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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the fourth edition of “@ The ORC”, keeping you up to date with everything that’s happening here at the Overton Recreation. This month, our focus is on the Wheelbarrow Race, the forthcoming Art Exhibition and the Overton Harriers’ annual road race. As usual, if your club or society would like to feature in this newsletter, please email Graham Devereux at chairman@overtonrecreationcentre.org.uk

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

July was a very busy month for fund raising with the annual Wheelbarrow Race organised by the Football Club, a new musical event called Overton Rocks from Colin Phillimore & Hugh Bridge and a new golf day from me! Support from the local community was tremendous and we raised a lot of money. These things can’t happen without a lot of hard work from a faithful gang of volunteers – without them our events just could not happen – a HUGE thank you to all involved.



WHEELBARROW RACE

The annual Overton Wheelbarrow Race, on Friday 19th July, proved to be a big success despite the rain. The participants all dressed to the nines, delighted the onlooking crowds who turned out to lend their support, albeit with umbrellas in hand. As the teams raced down Winchester Street, the crowds whooped in delight as they cheered on friends and family dressed up as some very familiar faces.

Local newlyweds, Mike and Emily Bushell were engaged fully in the spirit of the event as BBC presenter Mike was Snow White and Emily one of the Seven Dwarves steering him through the Overton Streets.



One resident commented: “We are relatively new to Overton but yet again we have watched as the whole village comes together to support each other. The wheelbarrow race was a real reflection of old-fashioned community values and we are so glad to have moved out of London to raise our children here.”

OVERTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

In normal circumstances the Summer months should be a quiet time for OUFC, however there has been lots of activity, both on and off the pitch. Firstly, we took the decision to withdraw our Reserve team from the Hampshire Combination League which was a brave but sensible decision due to the number of players and staff at our disposal. We also unfortunately lost our 1st team manager, Joe Lawler, who has taken up a role at Cove FC, as a higher level of football. We wish him all the best in the new role. Joe’s departure has lead to Andy Darmody taking on the 1st team manager role. Andy was part of the OUFC set up last season, assisting both the 1st and Reserves team and is a great guy with a fantastic positive attitude. Despite almost all of last seasons 1st XI following Joe to Cove FC, we have confidence that Andy will bring stability to the field of play soon. We kick off our season on Wed 7th Aug, with a tough local derby v Stockbridge, followed by 6 back to back away fixtures in August. Now that’s a tough task for any team.

Off the field of play, there is plenty to shout about, with the OUFC/OUFC committee putting in lots of effort with Weddings, Bars, Wheelbarrow Race and the Overton Rocks events. All the hard work goes along way in supporting our teams financially – I would personally like to thank everyone who put in lots of effort in making these events such a big success.

Here’s to a great season ahead.

OVERTON ROCKS!

Saturday 20th July saw our new music festival event to showcase local talent. Using our marquee to excellent effect Hugh Bridge and Colin Phillimore set up a fabulous celebration of music supported by the Overton United Social Bar. And the latest addition to village life arrived to provide some fantastic food – well done Andrew with his infamous 2CV Dolly!

More than 400 people enjoyed a barmy afternoon and evening of the best of local music. Special thanks to all those involved in the organisation and delivery of a great experience!

OVERTON 5 MILE ROAD RACE

The 31st running of the Overton 5 Road Race organised by Overton Harriers is to take place on Sunday 1 September at 2 pm. The route is not around the village but on quieter, rural roads starting on Straight Lane, by Berrydown Sports Ground and finishes at The ORC Pavilion in Bridge Street. There will be road closures along most of the route. The race will take place between 2pm and 3pm and roads will be opened as soon as conveniently possible. Stuart Searle will inform residents of a few houses that will be affected by road closures. There will be Children's Races at ORC field at 12.45pm. All our welcome - medals for all children. Refreshments will be available at the finish. Please contact Race Director, Helen McMahon if you require further information or could assist with marshalling. Email address is floss.560@btinternet.com

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

Move it or Lose it is an opportunity for over 60s to keep active and make friends within the local community. Classes aim to improve flexibility, mobility through low impact aerobics, balance and strength. Exercising to music brings a fun element to the session. Everyone is welcome as exercises are designed for standing, chair supported or seated whilst working at your own pace and ability. Classes will be held at the Bridge Street Pavilion every Wednesday from September 4th, between 11am and 12pm. Classes are £5, with your first class free! Contact Nicola on 07469 923997 or email nicola.carter@moveitorloseit.co.uk

OVERTON ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Overton Art Group are holding their annual art exhibition and sale, August Bank Holiday Weekend Saturday to Monday from 10.00 - 17.00 at The Recreation Centre, Bridge Street, Overton RG25 3HD. This is a celebration of work completed throughout the year by artists of Overton and the surrounding area. The works are in various mediums including acrylic, oils and watercolour. Most are framed and ready to hang but there are also those mounted ready for framing of personal choice. We also have available a selection of greetings cards. Entrance is free so please come along and browse, you never know you may find a piece of original artwork that you would like to own or to give as a very special gift. Parking is available and our opening times are not affected by Car Fest traffic. Tea and homemade cakes are also available to purchase at various times throughout the day. We accept cheques and cash only and a catalogue is available to purchase if you choose. We hope you are able to pop along.

ORC CHARITY GOLF DAY

Thursday 25th July was the hottest day on record but that didn't deter 76 willing participants play golf at Test Valley Golf Course in our inaugural charity event. It was a great success and the team at Test Valley have to be highly commended for their efforts to support the event and make available a course in great condition. Comedian Adger Brown, who was born in Overton, and whose parents still live locally entertained us with his rapier wit – we all had a lot of fun! Most importantly we raised £4,350 towards our funds for improving facilities.

TOWN MEADOW GOLF

Aug 30th Captain's Day at Farnham & Frimley GC
Sep 1st President's Cup Singles Stroke Play
Sep 2-8th Monthly Medal
Sep 14th Match vs Farnham Park
Oct 6th Squirrel Cup – 2 clubs & a putter
Nov 3rd Texas Scramble – team event
Dec 1st Town Meadow Trophy – Singles Stapleford
Dec 13th TMGC Xmas Golf Day **at Test Valley GC**



Golf Simulator Room also available – log on to townmeadowgolf.co.uk for more information.

Many thanks to the Overton Parish Council for a recent grant that contributed to the purchase of equipment for course improvements. If you'd like to get involved in our voluntary management of facilities please contact any committee member or Kevin Ratcliffe, grounds manager.

TREE MANAGEMENT AT THE ORC

We continue to improve our facilities and take care of our environment. Paying attention to birds nesting is important when addressing tree work. Therefore we delayed our spring clean at Bridge Street until August. BDDC have approved work along the riverside and improvements to Kingsclere Road.

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