

Please note this new legislation would not affect the majority of law-abiding Overton residents from drinking alcohol in public: it is aimed only at those who cause annoyance to others.

Please contact me with your views or experiences, either in writing at Whitchurch Police Station or by e-mail on richard.baldwin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

You can also go to www.overtonvillage.com and vote on whether or not you would like DPPOs implemented within the village. The results of this poll can be used as evidence when the report goes to the borough council for consideration.

General Information on Designation Orders

The Police (and Community Safety Officers accredited through a community safety accreditation scheme), have powers to control the consumption of alcohol within the designated area.

If they believe someone is consuming - or intends to consume - alcohol, they can require them to stop and confiscate alcohol from people *whether the drinking vessel is unopened or not*.

If someone, without a reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the officer's request they are committing an offence and further action can be taken:

- a penalty notice for disorder of £50;
- arrest and prosecution for a level 2 fine (maximum £500);
- bail conditions can be used to stop the individual from drinking in public.

Sapley Lane Playing Field

OPC is considering enhancing the range of facilities for young people at Sapley Lane Playing Field. At the last meeting, it considered a proposal including a multi-use games area, dirt-bike track, floodlighting, teen shelter and other items. OPC has decided **not** to include the teen shelter or floodlights as part of the ongoing plan but it was agreed that the playing field would be a good location for the dirt bike track. It was also agreed that the existing football field should be turned around and moved away from the Pond Close boundary and that

more trees would be planted and a dog walking area made to provide a greater buffer between the recreation ground and the housing. Once a workable proposal has been agreed by OPC, consultation will take place with local residents and youth.

Church News

Peter Sweet & George Lihou, Overton Churchwardens

The new rector of Overton and Laverstoke with Freefolk is to be the Revd. Ian Smale. He will be moving with his wife, Sue, to the rectory later in the summer and will be licensed by the Bishop of Basingstoke at a service in St Mary's, Overton on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm. He will conduct his first services as rector in Overton and Laverstoke on Sunday 28th September.

HART Wildlife Rescue needs a new home

New premises are urgently being sought by HART Wildlife Rescue which has sadly had temporarily to close its doors to new admissions after 12 years in operation.

The home and garden of June and Bob Gibbs at Dellands, Overton, has been overwhelmed with public demand in recent years: taking in over 1000 casualties annually has finally become too much for them.

David Horner, chairman of the trustees, says "We urgently need to hear from anyone who has an old outbuilding or barn that could be converted - or maybe someone with land where a small building could be erected and there's room for aviaries and hutches."

Another major concern is how the students who have been enjoying work experience at HART will cope. Hands-on wildlife care is an important part of their studies and training opportunities for them are limited.

Fundraising events for the new centre will continue throughout the summer along with the charity shops in Whitchurch and Alton - and HART will be grateful for your continued support. If you think you can help find HART a new home, please contact June and Bob Gibbs (01256) 770438 email help@hartwildlife.fsnet.co.uk

You can find out more about the charity and donate money towards to new hospital on the website www.hartwildlife.org.uk

The next (September) issue of *Overton News & Views* will be published on Friday 29th August 2008

The latest date for receipt of contributions and letters is Saturday 16th August

The Editor's contact details are shown at the foot of page 4

Forthcoming Events

Tiddlers Baby and Toddler Group

Open all year round. We meet all through the summer holidays and are a friendly and welcoming group of parents with children aged from babies to pre-schoolers. We have a range of toys for inside as well as trikes and push-alongs for our outside area. We have a weekly craft activity, with fresh fruit and a drink for the children, plus tea and coffee for the adults.

Come and join us at Laverstoke and Freefolk Village Hall (on the right just after the hump-backed bridge as you head past Laverstoke) every Wednesday morning from 9.30 - 11.30am: cost per family £1.50.

For more information call Mindy on (01256) 773337 or just come along.

Overton Harriers - Annual Road Races

Saturday afternoon 6th September. Look for more details around Overton and in their programme out soon.

Overton Biodiversity Society**Ken MacKenzie - Chair, Overton Biodiversity Society**

Hampshire Wildlife Trust have kindly offered to show visitors around their Micheldever Spoil Heaps reserve ("The Chalkies") on Sunday 10th August at 2.00 pm.

The reserve is classed as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and this is an opportunity to visit one of Hampshire's flagship wildlife areas!

Due to the fragile nature of the site numbers are limited so please phone Ken or Jane MacKenzie (01256) 771121 for further details and to book a place.

PC Baldwin's next Police Surgery

This will be held on Monday 18th August between 12noon and 2.00pm in the Parish Office, inside St Mary's Hall.

Summer Music Workshop

Local musician and guitar guru Adrian Zolotuhin will be running his annual music workshop from Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August at Overton Primary School. Open to all young musicians aged 7-16. Beginners very welcome. Please contact Adrian on (01256) 771883 or email adrianzed@talktalk.net for more details and bookings.

Overton Art Group....

...is having its annual exhibition in the Overton Recreation Centre from 10.00am to 8.00pm on both Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August, as well as from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August. Admission is free and Pictures are for sale.

The "Great" Overton Duck Race...

... will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August. Free entry into the beautiful Flashetts, Station Road, from 12noon - 6pm. Book the date in your diaries now!

Great fun for all the family! Face painting, competitions, BBQ, ice creams, licensed bar, tea/coffee and cake stall, Tombola, handmade jewellery. There are still some selling spaces available at just £5 - so, if you would like a stall for this popular event, please contact Maggs Steward on (01256) 771457

There are 8 races throughout the afternoon with a £20 Prize for each race winner. Grand Final Prizes are 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £25. Race your own duck will be back by popular demand, so start hunting down those little duckies (motor and size limit will apply).

All proceeds to St Mary's Hall facilities.

St Mary's Church Holiday Club**Marian Sweet**

Hooray !!! It's summer, which means the holiday club is coming once again. **Seaside Rock Holiday Club** is for children aged from 5 to 9 years old, who are welcome to join us at St. Mary's Church Rooms from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th August 2008, between 9.30am and 12 noon each day, at £2.50 per child per morning.

This will be packed with creative teaching, games, songs and craft ideas and it will be great fun. If you are interested in coming to the **Seaside Rock Holiday Club** please let me know now, as there will be limited places. Tel (01256) 770672 E-mail MarianSweet@hotmail.co.uk

Art Classes in St Mary's Hall

Wednesdays 10th Sept. - 29th October, 7.00pm - 8.45pm, £6.00 per session. Following on from a series of workshops, the course aims to loosen up and build confidence. To book, call Corinne on 07846.779746

Textile Art and Craft Course**Paula Baker - Chair, Overton Community Association**

From Thursday 11th September for 6 weeks we will be running a Textile Art and Craft Course at Overton Community Centre. We have two sessions, one in the morning, starting at 9.30am, and an evening session starting at 8.00pm. Each session will last for 90 minutes and over the six weeks we will be working on wet felting and creating small art quilts.

The course will cost £35 for the six weeks, and is payable before the course starts. The only thing you will need to bring is your imagination, and maybe some well loved fabric for the quilting.

If you would like to sign up, or require further information, please e-mail textile@raspberry.co.uk or ring Lorna on (01256) 895438

St Mary's Hall Film Night Winter Season 2008

All are Fridays and all four films are 12A:

12th September - Ruby Blue,

10th October - The Children of Huang Shi,

7th November - Mamma Mia!

5th December - The Duchess.

The films are shown in St Mary's Hall, High Street, Overton at 7.30pm (doors open from 7.00pm). Tickets can be bought for £5.00 before the nights from Overton Fireplaces or for £5.50 on the door. Selections of beverages and confectionery are available for purchase.

Overton Activities:Regular Reports...**Overton Business Association (OBA)**

The next OBA meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd September at The HoneyPot, Winchester Street. We welcome all businesses in Overton Parish and now have 57 members. Please visit our website or use the contact details below for more information.

Keith Green - Chairman (01256) 770907 Secretary: James Gatward (771717) www.overtonbusiness.com

U3A - Overton and District enthusiastically welcomes The University of the Third Age

It was only in early May that a group of Overton residents decided to convene a meeting to explain the concept of **U3A** and see if there was enough interest in a local group. It soon became clear that it was an idea worth pursuing and two more meetings have been held.

It is usual for the **U3A** to have monthly meetings, to which all members are invited. In June, Rosemary Trollope was invited to talk about "Tori's Godmother" (Tori being Rosemary's younger daughter).

By July, the word had got out and, despite the pouring rain, about 60 people turned up to hear Peter Baker tell us about the creation of St Mary's Hall Garden.

Many groups have already been formed within our **U3A** - some up and running: others will take off shortly. There is a full list of speakers for (monthly) meetings during the coming year - the next will be on Wednesday 17th September at 10.00am in St Mary's Hall, when Mike McTaggart will give an illustrated talk on the North West Passage. The £18 annual membership subscription will be due at this meeting but visitors are always welcome for a one-off payment of £3 which could be set off against the subscription, should they decide to join.

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

Chris Vane - Library Supervisor

Although the summer Team Read started here on 15th July, it's definitely not too late for children to join in. It continues until 13th September, so there's plenty of time to read those 6 books. This summer we have colouring and information sheets in the library as usual - and there will be one very special prize at the end.

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If you have an internet connection on your computer, have you used it yet to visit this address, for the unique **Overton Village** website? Try it ~ for up-to-the-minute news between the monthly publication dates of **ON V**, a full village diary, a discussion forum ~and more!

Overton Recreation Centre

Colin Parker (01256) 771038

Monthly Members' Draw for June. Congratulations to: David Bowyer of Ashe, winner of the £1000 top prize, Neville Cook of Oakley winner of the £200 prize, Alan Whitehorn of Laverstoke, Richard Stawt of Weyhill and Sue Headley of Ashe - all £100 prize winners. The 5 Star membership as of 14th July stands at 202. Have you signed up yet for 5 numbers in every draw? Our target is 250 and then 500. Thank you all for your support for sport and recreation in Overton.

Testbourne News

Teresa Reynolds - Governor

As reported in **ON V** (June 2008), the Testbourne film - about the dangers of listening to loud music - represented not only the UK, but the whole of Europe in the international competition in Osaka, Japan. It was then announced that they won the award for "Best Sound". A fantastic achievement: congratulations to all. At the end of term we said goodbye to two long-serving members of staff who retired. **Kevin Jerome**, Head of Technology, has been at Testbourne for an amazing 29 years. It has always been a delight to enter his workshop and find pupils engrossed in making their spatulas, toasting forks, candleholders, and even a full size rocking horse! **Su Blakey**, who has been Joint Special Needs Coordinator and joined the school 19 years ago, is also retiring. We wish them every health and happiness in their retirements.

Overton Choral Society

Lyn Hardy (01256) 397507

In this non-summer **OCS** members were very lucky to have a more or less dry evening at the beginning of July when, once again, a great time was had by all due to the generosity and friendship of Paul and Rosemarie Trotman who kindly hosted a barbecue in their garden.

The trip to Alençon, to celebrate 40 years of Twinning with Basingstoke, will be during early October.

OCS reconvenes on Monday 1st September in St Mary's Hall at 7.45pm. New members are very welcome. We will start our season working on the works we will be performing in Winchester in May 2009 and on our Come and Sing in March 2009. Our annual Christmas Concert will be on Monday 22nd December.

Letters To The Editor...

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

Hidden Gardens (Sat 21st and Sun 22nd June)

We had two lovely afternoons, with 75 people each day, and raised a total of £466.00 for **HART** Wildlife Rescue and **ORC**. Thank you all so much for coming and enjoying our gardens. Thank you also to Mike Fisher from Northdown Orchard for donating the organic vegetables and to all our helpers and cake makers.

Mary Reid and Lyn Macmillan

Fête Success at Beech Tree Care Home (Sat 28th June)

We would like to thank all of those who supported the fête and those who donated goods and their time. It was a most enjoyable day for our residents. We made £600 which goes to our Residents' Fund. We hope to be able to arrange some outings and enjoy entertainers in the Home funded by the money. We shall now begin to plan the Christmas Fête and keep you posted on the date.

Charity Night at the 'Stute'(Sat 5th July)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every shop and business that donated either money or raffle prizes. We had a full house and everyone had a fantastic time, with brilliant music and great fun trying to guess the people beneath the ingenious fancy dress costumes! We raised an amazing £2070.00 to be split between **Macmillan Cancer Care** & **CLIC Sargent**. Thank you again **Julie, Laura and Margaret**

'EWE - nique' Overton Regency Sheep Fair Teacloth....

Thank you so much to everyone, old and young, who shooed a sheep my way. If yours escaped, lay it down for 4 years....! Many thanks to my mum for folding and stuffing most of the tea cloths - hours and hours of work! All the profit is going to Water Aid and Overton Recreation Centre.

Jane Mackenzie

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