



Overton Parish Council Notes

From Laura Harley - Parish Clerk

Details of the meetings of Overton Parish Council and of Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council are shown in the Village Diary Section on Page 2

*** Reminder: July's OPC meeting is on Wednesday 14th July ***

Planning Applications

Agreed by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council:

BDB/72137 - erection of single detached garage at 11 The Green

BDB/72368 - erection of first floor extension at 14 Poulton's Road

Edward Kersley Playing Field

Following the incineration of the toddler slide, the parish council is working as fast as possible to replace this item of equipment. However, even if it was ordered today, it would take six to eight weeks to have it installed. Please note that dogs are not allowed in Edward Kersley Playing Field - if you have a dog please use the alternative route along the alleyway linking Poyntz Road and Red Lion Lane.

And on the subject of dogs...

The parish council has once again received complaints regarding people allowing dogs to foul footpath 5 between the Kingsclere Road and the Primary School. A great number of children use this path to walk to school and it is most unpleasant for them to encounter, and step in, piles of poo. Please pick up after your dog - there are bins at each end of the path.

Grant applications

Overton Parish Council has some money available to give as grants to clubs and societies in the village. So far, only two applications have been received - from *Overton Museum Project* and *Overton Harriers*. The application form is simple to complete and available either from www.overtonvillage.com or from me.

Display board

The parish council intends to purchase a display board which can be used by the *Overton Museum Project* - as well as other clubs and societies within the village. Please contact me if you would like to borrow the board.

Update on status of Footpath 4 (Flashetts footpath)

On 26th May, HCC's *Regulatory Committee A* recommended that footpath 4 should become a bridleway. This could take up to a year to formalise as there will be further consultation.

If you are interested in reading the committee report please go to www.hants.gov.uk and choose "Your Council" from the menu on the left hand side, then "Reports, minutes of meetings and records of decisions". Finally select the meeting from the calendar.

St Luke's Hall - Closure For Refurbishment 7.30am Monday 5th July - 7.30am Monday 6th September

Further to the article on page 4 of June ON&V please remember that the whole of the forecourt/carpark, the garden and the hall buildings will be completely closed as a designated Building Site under the authority of Feltham Construction Ltd during this nine-week period. Apologies for any inconvenience - The Trustees



Overton Business Association A Special Feature

Website: www.overtonbusiness.com

Overton Business Association (OBA)

is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year.

It was started by local business owners with the aim of offering mutual support, marketing their services to the people of Overton as well as contributing to local community life. We now have a wide variety of 62 member businesses including shops, restaurants, computer services, builders and property maintenance, gardening services, window cleaner and graphic designer - all of which and many more can be found on our website (see above).

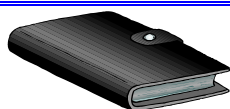
Over the last 10 years the OBA has provided regular opportunities for members to network, discuss relevant business issues and receive and offer support in its friendly and open meetings. Among the issues which have been actively spearheaded by the OBA on behalf of its members are the drive to get broadband internet access for Overton, the campaign to keep the RG25 postcode and the Overton Plastic Bag Free campaign, which received national press coverage and has made the cotton shopping bag a must-have accessory in the village. We are regularly approached by Overton Parish Council and other groups to gauge the opinion of our members and act as a voice for local business interest. Alongside these activities, we have created an attractive website (see above) on which customers can easily find their local retail and non-retail services and find out about current news, events and offers. We also publish the *OBA Directory*, a colourful booklet listing all the OBA member businesses, which is hand-delivered door-to-door throughout Overton and surrounding area, as well as being available to pick up from local shops - the next issue is due early in 2011.

The OBA also aims to put something back into Overton to say thank you for the support which businesses receive from the local community. Each year OBA members pay for, and OBA volunteers put up, the Christmas trees and lights which decorate the houses on the High Street and Winchester Street. The OBA also organises a Christmas Late Night Shopping evening with Father Christmas and his helpers, fairground rides and hot food, whilst many shops offer a glass of wine and a mince pie. This year's 10th birthday celebration event promises something slightly different!

Through its annual *Community and Enabling Awards* the OBA gives a cheque each year to one individual who has contributed significantly to village life and another to a voluntary group's funds for a specific village project.

OBA membership is open to all businesses with an address within the parish of Overton.

We meet bi-monthly on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at The Honey Pot on Winchester Street: our next two meetings are on 6th July and 7th September. If you would like to join the OBA or would like further information please *contact our Chairman, John Ross, on 773140, Email him at uwljr@aol.com or visit our website at www.overtonbusiness.com*



Overton Village Diary of Events due to take place between 16th July & 15th August

During July and August many of Overton's Clubs and Societies take a summer break. Most will be back in action from Monday 6th September onwards and the Overton Village Diary section in August's ON&V will cover events taking place between Monday 16th August & Wednesday 15th September.

***Every Tuesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm**
The Rural Mobile Police Office visits Overton Community Centre Forecourt, with Station Enquiry Officer Stewart Packham.

***Every Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am to 12.00 noon** except for Wednesday 15th July (staff training)
The Parish Council Information Office is open to the public in St Mary's Hall (right-hand set of double green doors) with Parish Clerk Laura Harley in attendance. Planning Applications are available to view here.

Friday 16th July
***12.00noon is the Deadline** for the August edition of ON&V. Please send contributions (including dates of events for the Village Diary section that are due to take place between 16th August and 15th September) to The Editor, Chris Penney, either by *Email* with a WORD attachment to OvertonNewsViews@aol.com or *Typed* to 7 Batten's Avenue, Overton RG25 3NL

***Moviola Film Night: Up In The Air (15)** Doors open from 7.00pm for 7.30pm screening in St Mary's Hall. Bar - snacks and beverages for sale before the film and during interval. This comedy / drama / romance stars George Clooney (need I say more?! *LH*) plus great male and female support cast. Advance Tickets £5.00 from Overton Fireplaces (£5.50 on door)

Sunday 18th July
***Celebrating Overton - A Special Service:** 11.00am in St Mary's Church to celebrate and give thanks to God for all the people who contribute to making Overton the great place that it is. We hope the church will be filled with members of the various village organisations (uniformed and otherwise) businesses and activities.

***The Big Lunch:** Following the service we invite everyone to come and enjoy a picnic lunch across the road at the Recreation Ground by kind permission of ORC. Bring your own lunch and drinks. July 18th happens to be the National Big Lunch Day when the whole country is invited to have lunch with their neighbours - in streets, parks, gardens, car parks... The best part of a million people did it last year and loved it. This is the second national annual event and the organisers hope it will " help to put a smile back on Britain's face ". *Ian Smale*
 More information is available at www.thebiglunch.com

Tuesday 27th July
***Overton Parish Council Planning Meeting:** 7.30pm on 4th Tuesday of every month in The Community Centre.

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 Noticeboard (next to Overton Pharmacy).

***Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council Meeting:** In Freefolk & Laverstoke Village Hall. Public time is 8.00pm to 8.15pm when the Council meeting starts. An update on Portals Sports & Social Club is on the agenda. All are welcome.

Overton Village Diary continues in next column

Thursday 29th July

***Publication Date of August edition of ON&V.** A printed copy will be delivered by volunteer distributors to every property in Overton Parish within the next week or so. Additional copies are available from The Co-op (in the rack below their notice boards), The Library, Parnell Jordy & Harvey, The Doctors' Surgery and at www.OvertonVillage.com (click on "Parish Council" first).

This month's cover picture: July - Scorchio!

Saturday 31st July

***Overton Biodiversity Society:** Join us for an all-day trip over the border to Berkshire to explore some of the wildlife sites at Thatcham Discovery Centre and Bowdown Wood. Children are very welcome but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For further details and to book a place, *please phone Jane or Ken MacKenzie on 771121* New members are also very welcome - membership is £1.00 per year.

***Transport Forum:** 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Community Centre (see feature article on page 4)

Tuesday 3rd August

***Overton WI monthly meeting:** We celebrate our birthday with a fun afternoon in St Mary's Hall and Garden for members only, starting at 2.00pm. (www.hampshirewi.org.uk)
 For membership information *please contact Beryl Beckett on 771210 or Email berylbeckett@aol.com*

Wednesday 4th August

***Overton Folk Club Monthly Meeting:** 8.00pm in the Red Lion. This month is a sing-around evening - all singers and musicians very welcome, or just come along to listen. *Contact Tom Hanley on 770384 or Email overtonfolkclub@hotmail.co.uk*

Wednesday 11th August

***Overton Parish Council Monthly Meeting:** 7.30pm on 2nd Wednesday of every month in The Community Centre. (Please note that Public Time is from 7.00pm to 7.30pm)

Thursday 12th August

***Overton Garden Society:** Meet 6.15pm at Community Centre for a visit to The Garden House, in Steventon.

Two advance date for your diaries:

*** Bank Holiday Monday 30th August :**
Great Overton Duck Race at The Flashetts

*** Saturday 4th September:**
Overton Harriers' International Road Races
More information about both events next month

Late Diary News.... Ladies' Pamper Evening

Enjoy a unique experience and truly relaxing Pamper Evening on Friday 9th July from 7.00pm at Testbourne Community School, Whitchurch: all proceeds will go to school funds. Tickets are £3.50 in advance (from Overton Deli, Newbury Building Society in Whitchurch or the School Office) or £4.50 on the door and include a glass of Pimms, Rosé wine or Fruit Punch - plus free taster Reiki or Spiritual Healing session (subject to availability, so don't delay!).

If you are a Therapist or Stall Holder of relevant products and are interested in attending, *please contact Louise 01264 355129 E-mail l.c.brennan@btinternet.com*

Late Diary News.... Overton Biodiversity Society

Join us on Saturday 10th July from 1.30pm to 5.00pm at *The Chalkies* (Micheldever Spoil Heaps). Help OBS and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust carry out a survey of the rare cut-leaved germander and enjoy the wildlife of this SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). Children are very welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Details from Jane or Ken Mackenzie on 771121

Letters to The Editor

Please note that Articles or Letters submitted anonymously will not be considered for publication, although names and/or addresses may be withheld at the discretion of The Editor, who reserves the right not to print articles, without giving a reason.

Overton Recreation Centre (ORC)

ORC congratulates the prize winners in the Draw held during the ORC Members' Party on Sunday 6th June, when a splendid turnout in fine weather enjoyed the delights of the St Mary's Hall garden with tea and cakes, relaxing music and convivial company. Thanks go in particular to Mary Reid and her team of ladies who worked so hard to provide the refreshments.

The winners: £1000 - Fred Montford (Hatch Warren) £200 - Richard Ahrens (Test Valley Golf Club) £100 each - Mr E Crinion (Baughurst) Scott Haddon and Russell Booth (both Overton). (NB Draws are usually held on the second Friday of each month). Log onto our new website www.overtonrecreationcentre.org.uk

Overton Garden Society

We still have some places left on our coach trip to Wisley on Friday 10th September. The cost is £10.00 per person, including entry to the gardens. For further information ring Marion Lambert on 771866

Overton Library

We're getting ready for this summer's Reading Scheme, so the question for all the children is "Are you all set to join the Space Hop crew and blast off?"

Last year this library achieved really high figures and we were fifth in the table of Top Ten Libraries. Can we do even better this year? All books count, as well as story tapes and CDs (but not DVDs!)

This year e-book downloads are available too, so there are lots of ways of taking part.

You can also log on to the website at www.spacehop.org.uk for games and activities.

Last year we had a team of volunteers in the library to help with the scheme. Do ask if you think you would like to be involved this time.

Our recent competition was linked to this year's Hampshire Bird Festival. Children were invited to colour in a picture or mask of a bird. The surprise was that both competitions were won by sisters - our congratulations go to Charlotte Coleman and Bertille Boyere in the younger category, Millie Coleman and Marie Boyere in the older group!

Chris Vane, Library Supervisor and Myfanwy

Overton Museum Project

We hosted a successful first exhibition/roadshow on Saturday 1st May at St Luke's Hall, with an interesting collection of artefacts and other items, together with a film show of old Overton pictures. Over 50 items, brought in by the public and from the displays, were photographed and catalogued. Thanks go to our volunteers for all their help and to the visitors for making it worthwhile.

We are still collating lists of artefacts, photographs and other historic items for future exhibitions - hopefully there will be another during 2010.

If any readers have such items which they are prepared to loan/donate to the museum, please can you take them to the Fireplace Shop, where they will be photographed, catalogued and returned as soon as the process is completed.

Margaret Palmer

Green Light for Overton Sheepfair 2012

It was back in 1998 that Ian Crombie first had the idea of reviving the tradition of Sheepfairs in Overton through an *Overton Millennium Sheepfair* with a mediaeval theme in July 2000. Although it was intended to be a "one-off", it was so successful that it has been followed by two more - the Overton Victorian Sheepfair in July 2004 and the Overton Regency Sheepfair in July 2008.

However, as reported on page 1 of May ON&V, five of the early members of the organising team had decided it was time to "hang up their boots" after nearly 12 years and all retired the AGM on 10th June, as did Mel Wincott (Treasurer). The good news for the future is that five new volunteers - Roy Palmer (new Treasurer), Bob and Luby Hough, Clare Cawt and Georgina Paul - joined the remainder of the team of Jeff Teagle (Chairman), Jane Anthony (Secretary), Brian Langer and Peter Baker. The dates have been set as Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July 2012, though the theme has yet to be decided - front runner *at the moment* is "Olympics" in some form or another, as 2012 is Olympics year in Britain (in August).

Smoked out

A nice warm evening but I can't open any windows for fresh air because of..... yes, another bonfire.

Please, please - *Late* in the evening!

(Name and south Overton Address supplied)

Overton Police - Beat Update

From PC3909 Richard Baldwin, Parish Beat Officer
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Email richard.baldwin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Overton's Police Community Support Officer is Sabrina Smith

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Remember - in the event of an Emergency - Call 999

(For all non-emergency calls you can now call 101)

(Should you wish to speak to the Police anonymously,

you can call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111)

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

Overton Beat Statistics

May is usually the year's busiest month, with an average 21 crimes over the last five years. This May the Beat Area had only 13 reported incidents - the lowest May figure for crime for five years (23 in 2009, 19 in 2008, 18 in 2007 and 24 in 2006).

Total for 2010 to date = 68 (compared to 76 in 2009).

Overton was targeted by thieves on 5th and 14th May, when five vans were broken into around the Village. Power tools were taken in four of those incidents. Laverstoke Mill was also targeted twice in May and I'm pleased to report that I have arrested three offenders inside the site.

Police appeal for witnesses after fire in Overton

Police are appealing for witnesses after a fire was started under a climbing frame and slide at the play park in Edward Kersley playing fields, Overton, sometimes overnight on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June. The slide was completely destroyed by the fire.

PC Richard Baldwin, of the Overton Safer Neighbourhoods Team, said "Playing with fire is extremely dangerous and, although nobody was injured, somebody could have been badly hurt. This is also a frustrating incident as the people affected by this are the children who use and enjoy the play area. We would ask anyone with information about what happened or anybody who knows who was responsible to contact us as soon as possible" (numbers are shown above).

Transport and Lighting News

From Brian Langer - OPC Transport and Lighting Representative

Buses - Timekeeping-services 76/86

The long-term road works on Andover Road, Winchester - which necessitate a diversion for service 86 - have exacerbated timekeeping problems associated with both peak hours and summer tourist traffic around Winchester. Congestion in and out of Basingstoke at peak hours is also a continuing problem affecting timekeeping. A bus will start from Andover as service 76 to Basingstoke, where it will become a service 86 to Winchester, then a service 86 back to Basingstoke, before returning to Andover as a service 76 so delays have a knock-on effect through the day.

Buses - Village service 74

Complaints have been received that a child is having to pay the adult fare. Enquiries have been made of Steventon Travel Services relating to the appropriate child fare but no response has been received.

Transport Forum

There will be an opportunity to meet and question the Operations Managers from Stagecoach Bus depots at Andover (which supplies buses and drivers for services 76/86) and Basingstoke at this forum which will take place in the Community Centre from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 31st July. Also attending will be Overton's County Councillor, Anna McNair Scott - the county pays the majority of costs associated with village shuttle service 74. Relevant officers from the county and borough councils, who subsidise the evening and Sunday services along the B3400, have been invited.
(Transport Forum continues in next column)

As this edition goes to press on 16th June, South West Trains are hoping that their Manager Stakeholder Services will be able to attend to provide a railway input. Please refer to the Village Events Noticeboard for the forum's final format.

Street lighting

Phone 0845 603 5633 to report faults - listing lamp column number, street details and emphasising Overton (classed as "Basingstoke Rural" on the HCC system).

Summer Streetz

"Summer Streetz" is coming to seven areas across the Borough over the school summer holidays. Brighton Hill, Buckskin, South Ham, Oakridge, Popley, Tadley and Whitchurch will all experience free evening activities for 11 to 17 year olds in and around the area.

Exact details are available below: Sessions include DJ workshops, Graffiti Art, Dodgeball, as well as the welcome return of the open access sessions (large screen Wii Games, Pool Game and Dance mats)

"Summer Streetz" is a brand - created by a partnership of agencies, led by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council - to market a summer holiday activity programme aimed at 11 to 17 year olds in the Borough.

Significant levels of sponsorship from Shire Pharmaceuticals, Sovereign Kingfisher Housing Association and the Community Safety Forum have been secured to join that of the Council, as well as a whole host of community organisations that are making in-kind contributions to ensure it is a sustainable initiative.

For more information *please contact: Mike Nicholls - Children, Young People & Families Officer on 845338 or Email mike.nicholls@basingstoke.gov.uk*

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

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Mark Attwell	770472	Brian Langer	770848	Public Transport and Street Lighting Representative
Tony Leach	772020	Paula Baker	771219	(also Borough Councillor)
Jacky Lessware	773043	Ian Tilbury	771429	(also Borough Councillor)
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To help contributors and our voluntary distributors, here is the production schedule for 2010 / 2011, which you may wish to keep.

Month of issue as shown on front cover of ON&V	Final Deadline for receipt of contributions by The Editor	Village Diary Section covers events happening between	Publication date (all are LAST Thursday in month)
August 2010	12.00 noon on 16 th July 2010	16 th August - 15 th September	29 th July 2010
September 2010	12.00 noon on 16 th August	16 th September - 15 th October	26 th August
October 2010	12.00 noon on 16 th September	16 th October - 15 th November	30 th September
November 2010	12.00 noon on 16 th October	16 th November - 15 th December	28 th October
December 2010/January 2011 (No January 2011 edition)	12.00 noon on 16 th November	16 th December - 15 th February 2011	25 th November
February 2011	12.00 noon on 16 th January 2011	16 th February - 15 th March	27 th January 2011
March 2011	12.00 noon on 16 th February	16 th March - 15 th April	24 th February
April 2011	12.00 noon on 16 th March	16 th April - 15 th May	31 st March
May 2011	12.00 noon on 16 th April	16 th May - 15 th June	28 th April
June 2011	12.00 noon on 16 th May	16 th June - 15 th July	26 th May
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