

Overton News & Views



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Information and Comment on Village Activities

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Overton Parish Council Meetings

The main Parish Council meeting is held in the Community Centre on the **second** Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm. The next will be on 13th May.

Please note: Public Time is from 7.00pm to 7.30pm.

Planning meetings are held in the Community Centre on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30pm.

The next will be on 26th May.

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.

Overton Parish Council Notes

From **Laura Harley - Parish Clerk**

The 2009 Annual Parish Meeting

A reminder that this will take place on Wednesday 20th May in St Mary's Hall. Please arrive from 7.15pm onwards to enjoy a drink in the St Mary's Hall Garden.

The meeting will commence at 7.45pm and will concentrate on **planning issues relevant to Overton**: Cllr Horace Mitchell from **B&DBC** has agreed to speak about the Local Development Framework and other related planning matters. The evening will be rounded off with refreshments provided by **Overton WI**.

Grit bins. Following the cold winter, Brian Langer has made a detailed survey of all the grit bins in Overton.

As a direct request from parishioners, the parish council has agreed in principle to purchase seven more grit bins at these locations:

- Crawts Road/Charledown Close junction
- North/south stretch of Poultons Close
- Pond Close by the old people's bungalows
- Kercher's Field by allotments or at Dellands junction
- Pathway between Poyntz Road and Winchester Street
- Harvey's Field on the slope from the main road
- Kingsclere Road from the cross roads past Town Mill.

If anyone has any comment or additions, please contact Brian on **770848**

Planning Applications

Agreed by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council:

BDB/70163 - Erection of a four bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing (amendment to planning permission BDB/69362 to include single storey addition to side elevation to form plant room) at Willingdon, Berrydown Lane, Overton RG25 3AB

BDB/70205 - Erection of a single storey side extension with chimney at Lower Ashe Farm, Ashe Lane, Ashe RG25 3AJ

Refused by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council:

BDB/70116 - Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of land as residential land involving the creation of hard standing for parking of cars at Butchers Cottage, 3 London Rd, Southington, Overton RG25 3DA

BDB/70148 - Erection of 2 no. one-bedroom cottages on land adjoining 41 Red Lion Lane, Overton RG25 3HH

BDB/70171 - Change of use from store/office/workshop to one-bedroom dwelling to Building at rear of 21, High Street, Overton RG25 3HB

Police News - Beat Update

From **PC3909 Richard Baldwin - Parish Beat Officer**

Your Voice Counts

Local Police are asking the communities of Overton, Freefolk and Laverstoke to identify three main Policing Priorities on what matters most where you live.

We will then work together with you and our partner agencies in tackling new priorities that are identified.

The current Policing Priorities for the area are:

(1) Traffic and pedestrian safety

(in particular the High Street, London Road, Winchester Street, Kingsclere Road and Station Road)

(2) Neighbourhood Watch schemes

(3) initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour

500 questionnaires have been randomly inserted in this edition of Overton News & Views (on average, one copy in four will have an Insert). If you have not received one - and would like your "Voice to Count" - please visit the Post Office counter in the Co-op to pick up a questionnaire. Can I ask that all completed questionnaires are then placed in the collection box by the side of the Post Office Counter. Thank you.

Next Police Surgery

This will be on Monday 18th May from 12.00noon to 2.00pm in the Parish Office at St Mary's Hall.

The Mobile Police Surgery

This visits the Community Centre Car park every Tuesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

New PCSO for Overton

I am pleased to announce that Sabrina Smith has now joined me on the Beat. The role of a PCSO is very much to engage and be involved in the Community. Sabrina will be a most welcomed uniformed Police presence - she will be seen out and about both on foot and push-bike patrol.

I am hopeful that Sabrina will also be involved in canvassing for new Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Dog Fouling in Station Road

I've had two recent reports about this, so here is a note to dog owners who are not being responsible with their pets: Owners will be prosecuted if they allow their dog to foul and do not clear it up in a public place (contrary to the

Dog Fouling of the Land Act 1996). A £50.00 fixed penalty fine can be issued on the spot with a maximum 'fine' of £1000.00 if convicted in a Magistrates' Court. Offending owners - please clean up after your pets.

Contact Details

You might like to make a note of these. My work mobile number is **07776 172303**. If I'm busy, or off-duty, you will be automatically transferred to the Police Control Room (**0845 045 45 45**) where you can leave a message for me or report any matters to the Police Operator.

Alternatively you can contact me by Email at richard.baldwin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Remember - in the event of an Emergency - Call 999

Additional copies of ON&V are available each month from:- The Co-op (in the rack below their notice boards), the Library, Parnell Jordy & Harvey, the Doctors' Surgery. Also - **in colour** - via www.OvertonVillage.com (click on "Parish Council" first)

This month's cover photo is of bluebells in The Vyne woods

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm at Portals Sports and Social Club, followed by the AGM - everyone is welcome.

Two Polite Reminders:

Please could you ensure that wheelie bins are taken in as soon as possible after being emptied as they are proving an inconvenience to those less able members of society.

It would also be much appreciated if dog owners would clean up after their dogs as this is proving to be a hazard.

Rachel Abbott, Clerk to the Council, 7 New Barn Farm Cottages, Hurstbourne Priors, RG28 7RU
or Email laverstoke.clerk@btinternet.com

Highways & Transport News

From **Brian Langer - Highways & Transport Representative**

Transport - May Day and Spring Bank Holiday weekends

Trains

There are engineering works on Sunday 3rd May in the Wimbledon area, when trains to and from Waterloo will be diverted and the journey time extended. In principle, South West Trains will operate a Saturday service on 2nd, 4th, 23rd & 25th May and a Sunday service on 3rd & 24th May. Arrangements with other train operating companies may differ. Please check with Southwest Trains website www.southwesttrains.co.uk or phone **08457 48 49 50**

Buses

Stagecoach Bus will operate a Sunday service on 3rd, 4th, 24th & 25th May and a Saturday service on 2nd & 23rd May.

New railway timetable effective 17th May

There are no changes to the departure times of trains from Overton station at this time. However, the very early departures to Waterloo will leave three minutes earlier from late September to allow for leaf mulch problems.

The West of England line will undergo a significant timetable revamp in December when, as a result of track doubling in Devon, an hourly service will operate from Waterloo to Exeter. However, from that time no SWT services will operate west of Exeter St David's - so, if you want to take advantage of through services from Overton to Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Paignton and Plymouth, you need to make the journey during the next seven months!

Bus and Rail Forums in March

These provided a useful exchange of views between users, operator management and local authority representatives - the Bus Forum in particular was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who came and made their point. I hope it will result in a better understanding of each side's point of view and lead to improvements where these can be readily implemented.

North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

All land in the parish north of the railway is within this area. A review of the management plan - which can be viewed at www.northwessexdowns.org.uk - is currently under way, covering land management, biodiversity, historic environment, development, vibrant communities and recreation. There are many in the parish who live or work in - or just enjoy - the wide open spaces of this relatively empty stretch of southern England. The deadline for comments is 15th May by phoning **01488 685440** or via info@northwessexdowns.org.uk

Overton Business Association (OBA)

A reminder that our next **OBA** meeting is on Tuesday 5th May at The Honey Pot Restaurant at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome to join **OBA** Members at this meeting - we look forward to seeing you.

For more details about **OBA**, or about this meeting, please visit the website www.overtonbusiness.com or telephone Chairman Keith Green on **770907**

Overton Folk Club

There should still be just enough time to get your tickets for the concert on Wednesday 6th May starting at 8.00pm in St Mary's Hall, with the wonderful duo **Belshazzar's Feast** - two brilliant musicians who play everything from Mozart to Elvis interspersed with rapid fire humour. It will be an evening not to be missed. Tickets are just £5.00 from The Fireplace Shop, or from me - **Tom Hanley** - on **770384** or Email me at overtonfolkclub@hotmail.co.uk

On Wednesday 3rd June we will be back in the Red Lion with a singaround night. All singers/musicians welcome.

St Mary's Hall Overton

Ensemble Champagne

A string quartet aiming to provide an engaging and relaxed evening of classical music on Friday 8th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from The Fireplace Shop for £7.00 (£5.00 for children) to include a glass of "champagne" (not for the children).

Film Night

"**Australia**" (12) will be shown at 7.30pm on Friday 15th May. Tickets are available from The Fireplace Shop for £5.00 in advance (£5.50 on the door).

Overton Choral Society (OCS)

The annual Come and Sing on Saturday 21st March was a great success. Singers from Bracknell, Guildford, Andover and Basingstoke Choral Societies joined us - as did members of Southern Voices. We were able to fulfil our promise to give younger singers the opportunity to sing. Once again, the Overton Sinfonia was excellent and our soloists performed skilfully and exuberantly.

Our thanks go to our Conductor, Paul Timms, for his professionalism and time: also to all those who provided food for all the performers (in fact, we had so much this year that the audience had a bite or two as well!) But, most of all, thank you to everyone who came, whether to sing, play or just listen: it was very much appreciated.

A reminder that our next venture is our annual contribution to the Winchester and County Music Festival in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 9th May. Our conductor will be Derek Beck and the soloists are Anne Dennis and Alex Ashwort. Tickets are available from Winchester Cathedral Box Office.

For more information about **OCS**, please contact **Lyn Hardy (397507)** or Email lyn_hardy@hotmail.com

Overton Garden Society (OGS)

Following a highly entertaining talk entitled **A Passion for Poppies** in April, our next meeting on Thursday 14th May is the first garden visit of the 2009 season - leaving the Community Centre at 6.15pm for Weir House, Alresford.

OGS will also be running a plant sale in the Community Centre forecourt on Saturday 23rd May from 9.00am to 12.00noon - come and buy to re-stock/start your garden!

From Greta Dixon - Chairman

Friends of Oakley and Overton Surgeries

This is a Group with Charitable Status to oversee the effective use of bequests made to the Oakley and Overton Practice for the benefit of the patients.

We will be holding our AGM in St Mary's Church Rooms at 8.00pm on Thursday 21st May.

All patients aged 18 and over, who are registered with the Oakley and Overton Practice, are invited to attend. Our guest speaker, Richard Waldram, will talk about **Sickness and Health in Overton 200 years ago**.

The Annual Accounts will be available for inspection at Oakley and Overton Surgeries from 14th May.

Nominations for membership of the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Chairman by 7th May and must be supported by at least 2 patients aged 18 and over.

Notice of any resolutions to be considered should be given to the Chairman by 7th May and must be tabled by no fewer than 10 patients aged 18 years and over.

For more information contact Colin Parker (Chairman) on **771038** or Sue Carter (Secretary) on **770681**

Overton Wine & Beer Circle

How about joining us for an evening with a few glasses of wine and a little supper? We are a friendly and informal bunch who like to experience different wines. We meet at 8.00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Overton Memorial Institute's Bush Room. Call Robin, our Chairman, on **770049** and he will give you more details.

From Sheila Locke

Overton Inter-street Tournament 2009

This year's event starts at 11.00am on Sunday 24th May at Overton Recreation Centre.

The format this year is: 5-a-side, with 5 - 8 players per team, aged 16 or over, £5.00 entry fee per player.

In addition, there will be a special Veterans' Game (aged 45 and over) - see Overton's golden oldies in action! And we are looking for a couple of Expatriates' Teams (former residents) to play each other!

Don't delay! Entry forms and rules from Phil Wheeler on **771241** or **07773 278789**

Beech Tree Care Home

We will be holding our annual Fete at 2.00pm on Saturday 30th May at the Home in Sprents Lane, Overton.

Testbourne School News

A Summer Ball is to be held on Saturday 6th June at 7.30pm at Testbourne Community School, to raise funds for the next school visit to Mityana. Over the last few years, the school has forged close links with an orphanage and a school in the Mityana district of Uganda and has already made a number of successful visits to this deprived area. If you would like to purchase a Summer Ball ticket, either contact Sarah Kinsey at school on **892061** or visit www.testbourne-mityana.co.uk

New Timetable Planned For June

This begins after May half-term, to give years 10 and 11 students a head start on their GCSE courses and to make the best use of this time of year for all other year groups.

Year 9 end of Key Stage 3 assessments

Although there are no official SATs exams this year, Year 9 students will be sitting end of Key Stage 3 tests in English, Maths and Science, to assess their progress.

From Teresa Reynolds - Governor

Overton Biodiversity Society (OBS)

Two guided walks

Join us on Sunday 7th June for a Late Spring walk round the woods and farmland of the Vyne Estate (National Trust) led by Peter Hutchins. Meet at 2.00pm in the National Trust Car park (off Morgaston Road, Sherborne St. John). Free of charge.

Closer to home, there is a circular evening walk on Wednesday 10th June with local RSPB members, also guided by Peter, taking in the Lynch, the Harrow Way, Court Drove and Silkmill Lane, followed by hot drinks and cakes in a Southington Lane garden. All very welcome. We will meet at 6.30pm on the bridge over the River Test in Southington Lane. Cost £1.00 (50p for OBS members). Parking available.

From Jane MacKenzie (771121)

Overton Dramatic Society (ODS)

We are now well into rehearsals for **The Full Monty** the musical - a tale of six men and their journeys to find financial reward, self-respect and the most unlikely friendships through planning a **Chippendales**' style strip routine at a local nightclub.

The show has a winning combination of fantastic musical numbers and moments when you won't know whether to laugh or cry.

Performances are at St Mary's Hall, from Tuesday 9th to Saturday 13th June, with curtain-up at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced at £6.50 (£5.50 concessions) are available from The Faraway Tree, High Street (**770333**)

From Jill Smith (770027)

Overton & District U3A

On Wednesday 18th March, Shira Neal came to speak about a **Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)** that has replaced the Enduring Power of Attorney (which is, however, still valid).

An LPA enables you to choose who you would like to manage your property, financial and general affairs should you become unable to manage them yourself - and gives the person the measure of power which you define.

There are safeguards because, before your Attorney can act, the LPA must be registered with the Court of Protection. Although it is recommended for all of us to draw up an LPA, it would rest in abeyance until we chose to bring it into play or when our mental health declined.

At our next meeting at 10.00am on Wednesday 20th May in St Mary's Hall, Lady Young will be speaking about her father, **the sculptor Oscar Nemon**.

These monthly meetings are free to members: for a small charge of £3.00 visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are available for everyone at 50p each.

For further information please contact **Diana Goodwin** on (**771855**) or Email dianaw@tesco.net

From Jacky Lessware

Overton Recreation Centre (ORC)

ORC congratulates these winners in the draw held on 8th April. The £1000 prize was won by Stuart Allen of Basingstoke, the £200 prize by Mrs S. Alder of Ludgershall and the three prizes of £100 by Stan Ennells and Mrs H. Stickland (both Overton) and Ms G Rowles of Whitchurch.

The application to develop our Berrydown ground is with B&DBC and a decision should be with us during June.

From Colin Parker (771038)

Overton Scarecrow Festival

(and Family Fun weekend) 17th - 19th July

**** See also separate Insert in this edition of ON&V ****

To play your part in this big community event, *get in contact:-*

- **Want to run a stall etc?...**
... Ady Gibbons on **771749**
 - **Want to know how to make a scarecrow?...**
... John/Alexa Mooney on **07787 750835**
 - **Want to be a helper?...**
... Mary Reid on **771256**
- or Denise McConnell on **07787 530677**

Come on - let's show what Overton can do!

Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB)

Andover CAB is expanding its service and will now be holding a weekly session in Whitchurch Town Hall each Tuesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. A Telephone Helpline is also open from Monday to Thursday weekly, during the same morning hours - and the website is www.AndoverCAB.org.uk

Overton Dental Practice

After months of building work and refurbishment to the premises at 6 Station Road, the practice anticipates being ready to open fully sometime during May. For more information phone **773357** or visit the website at www.overtondentalpractice.co.uk

Letters to the Editor

Please note that Letters submitted anonymously will not be considered, although names may occasionally be withheld at the discretion of the Editor, who reserves the right not to print articles without giving a reason

Wessex Cancer Appeal

A big thank you to all who supported the Table Top Sale on 28th March, to all who bought Raffle Tickets and to the Co-op for their help. As a result, **£228.35** was raised, with several local prize winners - congratulations to them.
From Corinne Cooke, Overton

Ladies' Night

A big thank you to all the lovely ladies who soaked up the wonderful atmosphere and enjoyed the cheese and wine evening on 3rd April, raising a massive **£800.00** for our local branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. We are planning another Ladies' Evening on 2nd October, with even more special treatments and attractions. More information will follow in a future edition of **ON&V**.
From Maggs Steward & Becci Larkham, Overton

St Mary's Graveyard

What a pity that plastic/silk flowers are placed on some graves and memorials. Silk flowers become faded and tatty with time and plastic flowers are very gaudy. Neither seems to me to be in keeping with our lovely churchyard. What is wrong with the real thing? Anyone else share my view on this?
From Elvina Parker, Overton

Can we have our "Village Square" back, please?

The recent installation of three new "high-tech" grey rubbish/recycling bins prompts me to ask which bright spark decided to put one on the High Street, the second *some distance away* on Winchester Street - and then to make the third a ?feature? by putting it slap-bang in the *middle* of the Community Centre's private forecourt? Once again the Overton majority is inconvenienced for the sake of the small littering minority. Remember Boxing Day, as the Mummers performed a bin-avoidance dance? Also, each bin is designed for a different type of recycling material - *and you can't see all three at one glance* - so, will habitual litterers now suddenly reform and take the trouble to locate the "appropriate" bin or bins? Answers on a postcard, please!
The only consolation? Those adult cyclists (you really should know better) who cut across the Community Centre forecourt now have to slow down a bit!
From V Meldrew, Overton

The Hampshire Food Festival 2009



Running from 1st - 31st July, this year's festival is packed with around 140 different events to be held at numerous venues across the county, celebrating Hampshire's fabulous food and drink.

Join farm, brewery and vineyard tours, workshops and master classes for both adults and children, cookery demonstrations by Hampshire chefs, special open days and farm visits, tasting events, Hampshire Farmers' Markets, local produce meals, walks, farm trails and more. Events run weekdays, evenings and weekends across Hampshire - there will be plenty of opportunities to eat, enjoy and buy!
Visiting "celebrity" chefs include The Hairy Bikers, Rose Elliot, Atul Kochhar and Valentina Harris.
The free Hampshire Food Festival programme also includes free prize draws to win a short break, a bespoke kitchen garden design, the opportunity to "Be a Brewer for the Day" plus special offers and savings throughout the whole month of July.
Sign up at www.hampshirefare.co.uk or call **0845 6035638** to receive a free Hampshire Food Festival programme in the post, or pick up a copy at Hampshire libraries and visitor information centres from mid-May, when all event details will also be at the web address.

The next (June 2009) edition of *Overton News & Views* will be published on Friday 29th May and will cover events taking place up to mid-July
The deadline for contributions is Saturday 16th May

Please send them to the Editor, Chris Penney, either by Email (with **WORD attachment, please**) to OvertonNewsViews@aol.com or typed to 7 Batten's Avenue, Overton, RG25 3NL

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