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EDITOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the very first edition of the Overton Recreation Centre newsletter. We'll be producing a new newsletter every month to keep you up to date with everything that's happening across the Overton Recreation Centre. If you are a club that's affiliated with the ORC and would like to submit an article for inclusion in a future newsletter, please get in touch by emailing chairman@overtonrecreationcentre.org.uk

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

As a voluntary charity we are trying to offer a range of facilities for everyone to enjoy their sport and recreational activities. We want to offer great value for money and help those that want to participate to thrive in an environment that suits their needs. We now manage 30 acres of sports field on three different sites – Bridge Street, Town Meadow and Berrydown. We contain our costs through the community's support of our lottery and every month we GIVE AWAY £2050 in cash prizes! Find out more at www.overtonrecreationcentre.org.uk



TOWN MEADOW GOLF CLUB

The Overton Town Meadow Golf Club has over 250 members and has a very active golfing calendar for golfers of all ages and abilities.

One Sunday a month we hold an organised event, where we meet at 9am in the Scout Hut for coffee & bacon rolls, followed by 18 holes of golf and prize giving after all for £3 entry. To become a Member, Call Emma Scoggins on 01256 770455.

OVERTON PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We are a friendly local camera club open to all levels of interest and ability that enjoys an atmosphere of encouragement and learning. Our club season runs from Sept to May. During that time we meet on Fridays at 7:30pm at Overton Recreation Centre, Bridge Street, Overton, Hampshire RG25 3HD. Visitors are always welcome – just turn up and pay £2 at the door – our speakers and workshops offer superb value. Find out about becoming a full member on our website at <https://www.overtonphotographicclub.co.uk/>

OVERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone for your support in 2019. We are so excited to get started on our next production, Silly Cow, by Ben Elton. Come along to the readings on Thursday 3rd January from 7.45pm at the ORC, Bridge Street.

OVERTON UNITED FC

We welcome Andy Darmody to Overton United F.C. as our new Reserves team manager. Andy comes highly recommended and has his coaching badges and lots of local football experience. We look forward to seeing Andy progress the Reserves in terms of developing young players and supporting the first team.

OVERTON YOUTH FC



Overton Youth F.C. was founded in 1982, formed to build on the pedigree of men's football in Overton and its surrounding areas. Over its 30 year + history the club has gone from strength to strength - growing player numbers year on year whilst remaining a core part of the local community. The club started as one side but now sees 9 teams across multiple age groups, competing in various leagues that are proud to wear the pale blue and white stripes of the club. With development at the heart of our grassroots club, our hard-working committee and dedicated team managers work tirelessly to help children of all ages and abilities get active and enjoy football in a safe, secure and progressive learning environment with a key focus on togetherness and being part of a team where everyone's contribution is of equal importance.

Our website address is <https://www.overtonyouthfc.co.uk>. The website has information on all our Team Managers and Officials. Please feel free to contact them. Details of our policies and safeguarding can be found there along with information about our wonderful sponsors - who we couldn't run the club without! We hope to welcome you to one of our training sessions or games very soon!

BEN WILSON MEMORIAL MATCH

This was held during the afternoon of Sunday 11th November at Overton Recreation Centre's magnificent Bridge Street Ground, in front of a capacity crowd. Before the match kick off there was a minute's applause in memory of 18 years old Ben who passed away in September. This friendly match between a team selected from Ben's former Overton youth team contemporaries and Popley Youth F.C. was played in a great spirit. Popley ran out winners in an entertaining high scoring match. The trophy was presented to them by BBC Breakfast presenter Mike Bushell who was the surprise special guest at the event.

The afternoon continued with a BBQ and the Overton United Supporters Club bar was open for the event. There was a massive raffle comprising of many prizes which had all been generously donated in Ben's memory. Overall, we raised over £4,000 for the St. John's Ambulance. Thanks go to everyone who donated prizes and participated in the day to make this a fitting tribute to such a popular young man. It is hoped that due to the popularity of this event it will become an annual event.

DOG FOULING ISSUES

On Saturday 3rd November a parent from Overton Youth Under 10's football team had to remove dog mess from the Berrydown football pitch before their game could commence. All of Overton Recreation Centre's grounds/pitches display prominent notices stating "No dogs allowed". Therefore could we ask all dog owners and dog walkers to respect the rules of the ORC not to walk their dogs through any of our sporting venues in Overton and instead keep to designated public footpaths.

AND finally, please refrain from throwing dog litter into the children's playground at Little Tots, Berrydown. Did you know that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which are known to cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness & serious kidney disorders in humans.

For more information about the Overton Recreation Centre, visit our website at www.overtonrecreationcentre.org.uk – we are also on Facebook and Twitter