

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 meetings are held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the **second** Wednesday of each month. The next will be on 8th July.

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

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

The next will be on 28th July.

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

Planning matters: At the recent Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Horace Mitchell gave a very interesting presentation about the Local Development Framework. As well as explaining how the process worked, he attempted to set the minds of those present at rest regarding the possible development of 830 houses in Overton.

All future development within the parish will be based on "evidence" and, although it was likely that Overton would have some development over the next 20 years, this could be shaped by local people getting involved in the ongoing consultation process.

Please contact ldf@basingstoke.gov.uk or telephone the borough council on **845796** or **845750** to ensure your involvement. If you receive a Rural Survey, please complete it and return it to the borough council.

Overton Parish Council Planning Committee: Overton Parish Council would like to thank Maggie Atkins for all her work as chairman of the Planning Committee over the last (at least) 20 years. She has now stepped down as chairman and David Llewellyn has taken over, although Maggie continues to be on the committee.

Parish Council Accounts to 31.03.09: These have now been approved and can be viewed by members of the public from 6th - 31st July - please contact the Clerk.

Village Centre Parking: This will be the main agenda item for the parish council meeting on Wednesday 8th July. Come along, see the plans and have your say - Public Time will start at 7.00pm and will be extended beyond 7.30pm so that everyone can contribute.

Planning Applications

Agreed by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council:

BDB/70432 – erection of two storey side extension and single-storey rear extension at 56 Station Road

BDB/70325 – erection of 4 silos and replacement grain drier at agricultural grain store facility at land at the Granary, Coxford Down

BDB/70338 – erection of single storey extension to existing porch at 15 Woodlands

BDB/70064 – erection of dwelling and associated landscaping, access and parking and change of use of agricultural land to keeping horses at Berrydown Garage

Refused by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council:

BDB/70593 – Application for Certificate of Lawfulness to use land as domestic garden, Well House, Burley Lane.

Overton Scarecrow Festival 2009 (and Family Fun weekend) 17 - 19 July

..... Just a few more days to go now

**** Please see more detailed information on the back pages of this issue of ON&V ****

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

Police News - Beat Update

From PC3909 Richard Baldwin - Parish Beat Officer

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Email: richard.baldwin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The Overton Beat area extends to Polhampton Lodge (B3051) to the North, Ashe to the East, Freefolk to the West and Coxford Down (A303) to the South.

Not a great month, with 23 x reported crimes (19 of which occurred in Overton Village). We need to look back to December 2006 to find the last time we had so many reported crimes in any given month (24 in that month).

The most worrying developments were the 3 x Dwelling Burglaries and the 9 x reports of criminal damage.

The Village also suffered 3 x serious public disorder incidents which I'm pleased to say have led to a number of arrests. However, normal service has resumed ...

... as of 18th June, we've had only 3 x reported crimes.

Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Licensing

Committee met recently and voted in favour on

Overton's DPPO application. The licensing team were able to view evidence of much support from concerned Overton residents, including the support on the night of Councillor Ian Tilbury.

The DPPO application now needs to be agreed by the Full Council and then we're nearly there, apart from a "Public notice" period and the erecting of signs.

The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (CJPA) gave local authorities the power to designate public areas through the introduction of a DPPO where it is an offence to drink alcohol after being required by a police officer not to do so. The police have the power to require individuals to surrender the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers - and, if they fail to comply with the request, they can be arrested. The powers - which replaced the old drinking byelaws - were introduced to help the police deal with the problems of anti-social drinking in the public space. DPPOs make it easier for local authorities to designate places where restrictions on public drinking will apply and can be used in areas that have experienced alcohol-related disorder or nuisance.

Next Police Surgery

This will be on Monday 13th July from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm in the Parish Office at St Mary's Hall.

Rural Mobile Police Office

This visits Overton Community Centre car park every Tuesday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, with Station Enquiry Officer Stewart Packham on board.

For all non-emergency calls you can now call 101

Remember - in the event of an Emergency - Call 999

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 16th July at Portals Sports and Social Club. Public Time will be from 8.00pm to 8.15pm, with the Parish Council Meeting starting at 8.15pm. An update on Freefolk and Laverstoke Village Hall and Portals Sports and Social Club is on the agenda at the meeting.

Everyone is welcome.

Rachel Abbott, Clerk to the Council,
Email laverstoke.clerk@btinternet.com

Overton Recreation Centre (ORC)

ORC congratulates the winners in the draw held on Friday 12th June. £1000 was won by Ken MacKenzie, £200 by Mrs Eve Rowswell and £100 each by Derek Mirfin, Michael Morris (all of Overton) and Adrian Stevens of Basingstoke.

The next Management Committee meeting will be on Monday 6th July and the Draw on Friday 10th July, both at ORC's Bridge Street Pavilion.

From Colin Parker (771038)

Overton Dramatic Society (ODS)

"Some might think that attempting **The Full Monty** - which had been such a colossal cinematic hit - would be rather ambitious for a village. Nevertheless, Overton Dramatic Society not only met - but exceeded - this challenge!" says Meg Green. The show was a sell-out two weeks before the planned opening night and the society played to packed audiences every night from Monday 8th (normally the dress rehearsal, but opened to an audience by popular demand) to Saturday 13th June, creating an electrifying atmosphere from the start right through to the glorious finale number *Let it Go* - and all the actors and each audience had great fun.

Our next show, Cinderella, a traditional pantomime, will run from 24th - 28th November: if you would like to be involved, the last audition is Tuesday 7th July at the ORC in Bridge Street at 7.45pm *From Jill Smith (770027)*

Overton C of E Primary School

Our school and staff continue to be highly regarded both by Hampshire Education Authority and nationally. Overton has recently hosted a meeting of Head and Deputy Head Teachers who came to look at our curriculum and how this is making a positive impact on children's learning. Mrs Wyeth has been to London for the "Review of the Primary Curriculum", where she was approached by QCA (the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority). They too are very interested in our innovative curriculum design and its outcomes for all children. In addition, Mrs Wyeth and Mrs Brooks are working with a school that is struggling within the County.

The children have enjoyed participating in Speedmark, a sponsored event from which half the proceeds will go towards sports equipment for our school. This involved the children kicking at goal with electronics picking up the speed of their shots. All children took part and enjoyed the experience.

We opened the school to parents at the end of a very busy and successful Arts Week, where all children worked in mixed age groups on various art projects based on the theme of "Our School". Each class also made a scarecrow for the festival in July. Watch out for the photographs on our website.

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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 picture: Ready for Overton Scarecrow Festival !

Swimming has recommenced in school with all children enjoying two sessions a week. We look forward to them being able to take part in the gala scheduled for 9th July as well as Sports Day on 17th July and hope for good weather for both events.

We are looking forward to an exciting end to the year with a production of The Lion King by our Year 6 children, ably supported by Year 5. This will mark the end of their journey through Overton Primary and we wish them every success for the future.

From Debbie Dennison - Parent Governor

St Mary's Hall Overton

Film Night: Young Victoria (PG) will be shown at 7.30pm on Friday 17th July. Tickets from The Fireplace Shop for £5.00 in advance (or £5.50 on the door).

Overton Playgroup Pre-School

We raised an amazing £1,585 at our sponsored treasure hunt and would like to thank the children, their families and friends for the continued and generous support.

If you have a child due to start Playgroup in September, please call Amanda ASAP on **770370** to register them as spaces are being filled quickly. *From Anouska Colledge*

Overton Garden Society (OGS)

Our next two events are visits to Spring Pond on Thursday 9th July (see June ON&V for full details) and Bere Mill, Whitchurch on Thursday 13th August.

The OGS Plant Sale on 23rd May raised £207.00 Thank you to all who helped, contributed and/or bought plants.

The Open Gardens evening on 11th June was a most enjoyable "mystery" tour of gardens in Overton, followed by a delightful buffet. Thank you to all who made their gardens available - and to Marion Lambert who organised the evening. *From Bob Gardner, Chairman*

Little Tots Nursery Summer Fayre

This will be held in St Mary's Hall on Saturday 11th July from 10.00am - 1.00 pm. Come along during your Saturday morning shopping to peruse some great trade and craft stalls. You will also find a tombola, book stall, refreshments, game stalls and a fantastic raffle among other things. 50p entry fee, children under 12 free. All Proceeds to Little Tots Nursery, Bridge Street.

From Debbie Cowley

St Mary's Church Fête

A reminder (see June ON&V for full details) that this is the place to be on Saturday 11th July from 1.00pm - 4.00pm in the Old Rectory Garden, Bridge Street. Admission is £1.00 for adults, 50p for children or £2.50 for families. *From George Lihou*

Your Introduction to Bowls

Old Person's game - or a Sport for All? Come along to Oakley Bowls Club on our picturesque Green on the Malshanger Estate, from 6.00pm on Thursday 16th July and decide for yourself.

We already have several members from Overton. Try a few "ends" - then adjourn to the Clubhouse for a drink and to learn more about this fascinating game. You can check us out on www.oakleybc.co.uk



The Great Overton Duck Race



On Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August, it's happening again, including the popular "Race Your Own Duck".

Lots of attractions are already booked - face-painting, BBQ, ice creams, licensed bar, tea/coffee & cake stall, tombola, hand-made jewellery. There are still some stall spaces available - if you would like to book one, (they are just £10) please contact Maggs Steward on **771457**

Ducks will be on sale soon - look out for the "Quackers" table at the Overton Scarecrow Festival where you can also register your much loved duck to compete in the "Race Your Own Duck" event

Berehill House / Wessex Lodge

We are holding our annual fête on Saturday 1st August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Lots going on including Entertainment, Raffles, Auction, Tombola, Massages, Belly Dancers and much more. Please pop along and join us - at Jobson Close, Newbury Road, Whitchurch - and support our Residents who are from the surrounding areas.

From Joanmarie Mas

Overton Folk Club

Although many folk clubs close down for the summer, our evenings at the Red Lion are proving so popular that we are going to carry on - and will be having a sing-around from 8.00pm on Wednesday 5th August. All are welcome. We have also been asked to host a "Folk Corner" during **The Overton Scarecrow Festival** - so please come and join us in a few songs on Saturday 18th July!

From Tom Hanley

End - to - End

On 12th August, Will Doel, Nick Simpson and Rob Farmer will be attempting to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End, to raise money for Cancer Research UK, Naomi House and ASBAH. Will and Nick both live in the village, work at Overton Mill and spend their spare time on call as Retained Fire-fighters. Rob is in his GCSE year at school and looking to get a place at college.

If you would like to show your support, please log onto www.end-2-end.co.uk where you will find information about the event, contact details and links to our route, blog and web gallery. You can also use our site to donate directly - if you are a UK Taxpayer, please tick the *Gift Aid* box and enable the charities reclaim 28p for every £1 donated. We also have two sponsorship forms - either with Mike and Teresa at the Honey Pot or Peter at the Fireplace Shop.

St Mary's Church Holiday Club

Hooray, it's summer - which means the **Showstoppers! Holiday Club** is coming once again !! It's for children from five to nine years old who are welcome to join us at St Mary's Church Rooms from Wednesday 26th until Friday 28th August, from 9.30am - 12.00noon each day. It will be packed with creative teaching, games, songs and craft ideas - and will be great fun. The cost per child per morning will be £ 2.50 There will be limited places - so, if you are interested in coming to the Club, please let me know on **770672** or by Email to mariansweet@hotmail.co.uk

Tiddlers Toddler Group - Summer Opening Times

If you have a child aged 0 to pre-schooler, come along to our friendly Wednesday morning sessions from 9.30am-12.30pm at Freefolk and Laverstoke Village Hall (second right turn after the hump-backed bridge in Laverstoke). We are open **every** Wednesday - including through the summer holidays. The £1.50 cost includes a craft activity and fresh fruit/drinks. For more information call Mindy on **773337** or just come along.

Overton Harriers & Athletic Club

An advance date for your diaries.... The Club will be holding its 21st "**Overton 5**" mile road race and 2½ mile Fun Run on the usual course round the village on Saturday 5th September, starting at 3.00pm from the Bridge Street Recreation Centre. More details in the August edition of **ON&V** - or you can ring **770348** or visit our website at www.overtonharriers.org.uk for information and/or an entry form now.

100 years of Guiding!

On Saturday 5th September, we are having a party in the local area, to celebrate this great achievement.

If you are an ex-leader and would like to join us, please contact me on **771116** or you can Email me at Karen.Elliott@gmail.com

Overton Biodiversity Society (OBS)

Calling all wild-life photographers! Take a good photograph of any animal, bird, insect, reptile, plant or tree in its natural habitat within 10 miles of Overton and you could be a winner in the **OBS** photo competition - with prizes kindly sponsored by the Overton Co-op. There are three classes: Adults / 10 - 18 years / under 10 years. Up to three photos (no wild-life park photos, no hippos, no elephants, no pets!) can be submitted and the entrance fee is £1 per photo.

A combined application form and mounting sheet is available from either The Fireplace Shop or The Traidcraft Stall in the Methodist Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month. Return mounted photos to either shop by 18th February 2010 for judging and an exhibition at the next **OBS** AGM.

You don't have to be a member of **OBS**, but membership is only £1 per year so why not come to our next meeting and see what we are doing for the local flora and fauna? Get snapping.....!

From Ken Towell

Overton Library

Quest Seekers, the summer reading scheme, starts here on Tuesday 14th July. It's a fantasy challenge, and its website is interactive, so do look at www.questseekers.org.uk

A puppet show called Burglar Bill will be held here on Thursday 30th July, at 2.30pm. Admission is free but tickets must be booked in advance, please, so we know how many to expect!

From Chris Vane, Library Supervisor

Overton Photographic Club

We will be running a photographic competition for the best picture taken over the weekend of **The Overton Scarecrow Festival**. This will be an on-line, no entry fee, with prizes. For over-16s this will be a one-year's subscription to our club and for under-16s it will be a £30 gift token. Full details are on our website www.overtonphotographicclub.org.uk



Hospital site returned to allotments

Plans to build a new wildlife hospital and education centre in Overton have been dealt a bitter blow as **HART Wildlife Rescue** has heard its intended development site has been returned to allotment use. The land in Kingsclere Road, owned by De La Rue, was to be used to provide a much needed new home for the charity which was started in 1996 by Bob and June Gibbs. Following the lapse of planning permission in March 2008, an agreement in principle with the former chief executive for a 40 year lease had been confirmed. However, on making enquiries after seeing the site returned to its former use, the charity has heard that allotment holders will be staying put.

Trustee John Hodge says "We have been working so hard in recent months to revise the building plans into something more achievable and were nearing submission of a revised planning application, so this news is especially painful. Clearly we not only understand - but fully support - the desire of local people to grow their own produce on the site, but it does mean we have to go back to the drawing board in terms of finding a proper base for a wildlife hospital that Hampshire needs so desperately.

The arrival of spring has led to the existing facilities at Dellands already being full, which emphasises the need to secure a permanent and sustainable home for the future. This will not only enable the charity to meet all the wildlife demands but also expand the vitally important educational and community facets of the organisation."

Over the past year funds have continued to grow, and the charity will shortly receive a substantial boost when a new shop in Andover opens. There is also a fantastic group of volunteers and supporters who continue to help in all aspects of **HART's** operations so in many ways: the charity has never been in a stronger position to succeed. John added "We would be delighted to hear from anyone who knows of a potential site for our project. Ideally we need about an acre, with electrical and water supplies available. We can consider a conversion of an existing building as an alternative."

If you have any information on a potential site, please contact Bob Gibbs on **770438** or help@hartwildlife.fsnet.co.uk or John Hodge on 771232 or hodgeriba@aol.com

HART Wildlife Rescue, 16 Dellands, Overton, Basingstoke, RG25 3LB 770438. Registered Charity Number: 1066760 www.hartwildlife.org.uk

Testbourne School News

Our Year 11 students have completed their examinations and celebrated at the Leavers' Ball. Pupils and staff have put in many extra hours to prepare for the exams and we hope their efforts will be well rewarded when results are published on 27th August.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year Seven pupils for an induction day early in July, to help them get to know their new school and feel confident and comfortable about making the move to Testbourne. Year Fives will join us for an Arts Day this term - based on the theme of Brazil. It promises to be a lively and enjoyable day.

Open Morning for Year Five Parents: We have decided to hold an Open Morning on Friday 10th July to help accommodate parents of Year Five pupils who are thinking about their choice of secondary school and from whom we have already received a number of enquiries.

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If you would be interested in joining one of the tours that day, please contact our school reception to book a time.

Students Display Artistic Talents for Good Causes:

Our Year 10 and 11 Dancers put on a great show in June at the Marlands Centre in Southampton. They were supporting the charity **Kids**, who work for children with disabilities and were running a special fund-raising event in the town. The link came about after the School Council selected **Kids** as their chosen charity earlier in the year.

Art of a different kind was on display during our Gifted and Talented Artists' Day in June. A group of our talented artists spent the day creating an entry for a competition on the theme of endangered species, organised by the Muscular Dystrophy Society. There were some excellent pieces of work which will be on display during our Arts Festival in July. Have a look on our website for details - www.testbourne.sch.hants.uk

Vacancies and Appointments: We are planning staffing for September and may be in need of a Learning Support Assistant. Please contact Mary Payne (previously Soper) at school if you may be interested on **892061** or by Email at mary.soper@testbourne.hants.sch.uk

We have recently appointed a Family Support Worker for a few hours each week. This is a joint appointment with our feeder primary schools as part of the Extended Schools Programme. Nicky Ayres will be taking up the post this term to help build school and family links.

And A Big Thank You: We have been really touched by the response to our appeal for plants and/or help with our new allotment project. Several members of the community have arrived with an array of surplus plants – climbing beans, courgettes, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes and more. Our new Year 10s have been busy clearing and planting, with guidance from a volunteer mentor. Thank you so much. We look forward to bringing you a report on their progress - pupils and plants - next time.

From Hilary Jackson, Headteacher

Is your heating oil-fired?

If so, you may be interested to know that we have an Oil Group in the area. All are most welcome to join and it works like this:- I send out an Email four times a year (roughly February, May, September, November) asking if you want oil, if so how much and an estimate of the price per litre. Members Email back to me – and, after 10 days, I phone around oil companies to get a price based on the **total** oil required and how many houses it has to go to.

I Email you all again telling you who I have ordered with and when deliveries are expected to start and finish. Deliveries will take up to 3 weeks from the date of order as we are now a large group of potentially 180 houses!

The minimum delivery is 500 litres and all payments are to the oil company, not me. The whole idea is to get a good price and I estimate I am getting at least 15% less than you would get for a standard 2000 litre order. The last price in early May was 29p/litre.

If you want to join, or have any questions, please Email me at tony.fabian@tiscali.co.uk with your address, postcode and phone number and you will be added to the list. If you are not on Email, ring me on **397470**

From Tony Fabian

ON&V Distributor - vacancy

Please can you help by sparing half-an-hour or so at the end of each month to deliver approx 50 copies in Mede Close and Pound Road, starting with the August issue on 31st July? If so, please contact the Editor. Thank you.

Letters to the Editor

Spring Bank Holiday Charity Cycle Ride to Cornwall

I'm pleased to report that we did it! We cycled from Overton to Watergate Bay, Cornwall, between 22nd and 26th May, for Cancer Research (see Letters, June **ON&V**). I set off feeling slightly nervous at the thought of cycling 231 miles, but we were quite lucky with the weather each day - and had only three punctures and no injuries. Sunday was hardest as we had lots of hills and it was the hottest day. On Monday we were very tired but excited about nearing the finish - and riding onto the beach and running into the sea on Tuesday was the best part and then we had great fun in Cornwall for the rest of the week. The ride was much harder than I had expected but is something I'll never forget

I would like to thank: everyone for their sponsorship and support: Granddad and the Mums for making sure we were safe: most of all Dad, Mac, Jim, Archie, Lewis and Freddie for making it fun!

We are still collecting sponsorship and I should know the total for the next edition of **ON&V** but it will be more than I had originally hoped!

From Amber Phillips

Rubber Bands and wildlife: At **HART** we have seen terrible injuries caused by discarded rubber bands. We were presented with a hedgehog that had got one around its neck when quite small. As it grew, the band stretched to its limit and then cut into the throat of the poor hedgehog causing it to suffer a slow strangulation. We were able to save this one, but others - and birds - have been less fortunate.

From June Gibbs

(Thank you June, and Jean Parsons of Overton, who also wrote in. If you see a band on the ground, you might now choose to pick it up. Editor.)

Dog fouling - again. Further to the articles in the May and June editions of **ON&V**, I would now like to thank the "kind" person who let their dog leave its calling card on the bottom of our drive early on 10th June. The amount left was obviously not from a small dog - if only it had left its address, I would have returned to sender.

From Angry (Name & Address supplied) Overton

Overton Post Office. In mid-June, a valued member of our community bought to my attention a post placed on the Overton Village website Forum, regarding our Post Office staff. I was shocked and angry when I read the personal attack directed at me and my colleagues. I do not know what provoked this onslaught, but surely a direct approach to me would have been better - or even a phone call to discuss any problems?

Our community is very important to us all and since this incident we have received widespread support from our equally shocked customers. To this end, I would thank you all and guarantee this will not affect the service we at the Post Office give our valued customers.

From Jenny Hobson, Overton Post Office Supervisor

Christian Aid Week: We wish to thank everyone who responded so generously to the "Red Envelope" that was posted through your letterboxes. You donated a total of £3,646, including £445 in Gift Aid credits.

Christian Aid take a three-pronged approach to poverty - funding long-term development work, responding to emergencies and challenging unjust systems that keep people poor. They help people of all faiths - and none - and work directly with local organisations.

For more information visit www.christianaid.org.uk

From Brian & Margaret Wheeler

Teddy Bears Wanted - Dead or Alive...! any size, any condition - for Bear Hunt at the Church Fête on 11th July. Please contact me on **770207** or place them in **The Bear Bin** outside our back gate on the corner of Silk Mill Lane/Court Drove. Thank you. *From Sue Smale*

Highways & Transport News

From Brian Langer

Highways

Traffic lights junction:

Work in connection with the provision of a pedestrian phase is expected to take place in August - hopefully over just one or maybe two Sundays - and will be weather dependant. The latest information is that the engineers will try to do the work with **only Kingsclere Road** having to be closed; that in itself will cause problems enough with Hilltop Road, Station Road and Approach, Silk Mill Lane, Court Drove, Church Road and Southington Lane all suffering extra traffic.

A meeting with HCC is taking place in early July at which it is hoped the final plans will be made known.

Village 30 speed limit initiative:

The Public Notice advising of the introduction of the extended area covered by 30 mph signs was published in the Basingstoke Gazette on 11th June; the "start date" quoted was 15th June - several weeks after the signs were erected.

This could be relevant if anyone has had a "brush with speed enforcers" prior to this date.

Some parishioners have commented on the absence of repeater signs stating 30mph; these are required only where there are no street lights, eg Silk Mill Lane, because street lighting implies a 30mph zone is in operation unless signed to the contrary.

Woodlands & Lion Close - pavement surface dressing:

After initial patching of bad areas, HCC will be surface-dressing in the near future those pavements considered to be public highway/adopted in these roads.

Advertising events on road sides:

A reminder that this needs permission from the Local Highways Engineer (contact **0845 603 5633**) on behalf of the highways authority.

The officer covering Overton is generally content to allow them, provided they are not erected far in advance of the event - and that they are taken down **immediately** after the event has taken place.

Miscellaneous:

HCC has been asked to:

- strim and dig out the narrow pavement alongside the B3400, west of Southington Close
- repaint the faded yellow lines in Waltham Road and Batten's Avenue
- strim long grass at some junctions to improve sight lines.

Transport

Village service - 74 (Burghfield Mini Coaches):

Despite information from Burghfield MiniCoaches' own drivers that they have been given notice, Hampshire County Council (who pay for the service) tell me that, as of 19th June, the company has not given them notice terminating their contract to provide the village bus service.

Any updates prior to August's **ON&V** will be given to the local press and displayed on the village notice boards.



Hampshire County Council

No Cold-Calling Zones

Another initiative in our fight against doorstep crime is No Cold-Calling Zones. So far we have set up 51 of these across the county and more are in progress. Part-funded by Hampshire Constabulary, the project is also supported by District, Borough, Town and Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Watch, to make residents feel safer in their own homes. The aims are to deter all types of bogus callers from approaching people living in the zones and give residents the confidence to say "No" to cold-callers who seek business at their doorstep.

In general, zones are suggested where we have police and trading standards intelligence, but we will also consider requests for zones. Before setting up a zone, residents in the proposed area are visited and given a special No Cold-Calling Zone pack containing general consumer and safety advice. Also included is a Buy With Confidence directory of approved traders and a door sticker telling cold-callers they are not welcome. A zone is set up only if it is supported by residents. Signs are then erected to identify the zones and residents are advised to report any future suspicious cold-calling activity.

No Cold-Calling Zones have proved to be a success across the county. Since the introduction of a zone in their area:

- 83% of residents felt safer living within a NCCZ
- 74% of residents felt more confident when dealing with cold-callers.

Significantly, the campaign is welcomed by many legitimate companies who feel their business is suffering due to the poor workmanship, overcharging and other sharp practices being employed by disreputable and unqualified people.

It should be noted that currently it is **not** illegal to cold-call - not even in designated No Cold-Calling Zones. Utilities staff (electric, water and gas), councillors and MPs canvassing for election purposes, charity collectors, market researchers and religious groups are some of the legitimate callers who might still knock on your door without an appointment.

For further information please contact:

No Cold-Calling Zones, Hampshire County Council
Trading Standards Service, Montgomery House, Monarch Way, Winchester, SO22 5PW Telephone: **01962 833620**

Email: nccz@hants.gov.uk

Website: www.hants.gov.uk/nocoldcalling

New Mayor for Basingstoke & Deane

Cllr Brian Gurden was appointed Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane during the Mayor-making ceremony, held at the council's Civic Offices on Thursday 14th May. His wife Eleanor Gurden will be his Mayoress.

As an active local councillor elected in 1987 to represent Kings Furlong and then, following a time away from Basingstoke, elected again in 1994 to represent Brighton Hill, Cllr Gurden has held various senior positions in the council, including that of Leader and Deputy Leader.

Cllr Gurden has spent much of his working life in education, enjoys gardening and attending concerts with his wife Eleanor and they are both looking forward to becoming grandparents for the first time very soon.

Cllr Gurden's focus for the year will be business, community and young people and the charities he has chosen are Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance, Wessex Cancer Trust and Young People's Information. He has also decided to make available two special fund raising events during the year to raise money exclusively for Naomi House in view of their special circumstances.

The Mayor Cllr Gurden said: "As Mayor I intend to embark on modernising the mayoral role and traditions reaching out to more people young and old and in between in our borough. I will also provide networking opportunities for leaders of all our faiths and to champion the needs of the disabled."

The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for 2009/10 are Cllr Philip Heath and Cllr Christine Heath.

New hot composter that's easy to digest!

Don't let the remains of last night's dinner go to waste - it's time to get composting!

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is encouraging residents in the borough to do their bit for the environment and invest in a Green Johanna hot composter.

Following the success of the Green Cone food digester offer last year, the council has again teamed up with Green Cone Ltd to repeat the Green Cone offer - and, new for 2009, offer residents the opportunity to get their hands on a Green Johanna hot composter for just £25 - a saving of up to £75!

Green Cones are available for residents to buy at a cost of £15 by calling **0800 731 2572** or £14 by logging onto www.greencone.com

Green Johannas are available for residents to buy at a cost of £25 by calling **0800 731 2572** or by logging onto www.greencone.com

The offer is limited to a maximum of one Green Cone and one Green Johanna per household.

... Your Next ON&V ...

Friday 31st July is the publication date for the August 2009 edition of *Overton News & Views* which will cover Overton events taking place up to mid-September. Please send contributions **no later than the final deadline of Thursday 16th July** to the Editor, Chris Penney, preferably as an Email with **WORD attachment** to OvertonNewsViews@aol.com or as a **typed article** to 7 Batten's Avenue, Overton, RG25 3NL. **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.**

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OVERTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN WEEKEND 17-19 JULY 2009

**Don't let this be just Overton's secret
- invite family, friends and workmates.**

Scarecrows should be displayed from Thursday 9 July. Prizes for the best, funniest, business, adult and children's Scarecrows. Judges will view Scarecrows in their positions – or you can bring them to ORC Bridge Street on Sunday afternoon.

Need help with making your Scarecrow? Come to the Scarecrow Making Workshop at ORC Bridge Street on Saturday 11 July (9:30am – 12:30pm). Want to buy a Scarecrow? Place your order now! Contact Denise McConnell **770434 / 07787 530677**

Scarecrow Trail: Follow the clues around the village, solve the riddles, find the mystery word.

Trail Sheets from the Fireplace Shop from 1 July: Adults £1, Children 50p.

Other contact details: Steve Williams **07966 921584**, Mary Reid **771265**, Adrian Gibbons (stalls) **771749**.

**Raising funds for Sport and Recreation
in the Community.**



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**The weekend starts here – Friday 17 July at
7.30pm from Pound Road**

The Fabulous Wheelbarrow Race returns after the first event nearly 40 years ago!

Two-person teams (entry £10 per person).
Completing the course by visiting local 'watering' places on the way.

Some entry forms still available – but be quick.
Ring Colin on **771127**.

**Come on Overton – be there to cheer the
teams on.**

Prizes for winners, best fancy dress and those best supporting the community.



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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - noon to 5.00pm

It's all happening at Overton Recreation Centre Bridge Street. Something for everyone!

Some of what's lined up:

- Fun Events: Wheelie Bin Derby – pick the winning bin. Inter-street It's a Knock Out events. Children's rides and attractions.
- Balloon Race - £1 a ticket (win a fabulous Portuguese Villa Holiday, swimming pool etc), Wang the Wellie, Crazy Golf.
- Stone the Crows! Wet sponges at village dignitaries. Get your own back! Or ask Dad to go in the stocks!
- Birds of Prey, Maypole and Sword Dancing, Overton Mummers, Fire Service, Classic Cars.
- Craft and other stalls – get yourself a bargain.
- Hog Roast, Barbecue, Cream Teas, Refreshments
- And don't forget Sunday Community Service at 11.30am (not 10.30am)

Admission by Lucky Programme (£1): covers both days. Children free. On sale: The Fireplace Shop, The Men's Room, Overton Deli and other local stores.



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Enjoy live music and entertainment over the weekend

- Friday 17 July **Scarecrow Rocks I**
at St Luke's Hall 8.00pm – 11.30pm
 - Acoustix
 - Nina McCann
 - DJ Codge and DJ Jeff
 - Saturday 18 July **Scarecrow Rocks II**
at ORC Pavilion, Bridge Street 7.30pm – 11.30pm
 - The Fortunate
 - Bullit
 - The Cookie Monsters
 - Skidmarx
- Book early to avoid disappointment - Advance tickets for both events £5 each (£6 on night) from Fireplace Shop, other local shops and Colin (**771127**)
- Saturday afternoon 18 July **Folk Corner**
at ORC Arena Bridge Street

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VISITORS - COME AND ENJOY OUR VILLAGE

We want to encourage visitors to admire our Scarecrows, support local businesses and visit the ORC arena at Bridge Street. Please ensure visitors use one of the car parks at:

London Road and opposite Southington Lodge (a nominal fee applies) and free, unsupervised at Sapley Lane Playing Field.