

**OVERTON AREA NEWS
AND IMPORTANT NATIONAL ITEMS
1940 TO 1952**

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1940			Hants and Berks Gazette
5 Jan	Advert	Hide's Stores, Overton	For ready to wear garments and underwear, shoes etc for ladies and children. Clothing, boots and shoes, hosiery for men and boys.
	Personal	Engagement	Colin Cook, Maidenhead, and Elizabeth Key, Southington.
	Org'n		British Legion entertained 100 children in Bush Room (OMI); Mr Spicer responsible for arrangements.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Leadership of Mr Barker of London – recently formed. 80 voices. Cecilia Hoare and Roy Giles as soloists. Mr Titmous and Miss Benzie ably accompanied. Mr Benzie deserves heartfelt congratulations for lightening the gloom of the blackout with sweet music and joyful song.
	Org'n	British Legion	Open letter to men who have left Overton: <i>Your numbers are now over 100, many of you lads became men overnight. Leaving your homes in the village, nonetheless willing because of compulsory service than was the case of your elders in 1914, you are fighting against the same enemy as they and on the same soil. Everything is much the same – canteens, songs, going away, longing for leave, homecomings, goodbyes, laughter and tears – back again to the mud, all the same. One thing is surely different. As in hundreds of villages like ours you leave behind a branch of the British Legion formed and on the sure foundation of a comradeship formed so long ago and yet still enduring the passing years. We pray that you may complete the task to which you have set your whole energy and return with the advantage of being welcomed by the Legion waiting like we shall be like Gunga Din, fifty paces right flank near to serve. So in the meantime we from whom you have accepted the torch ask you to accept all else we have to offer – honorary membership of your village branch with the informal atmosphere of the Memorial Institute to meet your old and new comrades in service for our beloved King and country, whenever you have a pass home. Good shows, happy landings and best wishes to you all for the New Year.</i>
	Personal	Deaths	Harry Crosswell of The Lynch; Mrs Keats, Station Road and Mrs Trim, former mistress of the girls department of the National School.
		Wedding	On 1/1/40 of Harold Redstall, Dellands, and Agnes Hurst, Donegal.
	Advert	Burberry	Sale: Sports coats £3/10/-; 4 piece suit £8/10/-; Overcoats £5/-/- women's cashmere cardigans 30/-, Tweed overcoats £5/-/-.
	Advert	Evelyn Smith Basingstoke	Hair: Shampoo, set and trim 2/9; wave and trim 2/-; gents trimming 8d.

12 Jan	Notice	Food	Meat rationing – preliminary announcement by Ministry of Food for 45 million people based on value.
	Press	Country Life	Article on Southington Mill, weekend home of Sir Thomas and Lady Dunhill – long and detailed piece.
	Notice	Gas masks	Babies anti gas helmets – for those up to 2 years to be issued at First Aid Post , Wote Street, on Mon 15Jan, 2-4.30pm until 31 Jan.
	Notice	Food	Ministry of Food reasons for rationing: A) half of meat, most bacon, butter and sugar comes from overseas; B) prevents waste of food; C) increases war effort; D) divides supplies equally ; E) prevents uncertainty.
	Church	Senior Sunday School	Treat – very good tea, tastefully tabled by the ladies then prizes for good conduct and attendance; then a cinema entertainment. Oranges distributed as children left.
	Church	Church Worker Annual Supper	Held in the Hall. Owing to prevailing circumstances the company present was much less than usual. Mr Drinkwater deputised for Rev'd Wells who was ill. Meal conformed strictly to wartime conditions but all enjoyed it. Whist drive followed with winners Mrs A Smith and Mrs Saunders, Mr Whitelock and Mr E Wake.
	Advert	Vehicle	New Ford 8 Anglia – saloon £126, Saloon de Luxe £136, Sliding roof £5 extra.
19 Jan	Courts		George William Wood, High St, fined 5/- for parking on wrong side of road after lighting up time.
	Personal	Death	Mr G Glasspool, High St, life long resident with carriers business, greengrocery and fruiterers in High St. Staunch supporter of Methodist Church.
	Org'n	Hampshire Women's Land Army	600 active members, 137 trained on an approved farm; wanted milkers and roundsmen.
26 Jan	Advert	Wiltshire's	The radio specialist, High St, tel 4. Marconi, Pye, Ekco, HMV, Mullard. receivers from £6/10/-.
	Loc. Gov't	Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District Council (KWRDC)	Plans to convert 2 residences to shops in Winchester St submitted by Mr Howard. Concern about relation of buildings to road so seeking HCC Highways views. Concern about dangerous corner junction by the vicarage. Surveyor to inspect and report thereon.
	Notice	Vermin	Grey squirrel now had a price of 3d on its tail.
2 Feb	Personal	Deaths	Miss Alice Sprent, 77, and Wm Gover 88.

9 Feb	Notice	County Council	To take over Queen Mary school, Basingstoke.
	Notice	National	Look out in the blackout - over 1200 killed in December.
16 Feb	Church	Vestry and Parochial Church meeting	Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal re-elected as church warden. Unusual expenditure down to providing shutters for church in the blackout.
	Notice	Highways	Winchester by pass opened. £420K to complete, 7 miles long, 600 cu yds of chalk excavated. Traffic lights at Twyford junction the first of their type in country.
	Notice	National	National Service(Armed Forces) Act – next register of men who on 31/12/39 were 20 but not yet 24.
23 Feb	Sport	Football	Club dances raised £20/13/6 with £10 to Red Cross, £5 to Hants Forces Assoc'n.
	Personal	Wedding	Miss Myrtle Bryant, Church Rd, and Ronald Swain, Dellands at St Mary's.
	Local Gov't	KWRDC	Open fence to improve visibility at Vicarage corner. Highway surveyor writing to landowners to remove fallen branches and cut back overhanging branches dangerous to users of the highway.
8 Mar	Personal	Funeral	Of Mrs Turner at Ashe (formerly of Ashe House).
15 Mar	Notice	Food	Ministry of Food advice on domestic preservation of eggs. £2/acre for 7 year grassland to be ploughed up for arable cultivation
	Org'n	Vine Hunt	Met 3 Mar.
	Personal	Death	Miss Payne of Berrydown.
21 Mar	Local Gov't	KWRDC	Poor quality of meat being delivered from Gov 't depot at Andover reported by Lady Portal (chairman).
29 Mar	Personal	Wedding	Donald Williams, Ivybridge, and Ethel Drymer, Dellands.
5 Apr	Notice	Employment	B'stoke Employment Committee: Wholly unemployed in Overton – 55men, 9 women. Evacuation camps in Overton resulted in good demand for male and female domestic workers.
	Personal	Exams	Associated Board of Royal School of Music: Mavis Williams (grade 10) and Jean Purdie (Preliminary Certificate).
	Personal	Weddings	Percy Wakefield, Whitchurch, and Eva Banning, Station Road.

		Death:	Also of Margery Titmous, Overton, and Charles Over, Woking. Mrs Ann Glasspool.
12 Apr	Sport	Tennis	Tennis Club AGM – Mr C Drinkwater is President.
	Local Gov't	Annual Parish Meeting	Poor attendance. Mr T Hide chairman and Messrs Wells, Crowe, Drinkwater, Hide, Kersley, Lambden and Viscount Monck on committee. Concern over state of road at Lampole Corner and petrol pump in High St needed to be painted white to be seen in dark.
	Org	Memorial Institute	Annual Meeting. Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal presided – 50 there. Needed to spend funds on improving path at back used in blackout.
19 Apr	Local Gov't	KWRDC	Special rate fixed at 5/- in the £ of the general rate with further special rate at 7d.
	Educat'n	Event	Last ceremony in old building at Queen Mary's School.
	Housing	Local	Evacuees' camp would see folk from Southampton taking the place of Bank of England employees.
26 Apr	Notice	Hants Women's Land Army	Volunteers urgently needed for dairy work, general farming, tractor driving, poultry work, market gardening, forestry, timber measuring, fruit farming.
	Personal	Wedding	Colin Cook, Silchester, and Elizabeth Key, Southington.
3 May	Local Gov't	KWRDC OPC	Approval given for recreation hut (St Luke's hall today) in Winchester St for Bank of England employees; 'deplorable design'; temporary licence for 3 years or duration of war. APM held 23 Apr. Flashetts path to be resurfaced; legacy from a Mr Bridges of £630.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Clara Smith.
10 May	Notices	National	New ration books: green coupons (meat); orange (bacon/ham); lemon (butter and margarine); pink (cooking fat); mauve (sugar). Shoppers can now move shops for purchases. Milk price fixed at 7d a quart.
	Org	Overton Working Party	Made 52 scarves, 19 glove pairs, 6 bed jackets, 47 sock pairs, 15 mittens, 28 helmets, 9 pyjamas, 9 jerseys, most sent to British Sailors Association, some to Army Comforts Depot (Reading) and some to Finland.
17 May	Notice	National	Rounding up and internment of Aliens aged 16 to 60. To report daily to police station, no use of motor conveyance or bicycle,

			not to be out of doors from 8pm to 6am.
	Personal	Will	May Turner of Ashe left £23,347 in her will.
24 May	Notice	National	What to do if German parachutist lands – inform police and military by quickest means.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Concert under Mr G Barker included Requiem Mass by Mozart.
	Personal	Sudden death	Mrs Brown of The Lynch.
31 May	Church	National Day of Prayer	Service well attended.
	Org'n	Local Defence Volunteers	Meeting – many enrolled at OMI meeting.
	Agric're	Fire	Corn ricks fire at Court farm – engine spark ignited straw under elevator; some sacks of corn salvaged.
	Org'n	Overton District Nurses Association	Met at St Mary's Hall. Lady Rosemary Portal presided over small attendance. 2172 visits had been made by the nurse.
	Notice	National	Protect your windows article.
7 June	Notice	Air raid	Air raid warning on 5 June – many did the wrong things.
	Notice	National	Your home as an air raid shelter article.
14 June	Notice	National	Permission given to sell garden produce.
	Notice	National	Detention of Italians after Italy joined Axis.
	Sports	Overton Bowls Club	First match in Whitchurch league, against Kingsclere. Overton won by 8 shots.
	Notice	Agriculture	Rail embankments to be used for cattle nourishment and fallowing to be practised only very rarely.
21 June	Notice	Air raid	Air raid warning sounded 19 June but raiders passed.
	Notice	National	Next call up: men born between 1/1/18 and 31/12/18.
	Notice	National	Ministry of Home Security: as from 9 June no church bells to be rung save for sightings of parachutists.

	Notice	Food	Ministry of Food; cut out one cup of tea in four. Also need to register to obtain margarine. No sugar for jam making.
	Advert	Transport	Bus and rail guide for B'stokes area issued for 2d.
	Personal	Death Will	Mr W Sprent 71. Mrs Patrick Boyle of Ashe left £57,623 in her will.
28 June	Advert	Vehicle	Used Austin 7 Ruby de luxe (1935) £40.
	Notice	Utility	Tendering for Overton Sewage Works extension.
	Notice	National	Silhouettes of German troop carrying aeroplanes issued as cut outs; to be stuck on cardboard and hung in prominent place.
	Notice	Evacuation	9000 children from Portsmouth, Gosport and Southampton to be evacuated.
	Notice	National	Don't put lights on when siren goes off. Also value of Anderson shelter given.
	Sports	Bowls	Friendly match with Whitchurch.
	Prop'ty	Auction	At Red Lion: 30 Winchester St for £600; 10 High St for £365.
	Org'n	WI	Monthly meeting in Rectory garden.
	Notice	National	Do not phone if siren sounds. Black out offences increased. Coal prices fixed. 449 road deaths in May.
5 July	Notice	National	2400 urban boys to be sent on farm work. Unattended vehicles to be immobilised. ARP lectures in St Mary's Hall – over 100 attended.
	Org'ns	Alexandra Rose day	Collected £37/10/9. Church Army collected £19/10/-.
	Personal	Wedding	Elizabeth Holmes, Pound Road, to John Austin, Ivybridge.
12 July	Notice	National	There would now be extra sugar for jam making – 2lbs in July. Fixed price for dried peas and beans.

			Increased price for eggs: 2/9 a dozen.
	Notice	National	<p>What to do if enemy comes to your village – poster.</p> <p>If invaded there would be an immediate ban on cars being on the road.</p> <p>Defence Area designated – 20 miles from the sea from Rye to Portland. No access except for good reason. Holiday and pleasure visits not allowed.</p> <p>Use of petrol clarified.</p> <p>Hampshire's beaches closed sunset to sunrise.</p> <p>Protecting the ears in an air raid – notice.</p> <p>ARP talks in schools – children are not to leave in an air raid.</p>
19 July	Local Gov't	KWRDC	Pay rise for staff- if less than £600per annum then 6% of first £200, then 3% of next £200.
	Notice	National	<p>Midday postal deliveries will stop from 22 July.</p> <p>Air raids – What you must do and Keeping Roads Clear notices.</p> <p>Every rod of land must grow food.</p> <p>470 road deaths in June.</p> <p>School holidays to be 2 not 5 weeks.</p>
26 July	Educat'n	Personal	Scholarships for Philip Harris and Beryl Brown.
	Personal		Death: Mr W Nash of Waltham Lane.
	Notice	Food	<p>New white loaf being introduced with vitamin B1 and salt.</p> <p>Sugar coating in cakes banned.</p>
2 Aug	Personal	<p>Death</p> <p>Weddings:</p>	<p>Mr Thom Freeman of Southington.</p> <p>Rose Elton, B'stoke, and John Oram, Overton; Sapper Moore, Oakley, and Kathleen Jay, Winchester St.</p>
9 Aug	Local Gov't	<p>KWRDC</p> <p>OPC</p>	<p>Reported that 10% of evacuees from Portsmouth were verminous.</p> <p>Reported that Flashetts path being repaired.</p>
	Educat'n	Infants School	Parents day at attended by 40 mothers.

	Personal	Sudden death Wedding:	Mr E Millington, Waltham Road. William Carpenter, Bridge St, to Dora Jenkins, south Wales.
16 Aug	Personal	Wedding: Funeral	Arthur Lambden, The Avenue, to Alice Webb, Penkridge. Of Mr Millington.
	Notice	Event Public meeting	Spitfires for the Nation campaign underway. Will to Win presided over by Sir Bertram Portal. Compliments paid to Home Guard, ARP and Observer Corps.
	Church	Congregat'l Church	Sacred concert for organ funds.
23 Aug	Notice	Food	Only four shapes of loaf allowed: tin, sandwich, oven bottom, Scotch batch. Only 6 ounces of butter or margarine allowed per person per week, some must be margarine. Egg prices raised to 3/- dozen.
30 Aug	Notice	Food	No cream to be sold after 1/10/40.
6 Sep	Notice	National Food and fuel	Coal up 1/- a ton. Butter ration now 4 oz pppw plus 2oz marg pppw. Imported cheese price to be 1/1 per pound.
	Local Gov't	KWRDC	Overton sewage works extension approved for £3580/16/2. Spitfire Fund approved.
13 Sep	Notice	Personal	Lord Portal appointed additional Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry of Supply.
	Org'n	Soldiers and Sailors Benefit Fund Spitfire Fund	Raised £34/3/-. Meeting at church with Sir Bertram Portal and Mr Hide presiding.
	Church	National Day of Prayer Methodist Church	Well attended. Harvest festival.

	Org'n	Girls Club	Reconvened.
	Personal	Wedding	Fred Smith, South Ham, and Doreen Roberts, Station Road.
	Forces	Personal	Prisoners of War: Gunner Winterbourne (Waltham Road) Corp Robinson, Church Road, and Pte Oram.
27 Sep	Org'n	British Sailors Society Mayor of London's Distress Fund	Collection for £22/10/-. Collected by Football club - £12/12/-.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Alma Huckins, Church Road, and Mrs Harvey, Southington House.
4 Oct	Notice	Food	Butter ration now 2 ounces pppw. Meat ration up from 1/10 per household per week to 2/2.
11 Oct	Org'n	Spitfire Fund	Collected £100 – and further £27 for RAF Benevolent Fund.
	Church	Harvest festival	At St Mary's.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Redstall of High St.
25 Oct	Org'n	Red Cross	Collection of £18/16/2.
	Notices	Personal	Bankruptcy Order on John Crowe, Lower Ashe Farm.
1 Nov	Personal	Wedding	Sapper Norman Shelton, Derby, to Minnie Brown, Winchester St.
	Notice	Agricul're	Ploughing up of the Downs started.
8 Nov	Personal	Engagement Wedding	James Hide, Overton, and Doreen Johnson, London. Edward Evans and Maud Christopher, Deane Down.
	Educat'n	Schools	Petition to provide adequate shelters at the schools.
	Local Gov't	Parish Council	Flashetts path completed for £9/15/-.
	Org'n	Post Office British Legion	Complaints over late delivery of mail to High St retailers. AGM - smaller attendance than usual.
15 Nov	Notice	Politics	Neville Chamberlain, former Prime Minister, dies at Heckfield.
	Church		Missionary day gives £60.

			Remembrance Day at parish church – overflowing.
22 Nov	Transp't	Venture Buses	New service Saturdays only from Overton to B'stokes Barge Inn from 1.47pm to 9pm taking 25 minutes; 8d single, 1/2 return; to relieve congestion on other services.
	Notice	National	Black out times 5.32pm to 7.59 am (no GMT in use).
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Record collection £129/10/-.
29 Nov	Forces	Personal	Missing in action: Pilot Officer Kenneth Hide.
	Personal	Wedding	Cecil Page and Sylvia Cousins, Winchester St.
6 Dec	Personal	Death	Mr Harry Day, Red Lion Lane.
20 Dec	Personal	Death Golden Wedding	Sudden Death: Mrs Cox the chemist, High St. Mr & Mrs Nightingale, High St.
27 Dec	Church	Bishop's Fund	For Southampton bombing victims, received £22/13/4 at church. Christmas music session at parish church.
	Educat'n	School	Prizes distribution.
	Enter'nt		Christmas festivities included entertaining evacuees at Lordsfield.

Background

The information contained in this document was compiled to complement and support the 2012 Overton Sheepfair which took as its theme, '1940 to 1952 – Celebrating an era of change'.

The research was conducted in Hampshire County Council's Basingstoke Discovery Centre by referring to the microfiched records of the weekly editions of the Hants and Berks Gazette, forerunner of the Basingstoke Gazette, covering the years 1940 through 1952. Reproduction of the highlights of articles relating to Overton, Hampshire, and important local, regional, national and international events during that period has been approved by the Editor of the Basingstoke Gazette.

The year by year information within this document gives an insight into how a relatively small rural community, which contained an industrial complex in the form of a paper mill of national significance, was affected by the vicissitudes of wartime, major changes to working patterns and social life, the post war recovery during a period of austerity and the hopes for the future which the 1948 Olympics in London, the Festival of Britain in 1951 and the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 helped engender.

Thanks are due to the journalists who found so much information to report on and the delightful turns of phrase, long since out of fashion, used in their articles. Many of Overton's current residents are referred to in the news items on schools, sport and social events which, hopefully, will bring back some pleasant memories of growing up during a period of momentous changes which continue to affect day to day life in our village today.

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Abbreviations used

APM/AGM for Annual Parish Meeting/Annual General Meeting

Bas or B'stoke for Basingstoke

BoE for Bank of England

HCC for Hampshire County Council

KWRDC for Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District Council (abolished 1974). Equivalent of B'stoke and Deane Borough Council today. Neither Basingstoke Borough nor Basingstoke Rural Council areas covered Overton during 1940 to 1952 period.

L'stoke for Laverstoke

OPC for Overton Parish Council

PoW for Prisoner of War

SLH for St Luke's Hall

SMH for St Mary's Hall

WEA for Workers Education Authority

WI for Women's Institute

WvW for Wings for Victory

VE/VJ for Victory in Europe/Victory over Japan

Temperatures Sample conversions Fahrenheit to Celsius

10°F = - 12°C

40°F = 4°C

20°F = - 7°C

50°F = 10°C

25°F = - 4°C

61°F = 16°C

30°F = - 1°C

70°F = 21°C

32°F = 0°C

81°F = 27°C

£sd to £p Currency

Decimalisation of currency occurred in February 1971. Prior to then pounds, shillings and pence (**£sd**) were used:

240 pennies (d) made a pound (£);

12 pennies (d) made a shilling (s). Two ha'pennies($\frac{1}{2}$ d) made a penny (1d).

1 – Abbreviations etc

20 shillings (s) made a pound (£)

£sd: Two pounds three shillings and four pence would be shown as £2/3/4

One guinea (gn) was worth 21 shillings – 21/-. It was rarely used, primarily for up-market items and by the professions for fees.

£sd: Ten pounds and twelve shillings would be shown as £10/12/-

Post 1971: 12 old pennies (12d) became 5 new pence (5p). 6d became 2½p; 10 shillings became 50p.

4/- equates to 20p; 13/- equates to 65p; 18/- equates to 90p.

One hundred new pence made a pound (£). ½p was soon discontinued.

Some rounding up/down occurred in pricing as, for instance, 3/8 did not convert exactly so might be shown as 18p or 19p.

New currency was written as £p, so eight pounds and 38 pence would be shown as £8.38.

Imperial to metric weights

1 ounce shown as (oz). 16 ozs made up a pound (lb) in weight. Not to be confused with £ for money. 14lbs made a stone (st); 8 stone (112lbs) made one hundredweight (cwt).

1 oz equals 28.35 grams

226 grams equals 8ozs

5 ozs equals 141.75 grams

500 grams equals 1.1lbs

1 lb equals 453.59 grams

1 kilo (1000grams) equals 2.2 lbs

2 lbs equals 907.18 grams.

5 kilos equals 11 lbs

Imperial to Metric capacity

Imperial: Pints and gallons used with 8 pints to a gallon.

1 pint (pt) equals .56 litres

1 gallon (gal) equals 4.5 litres

Metric: Litres used in metric system.

1 litre equals 1¾ pints

10 litres equals 17.6 pints

(Compiled for Overton Sheep Fair Committee 2012 in conjunction with the Hants& Berks Gazette review for years 1940 to 1952.)

2 – Abbreviations etc

1941			Hants and Berks Gazette
3 Jan	Notice	National	FOOD IS A MUNITION OF WAR; from. Lord Woolton Minister of Food. 'This is the emblem of the Ministry of Food , the banner under which you too are fighting, helping to defeat the enemy's attempt to starve us out. Through rationing, price control and other measures the M of F sees that all get a fair share of essential foods at fair prices. But nearly half our food comes across the sea. The U boats attack our food ships and although most arrive safely some are lost. Now here is your part in the fight for victory. When a particular food is not available, cheerfully accept something else – home produced if possible. Keep loyally to the rationing regulations. Above all whether you are shopping, working or eating remember: FOOD IS A MUNITIONOF WAR – DON'T WASTE IT'.
	Notice	National	Blackout times for 3 Jan: 5.33pm to 8.36am.
	Christmas -tide		Christmas Festival passed quietly – first time for many years mummers failed to make annual pilgrimage. Services well attended. Infants Sunday School had treat at St Mary's Hall with good tea and games. Lordsfield camp boys had 3 large coaches convey parents from Southampton and had dinner at camp followed by entertainment by staff.
	Personal	Weddings	Harold Watton, Ludgershall, and Hattie Winterbourne, Church Road. Percy Holloway, Worting, and Phyllis Oram, Dellands.
10 Jan	Notice	National	Board of Trade issues licences for the importing of batteries.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Breakdown in Overton sewage pumps reported.
	Org'n	St Dunstan's	Sale of goods raised £30.
	Church and Org'n	Church workers' party and British Legion.	No supper but whist drive. British Legion's children's annual treat attended by 85. Tea and conjuror with oranges and pennies distributed as they left.
	Org'n	ARP	ARP wardens met at Quidhampton Farm to discuss how best to deal with incendiaries – each warden to get volunteer bands for their area to be on duty when Alert sounded.
	Personal	Wedding	William Smith, Polhampton, and Joan Baker, Overton.
17 Jan	Notice	National	Blackout times for 17 Jan: 5.51pm to 8.29am.
	Org'n	British Legion	Hants county joint award - the Shaw Challenge Cup – awarded for the highest points in efficiency.
	Org'n	Buffaloes	At the Old House at Home held their annual children's tea party and presents were distributed. The adults had 'Old yokel' (Mr Shadwell) for entertainment.
24 Jan	Church	Sunday School	Put on a cinema show rather than a tea.
	Org'n	Scouts, cubs and girl guides	Met to honour the late Lord Baden Powell.
31 Jan	Adverts	Bikes Chemist	Used BSA motorcycle 250 ohv Empire Star £46. Rubber hot water bottle for 3/11.

	Vacancies		Cleaners for Park Prewett wards at 9½d an hour. Kitchen maids at 19/9 a week all found.
	Notices	National	ARP will warn of incendiary bombs by a series of short sharp blasts on a whistle.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting held with Mrs T Hide in the chair.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC KWRDC:	Reported that there were ample supplies of sand and bags to combat air raids; that a complaint had been made about the state of the path and bridge in Rag Lane leading to Polhampton. Report on fire fighting scheme for whole area. Overton fire brigade responsible for Overton and Laverstoke.
7 Feb	For sale	Sand bags	33" x 14" £20 per 1000 – rot proof ones £24.10/- per 1000.
	Forces	Vacancies	RAF recruiting visit to B'stoke Labour Exchange – seeking flight mechanics, wireless operators, aircraft crew.
	Courts		Thornycrofts fined £10 for light showing in blackout.
	Notice		Blackout 7 Feb : 6.25pm to 8.01am
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC:	Agrees to growing of food on waste land, eg Pound Road. Diphtheria immunisation at local schools agreed at £1/11/6 per session of 2 hours. Overton sewage pump failure on 7 Jan required fire brigade to clear it to prevent flooding. Reported that it would cost £40 to chlorinate the water supply in Overton and Whitchurch.
	Church		Vestry and Annual Church meeting reported that the collections in 1940 were up £87 to £342 from the 1939 total.
	Notices	Food	Recipes for potato carrot pancake, potato basket, oatmeal stuffing and advice that grating vegetables can result in a good soup in 20 minutes.
14 Feb	Notices	Agricul're	Mustard seed to be sown only after getting licence; grey squirrels to be shot.
	Court		Mrs Florence Lewis of Greyhound PH fined £1 for serving beer to 16 year olds.
	Forces	Personal	Obituary: Pilot Officer Kenneth Hide killed in Nov 1940 and buried in Stettin, aged 20.
	Advert	Curry's	Curry's cycle £4/7/6 free of purchase tax.
21 Feb	Personal	Wedding	Peter Berry, Polhampton Farm, and Millicent Skey, Riding Troop.
28 Feb	Org'n		WI and Hants and General Friendly Society meetings held.
7 Mar	Property	Sale	Gentleman's country residence 6 bedrooms, 4 reception, 2 bathrooms, 3 acres £3500; Oak beamed country cottage – sitting and living rooms, 3 bedrooms, lobby, larder £550.
	Advert	Hulbert's	Hairdressing service: perm waving at 17/6 or 21/-.
	Courts		14 year old fined 10/- for undimmed hand torch.
	Loc. Gov't	HCC	Considered appointment of women police officers but rejected.
	Notice	Agricul're	New Forest to become a reservoir of dairy stock.
	Entert'nt	Pilgrim Players	Presented Tobias and the Angel in St Mary's Hall.
	Personal	Wedding	William Hurford, Tanglely, and Cecilia Oram, Bridge St.
	Notice	National	Blackout from 7.20pm to 7.03am.

14 Mar	Vacancy	International Stores	Errand boy for 25/- per week.
	Personal	Wedding	Edwin Sprent, Overton, and Beryl Simmons, Brighton at Brighton.
	Notice	Fuel	Save the cinders, spare the coal. Never wash under a running tap.
	Notices	Food	Ministry of Food: no parcelled tea weighing more than 2lbs allowed in from abroad. Government to buy all carrots produced from land exceeding 1 acre for £6 per ton. Coffee prices to be controlled. Milk's controlled price to be 4½d a pint in towns over 10,000 population and 4d in rural areas. Food prices must be shown for apples, butter, canned salmon, cheese, imported cod fillets, dried fruit and peas, beans and lentils, eggs, lard, lemons, meat, onions and poultry. Town horses ration down from 112lbs to 84lbs. No human foodstuffs for caged birds. Unsmoked bacon price up 1/10 per lb.
	Org'n		Overton war charities whist drive held in St Mary's Hall.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Reid, London Rd, aged 49 and Clifford Tilbury, London Rd.
	Notice	Agricul're	Ministry of Agriculture rebukes Hants farmers for complaining.
28 Mar	For sale	Livestock	Laying pullets 15/- each from Winklebury Poultry Farm.
	Notice		1229 evacuees billeted in B'stoke, including 133 unaccompanied children.
	Church		Overton's church crowded for National day of Prayer
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	AGM held with Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal presiding.
	Notices	Agricul're Road safety	There would be a £2/ton rise in hay prices. 689 road deaths in February.
4 Apr	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Extension of recreation ground lease requested for 3 years; field at foot of Foxdown Hill to grow potatoes; APM was only attended by councillors.
	Personal	Wedding; Congrats; Death.	Reginald Archer, Dellands House, and Suzanne Davies, Chorley; Alfred Lambden (96) and E Millington (95); Harry Smith, superintendant of Town Mill before it closed.
	Advert	Aspro	Tablets 3½d, 7d, 1/5, 2/10.
	Notice	Food	Cheese rationing starts 5 May – allowance 1oz/week/person but miners and agricultural workers 8ozs.
10 Apr	Personal	Exam results	Jean Purdie awarded grade 1 pass from the Assoc. Board of the Royal School of Music; Jennifer Pilbrow gained Preliminary Examination.
18 Apr	Notice	National	Home Secretary announces extra hour of summer time but agricultural workers' hours changed to keep to old time so 7am to 5pm would be worked as 8am to 6pm.
	Church	Easter	300 attended the Easter service at St Mary's.
25 Apr	Personal	Road crash	Road crash at Laverstock(?) resulting in deaths of Mr King of Deane Gate Inn and Mrs Rose of the White Hart Overton.
2 May	Notice	National	All women born in 1919 to register at Ministry of Labour on 3 May except those in armed forces.

	Org'n	War Weapons Week	Overton and Whitchurch hoping to raise £50,000 with £13464 raised in first week.
9 May	Notice	Agricul're	Agricultural Workings Act – men over 21 to receive 48/- per week and women 35/-.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Agent of Laverstoke Estates offers yearly tenancy rather than lease renewal for the recreation ground; field at foot of Foxdown hill too waterlogged to grow potatoes.
	Org'n	War W'pons Week	Raised £63,691 – much more than target.
	Notice	Food	Rationing of fruit preserves to start.
16 May	Personal	Death	Mrs Crockford, Station Road.
	Medical	Nurses Association	AGM reported that nurse Godby paid 1978 visits during the year.
23 May	Org'n	Memorial Institute	Military band concert held.
	Advert	Tizer	Tizer the Appetiser 4½d a bottle.
30 May	Org'n	War W'pons Week	B'stokes area War Weapons Week raised £1,027,717.
13 June	Org'n	Alexandra Rose day	Collection raised £41/17/3.
	Personal	Death; Weddings.	Mr Tanner, Station Road. Elizabeth Sprent, Winchester St and Kenneth Ormond, Northants; Kathleen Loveless, Quidhampton Mill, and Sgt Ferris, Orpington.
20 June	Org'n	Red Cross	More than £30 collected for flag day.
	Enter'nt		Ladies choir concert held at Foxdown Chalets Hall raised £6 for the Southampton Relief Fund.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Matthews 76 and also Ernest Guelis of Ridgeway Farm following kick by colt.
	Notice	Food	Ministry of Food to buy all eggs; potatoes to be cheaper; from 7 July meat and fish in pastes to be controlled.
27 June	Advert	Reed the Chemist	Vanishing cream and lemon cream 1/3 each.
	Personal	Wedding; Death.	A/C Herbert Miles, Station Rd, and Peggy Smith, Pound Rd. Mr D Cowmeadow formerly of Overton.
11 July	Org'n		Hospital Sunday had a poor turnout.
25 July	Notice	National	Blackout from 10.53pm to 5.18am.
	Personal	Scholarships	Scholarships for Dorothy Barter and Pamela Wiseman.
	Org'n		Over £500 has been raised from the weekly football dances which have replaced matches for 18 months – money shared between Red Cross and 22 other organisations.
1 Aug	Advert	Property	Winchester property to let: 3/4 bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, garage for 5 guineas a week.
	Notice	National	Blackout from 10.34pm to 5.36am.
	Personal	Death; Wedding.	Fred Brown; Bernard Mills, Steyning, and Eleanor Winslade, Overton.
15 Aug	Notices	Food	Became an offence to misuse or retain milk bottles; unrationed eggs to be 1½d each; cooking lard would be

			arriving from USA; seed potatoes would be coming from Eire; cheese ration increases to 3ozs per person per week from 25 Aug; maximum price for plums range from 5½d to 10d per lb depending on variety.
	Notice	Local celebrity	Ministry of Information purchases another painting by Michael Ford of Quidhampton.
	Org'n		Start of War Weapons Week in Overton
	Notice	Food and health	One egg dishes – suggestions – vegetable egg scrambles, Angel Blanket, potato pancakes. Fresh air does you good promotion.
22 Aug	Notice	National	Back on single summer time - blackout hours from 8.39pm to 5.26am.
	Event	Garden fete	At Southington raises £40 for missions.
	Org'n	National Savings Gp	Overton has invested 33150 since it started.
	Advert	Soap	Sunlight flakes – 6d a packet.
29 Aug	Personal	Engagement	Miss P Rivett, Overton, and J Hannah (RAF) Cornwall.
		Death	Charles Lance 63.
5 Sept	Notice	National	Blackout from 8.08pm to 5.49am.
	Notice	Food	Info on emergency coupons for use in holiday accommodation and a reminder to always take your ration book.
	Notice	Food	Max price for imported honey 1/9 per lb.
	Org'n	Girls Club	Reopens in the hall.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Approval given to John May and Co for sanitary accom at the Greyhound PH; Mr Lovelace, Collector of Rates for Overton, receives 6% bonus; resolution against HCC's delegation of highways functions proposals for unclassified roads.
		HCC	Special meeting to consider better ways of organising civil defence internally.
12 Sep	Property	Farm sale	Quidhampton Farm (Capt Ford retiring from farming) -29 Sep sale by auction advised of all live and dead farming stock, through Knapman, Son and Bament. To include 8 grand upstanding cart horses, 60 young shorthorn dairy cows, machinery and implements.
	Notice	National	All men aged 18 to 60 to register for Civil Defence duties except those exempted. Report to B'stoke Labour Exchange. Failure to comply would result in heavy penalty.
	Org'n	Girl Guides	Overton fete under Misses Ainsworth and Kingsley held at Southington courtesy of Brig Gen Sir Bertram and Lady Portal.
19 Sep	Notice	Food	How to use your green tomatoes.
	Enter'mt	Funfair	Mr Stokes' funfair earmarked £3/5/2 to Red Cross.
	Org'ns		Girl Guides fete profit of £27; SSAFA collected £36. War Savings Association amassed £1200 for Bren guns before deadline.
	Personal	Death	Albert Burgess, village blacksmith, of Bridge St from meningitis.
26 Sep	Advert	Vehicle	Morris Minor (1933) for sale - £33.
	Notice	National	Torch battery prices fixed.

	Advert	Juno Junipah	Doctors advice to women on how to keep well, slim and beautiful by taking Juno Junipah.
	Personal	Deaths	Herbert Freemantle, High St, and Mrs Tom Kercher 79 of Crooked Close.
3 Oct	Notice	National	Blackout from 7.04pm to 6.35am.
	Notices	Food; Agric're Domestic	Prices of both fish and bread fall. Imperative for drivers to keep to time when collecting animals for slaughter to comply with blackout times. Bonfires must be out by blackout time.
	Personal		Funeral of Mrs Kercher.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Rate of 4/11 in the £ set; Clerk's health forces resignation; workforce ask for 4/- rise in weekly pay; Mr Akehurst contracted to externally decorate 16 houses in Dellands Rd (£90) and 8 houses in Station Rd (£48).
10 Oct	Church	Harvest	Harvest festival held.
	Org'n	Memorial Inst.	Presentation made to Capt Ford.
	Personal	Wedding	John Hampton, Liverpool, and Mildred Lambden, Dellands.
17 Oct	Notice	Agricul're	Agricultural Workers Wages Act rates now 50/-per week for men and 35/- per week for women.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Wanted names for local defence committee; hole reported in Foxdown Road; drafted list of railings that could be used for war purposes.
	Notice	Food	More fish coming in – recipes for fish pie and curried cod given.
31 Oct	Notices	Warship Week; National	B'stoke and District is to be 29 Nov to 6 Dec. SAVE is the signal – they fight – you lend. Winter closure hours of shops – many close at blackout.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Rumpus over handling of Clerk's resignation; complaint from Overton to Public Health, Housing and General Purposes Committee about failure to empty bins for pig food refuse (refer to private collector); failure to empty bin in car park in Winchester St (refer to Sanitary Inspector).
	Notice	Food	Max prices for fruit curd and mincemeat set. Permits for evaporated milk put to dairymen.
	Org'n	Waifs and Strays	Collection amounted to £24 and from church £12/16/7.
7 Nov	Org'ns	British Legion	Whist Drive cheque for £20 sent to Russian Red Cross. Annual meeting at Bush Room – President Major Isacks.
14 Nov	Church		Missing brass offertory box from St Mary's found in font. 'No clue was discovered as to the perpetrator of this foolish act'.
	Personal Personal	Forces news Anniversary Wedding	Petty Officer David Tilbury announced as crew member of HMS Aurora; Golden Anniversary; Mr and Mrs (née Carrie Kersley) Wiltshire, Winchester St; Maurice Hobbs, Winchester St, and Eileen Lambden, High St.
	Church	Remem- brance day	Offertory to the Earl Haig Fund.
21 Nov	Sport	Football	Boys camp football match versus Whitchurch Senior School –

			result 3-0 with goals from White and Keep.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Collection amounted to £131/12/5.
	Personal	Forces news	Overton has 5 Prisoners of War in enemy hands: FO John Collins, Corp H Robinson, Gun Fred Winterbourne, L/C E Oram, Corp W Whitford. British Legion sending each 270 cigarettes, provided at cost price by British Imperial Tobacco co who despatches them.
28 Nov	Advert	Vehicle	Austin 7 Tourer 1932 £25; Austin 12/4 Tourer 1931 £40.
	Advert	National	'Women still aren't made like men'.
	Loc.Gov't	HCC KWRDC	Reported that from May to Sept there had been 90 fatal accidents, 44 of which involved military vehicles. Brig Gen Portal considered the figures appalling. 184431 people had been killed on roads in 2 years of which 10,000 were pedestrians. Suggested that all pedestrians wear white armlet. There were fewer men (1027 rather than 1777) employed on road works but 22 women had been recruited as replacements although they were not being paid similar rates. 39 tons of iron railings submitted to Ministry of Supply for war effort.
5 Dec	Notice	National	Blackout from 5.22pm to 8.19am.
	Health	County Medical Officer	Annual report: live births up to 16.5 per 1000; birth rate up to 13.5 per 1000; maternity mortality rate lowest on record; measles prevalent; TB same rate as 1939 but higher than 1940.
	Org'n	Warship Week	B'stoke's – first day £71,513 collected to go towards a submarine.
	Sport	Football	Camp boys football versus Whitchurch Senior School – result 4-2.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Field, High St, and Mrs Reading aged 77.
12 Dec	Org'n	Warship Week	B'stoke's final sum collected £329,276.
	Post Office	National	Postal arrangements for Christmas Day: one delivery but no collection.
	Org'n	Warship Week	Overton and Whitchurch decide on Warship Week from 31 Jan to 7 Feb with intention of funding a minesweeping trawler costing around £62,000.
	Personal	Wedding; Death	Ldg Aircraftsman Thomas Smith, High St, and Violet Spicer, Ampport, with gift of chiming clock from Overton Football Club. William Smith, High St.
19 Dec	Personal	Death	Duke of Wellington aged 65.
	Road safety	Accident	Motor cycle accident with army lorry at Institute cross roads.
	Sport	Football	Lordsfield Camp team beat B'stoke Memorial Park team 8-0.
24 Dec	Org'n	Aid to Russia	£21/5/2 raised for Mrs Churchill's Aid to Russia fund.
	Org'ns	Girls Club; WI	Girls Club held social evening; WI Annual meeting.
	Education	Junior School	Prize giving for Junior School.

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2 JAN	Notice	National	Blackout 5.32pm to 8.36am.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	Basingstoke: 'That night in Rio', 'Torrid Zone', 'Flight from Destiny'.
	Loc. Gov't	B'stokes Borough	National Waste Paper contest: 1st prize £500; 2nd £250.
	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre	Basingstoke: 'Hello New York'.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Tom Norris, Winchester St; unable to leave bed for 24 yrs.
	Court		Nurse Kathleen Cooper fined 10/- for no rear red light on bike.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Clerk's resignation effective 31 Mar after 42 years service
9 JAN	Notice	Agricul're	Agricultural Wages Cmte: 23/7 for 7 day week including full board and lodging if over 18.
	Notice	Food	Saccharin price controlled – 6d for 50; vitamins A and D1 to be added to all margarine making it equal to butter for nutritional purposes; prices controlled for home grown tomatoes 9d to 1/1 depending on season.
	Events		Several Christmastide gatherings took place in St Mary's Hall.
	Road safety	Accidents	Road accidents: a) involving Mr Fuller (Southampton) and Mrs Heywood (Winchester St) knocked over near bank chalets; b) involving Miss Ferguson and Miss Stickland who went over cycle handlebars on Foxdown Rd.
	Personal	Weddings	Wm Sprent, Winchester St, and Kathleen Wrack, Model Farm; Fred Kinge, Sutton Scotney, and Ivy Tilbury, High St.
	Notice	Agricul're	British Agricultural Offensive heralds the greatest food production campaign ever known.
16 JAN	Event		In B'stokes : Aid to Russia week
	Notice	Food	Canned food advice: how long to be kept, eg fruit and veg 1 yr. 10% cut in malt whisky production; no chocolates or sweets to be sold for more than 5d per ¼lb unless classed as product group.
	Notice	National	Italian Prisoners of War to be used on farm work.
	Personal	Weddings	James Bowdon, Sherborne St John, and Margaret Sprent, Winchester St; Sgt Park, Overton and Edythe Blewden, Whitchurch.
23 JAN	Notice	Transport	Meeting at B'stokes Municipal Offices to rationalise retail deliveries to save fuel.
	Notice	Agricul're	Hants War Agriculture Exec Cmte: topics on threshing and rats, shooting of pigeons, mole catchers.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: Rations reduced for sugar (to 8oz per week), fats (20oz pw), cheese (2oz pw), butter and marg (6oz pw of

			which only 2oz could be butter). School milk reduced to one third pint per day.
30 JAN	Ent'mt		Evacuee boys (Litchfield) entertained by bank officials from chalets.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Heywood after accident (see above).
	Personal	Wedding	George Hide, High St and Doreen Johnson, Winchmore Hill London.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Fewer cases of typhoid noted; the collapsed floor of 39 High St (Mrs Barnett) not due to sewer work.
5 FEB	Notice	National	Blackout 6.27pm to 8.01am.
	Church	Meeting	Vestry and parish church meeting held in St Mary's Hall.
	Event	Warship Week	Opening of Warship Week (War weapons) in Winchester St; naval contingent entertained by British Legion.
13 FEB	Personal	Death	Alfred Hutchins.
	Event	Warship Week	Financial target (£62,000) not met (£50,000).
	Notice	National	Min of War Transport Shoppers urged to take shopping home (not for delivery).
	Advert	Sanatogen	Tonic Wine - 5/- bottle.
20 FEB	Ent'ment	Waldorf Plaza; Savoy	B'stokes: 'Insp Hornleigh on holiday', 'Barnacle Bill', 'High Sierra'; B'stokes: 'Rage in Heaven', 'A woman's face'.
	Ent'ment	Lecture Play	Overton: lantern lecture from Capt Vandelair on Russia; 'All aboard' presented by Mrs Marshall in St Mary's Hall with £16/3/- being sent to Mrs Churchill's Russia Fund.
	Road safety	Personal accident	Jose Lamden over cycle handlebars at Foxdown.
	Forces news	Personal	Missing: Lieut Armstrong in Malaya.
27 FEB	Personal	Appointment	Lord Portal, 56, DSO, MVO, to be Minister of Works and Buildings and First Commissioner of Water; lives at Laverstoke Park.
	Meeting		Annual meeting of Hants and General Friendly Soc in St Mary's Hall
6 MAR	Notice	National	Blackout: 7.19pm to 7.03am.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Food production discussed.
13 MAR	Notice	Home Guard	Powers of Home Guard in uniform outlined.
	Notice	Food	Food: recipes for corned beef pie, winter hot pot, corned beef hash.
	Notice	Press	60 yrs ago: White Hart hotel sold for £1170.

	Enter'nt	Cinema lecture; Whist drives; Presentation	In St Mary's Hall by Rev'd Marle of Ashe on China. Weekly whist drives for war charities organised by Mrs Jay; In SMH on increased food production poorly attended.
	Personal	Death	John Kersley, 67, Winchester St.
20 MAR	Notice	Railways	Lord Leathers Minister of War Transport re Railways: This Easter people must not travel for pleasure or on business that is not vitally important because lines are urgently required for goods. If public disregards this notice they may well find themselves stranded.
	Personal	Overseas news; Death	Mrs Rix and children have escaped from Malaya to India; Miss Agnes Wiltshire, 74, of Winchester St.
27 MAR	Personal	Death Wedding	Mrs Stickland, 75, Winchester St, widow of the church sexton; Pte Meaden, Woburn and Florence Bomarsh, London.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Meeting: Mr T Hide presided; no public present.
2 APR	Notice	National	Blackout: 8.05pm to 6.00am.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Rate unchanged at 9/11 in the £; recommends appointment of F Keates as Clerk.
	Notice	Women and work	'What women in Hants can do to join in the Great Arms Drive: a) full time work in a war factory, b) part time work there, c) a job being done by a younger woman, d) looking after war workers' children.
	Advert	Hides Stores (Overton)	For your points ration goods we have all the best tinned foods. Try Epicure pears – they're delicious. Also the best in groceries and provisions. Also a Hardware dept. Phone Overton 19.
	Notice	Paper collection	Paper savings: 3 tons collected in first ¼ amounting to £6 of which £1/16/- was sent to the County Hospital, £1/19/- to Waifs and Strays Soc and £2/4/- to Basingstoke hospital.
	Org'ns		Rangers, Guides, Scouts and Cubs gave an evening of fun.
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	AGM; Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal unable to preside.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: must cut wrapping by 40%; milkman can sell 2½ pints per week to ordinary customers.
	Notice	National	Double summer time begins following week and runs to 8 Aug.
10 APR	Advert	Kenneth Reed:	Ceylon tea at 9d per ¼lb.
	Notice	National	Blackout from 9.17pm to 6.44am.
17 APR	Notice	Food	Recipes for potato and watercress soup, turnip top salad, scalloped veg with bacon.
	Notice	Health	The Radio Doctor says: 'Good idea to cook potatoes in jackets

			as skin stops precious vitamin C from escaping and getting lost in cooking water. Steaming potatoes is best of all and never cook them twice'.
24 APR	Education	HCC	County Education Authority agrees that holidays should occur when most activity is needed on the farm. If there is a need for potato planting please contact the local School Master.
	Personal	Death	Gertrude Richardson, 63, of Bridge St.
	Courts		Claim against Council by Mrs Poynter who fell into a trench dismissed.
1 MAY	Notice	National	Blackout: 9.52pm to 6.01am.
	Personal	Deaths	Mr Wilder, Night Watchman of Airpak; also John Heberden, 76, Court Farm Cottages.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Annual Mtg: T Hide re-appointed Chairman.
	Personal	Wedding	Pte Clarence Bone, Deane and Christine Blake, Winchester St.
8 MAY	Church		Special service for youth organisations held.
	Organ'ns	Girls Training Corps	To be started in Overton, for ages 16 to 20, with Mrs Lichfield Spear as Commandant.
15 MAY	Notices	National	Billets sought for Land Army girls paying 23/- per week for board and lodging. New food and clothing ration books now available
	Advert	Property sale	Forthcoming sale by Mr A Kersley of 3 properties, 73, 75, 77 Winchester St, by auction.
	Notice	Food	Enough tomatoes for 6-7 lbs each this summer but there would be less oil allowed for fryers.
	Notice	Jacob's biscuits	Delivery will be restricted to those premises close to factory until war is over.
22 MAY	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Louise Scott, housekeeper, Dellands; also Sgt Dennis Smith, Waltham Rd.
	Meeting	Nursing Assoc'n	AGM of Overton Nursing Assoc'n.
29 MAY	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Slips with Wings', 'Four Sons'.
	Org'n	British Legion	Overton branch won Challenge Shield for sales of goods by disabled persons.
	Personal	Honour	Pte George Stevens received BEM from the King at Buckingham Palace; wife and sister there.
	Education	Junior School	Empire Day celebrated.
12 JUNE	Notice	Food	New potatoes 4½ per lb until 10/6 and 1½d by July; Stop milk going off by bringing to boil and cooling it rapidly; recipe for potato jam.
	Personal	Death	Benjamin Beckingham, 93, farmer, Winchester St.
	Notice	Agricul're	Min of Agric: need further 500,000 acres under tillage.

19 JUNE	Notice	Railways	All restaurant cars to be withdrawn.
	Org'n	Cancer Research	£30 collected.
	Org'n	Nat. Savings	Aim to get £1000 for Overton National Savings.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Bridge over path at Polhampton renewed; more money needed for 15 yds wall extension at the Bathing Place.
	Advert	Whiteways	Cyder 1/4 a flagon and Cydrax 11d a flagon.
26 JUNE	Notice	National	Blackout: 1106pm to 5.00am
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Confirmed that Land Girls not being used on gardens and allotments.
	Org'n	Alexandra Rose Day	Raised £15/15/4 for local nursing association.
	Enter'nt	Play	St Mary's Hall: 'Storm troopers over Perivale' staged by B'stoke Youth Centre Players
	Notices	Food	Children under 2 to lose tea ration but would get orange juice. Sweeteners to be 9d for 100 tablets from 15/6.
3 JULY	Org'n	Red Cross	Flag Day raises £32/7/7 .
	Org'n	Girls Training Corps	Southington House opened for supporting funds.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Wiltshire, 82.
	Courts		Landowner in Upton Grey fined £5 plus costs for not ploughing land.
10 JULY	Org'n	YMCA	Canteen established at Congregational School Room.
	Personal	Scholarships	Success for Molly Denning, Ashe and Barbara Whitehorn, Overton.
	Enter'nt		Jean Winterbourne programme, including Jane Wake's tap dancing, raised £1/5/- for Royal County hospital.
17 JULY	Notice	Agricul're	Offers to help with harvesting appreciated and still sought.
	Church	Special Collection	Offertory for Royal County hospital amounted to £31/11/8.
24 JULY	Entert'mt	Waldorf Plaza	'Little Foxes' and 'Tarzan'.
	Notices	Food	Min of Food: Food Preservation Centres for surplus fruit set up. Recipe for potato cheese.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Clara Lovell, 70, Winchester St.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Roadman's wages sought increase from 56/- per week. Considering loan to get lorry for salvage collection.
31 JULY	Entert'mt	Waldorf Plaza	'Smiling Through' and 'You're in the Army now'.
7 AUG	Notice	National	Blackout: 1024pm to 5.48am.

	Org'n	Savings Week	Summer Savings Week achieved £1000; now seeking tank to be named after village. Coordinated by Gen Isacke.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: recipes for potato fry, potato cheese grill and farmhouse scramble.
14 AUG	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Seeking tenders for repair of 6 & 7 The Lynch.
	Entert'mt	Waldorf Plaza	Weekend in Havana and Trouble Brewing.
	Notice	Agricul're	County Agric Exec: combines available if farmer has 150+ acres to harvest; cabbage white butterflies declared a pest; permission needed to plant fruit trees; barbed wire in short supply.
	Org'n	Air raid Distress Fund	Lord Mayor's flag day raised £176/16/10 in KWRDC area (Overton £18/14/- and Laverstoke £6/5/1.
21 AUG	Notice	Press	Hants and Berks newspaper to be sold for 2d.
	Advert	Wheatabix	'There's health and happiness in Wheatabix' – small size 7½d.
	Present'n		St Mary's Hall on 26/8: Prof Levy 'Why the Red Armies resist and how'.
	Personal	Wedding	Fred'k Bourne, Sherfield on Loddon and Barbara Oram.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: article about dried eggs and recipe for savoury bake.
28 AUG	Royalty	Personal	HRH Duke of Kent killed on active service shortly after visiting Hampshire.
4 SEP	Entert'mt	Waldorf Plaza:	'Unpublished Story' and 'Murder in the Air' (Ronald Reagan).
	Notice	National	Blackout: 8.10pm to 5.49am.
	Personal	Forces	Lieut J Banning (Station Road) returns to England after helping to defend Malta.
		Wedding	Sgt Leslie Williams, Brimpton and Vera Tilbury, High St.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food article on Harvest Home with recipes for elderberry and apple jam, marrow surprise, plus how to salt beans and make apple rings.
11 SEP	Notice	Food	Milk allowance is now 3 pints a week; from 18/10; one tin of national household milk now obtainable with coupons; no canned fruit to be sold from 6 Sep; a points scheme being introduced for biscuits (chocolate biscuits 8 points/lb, plain unsweetened biscuits 2 points/lb).
18 SEP	Org'n	Waifs & Strays;	Collection boxes contained more than £21;
		Russia Fund	Russia Red Cross Fund collected £17 and whist drive £6.
	Personal	Exam success	Secondary School scholar Ronnie Locke passed Cambridge local with 2 credits and Joyce Harris matriculated in the Oxford exams.

	Personal	Deaths; Anniversary	Mrs Nelson Smith,22, in childbirth and of Mrs J Smith, 88. Golden Wedding anniversary of Ven Archdeacon Carpenter Turner and wife.
25 SEP	Property	Simmons & Sons	Taking place on 8/10: Southley Farm and Lower Whitehill Farm. Five horses, 56 shorthorn heifers, 6 dairy cows, 110 pullets, 22 geese, 27 ducks and many farm implements. Cmdr Knight selling farm and Mr G Rivers giving up farming.
	Notice	Food	Price of pheasants to be controlled: 9/- cocks, 8/- hens; also partridges 5/-. All to be in feather but retailer to pluck, draw etc. Restaurants banned from serving chocolates and sweets with meals. Onion prices to be 4½d per lb.
	Org'n	Russia Fund	Russian Red Cross fund raised £160.
	Notice	Fund raising	Overton and Whitchurch trying to raise £16,000 for a tank; £12,000 raised already.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Albert Redstall, 74 High St.
2 Oct	Sport	Bowls	Bowling Club concludes a very quiet season.
	Personal	Funeral; Press	Of Mrs Redstall. Cyril Wiltshire reported on from Canada.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 7.06pm to 6.33am
9 OCT	Notice	Eating Out	British Restaurant to open in B'stoke, giving precedence to workers.
	Notice	Food	No sugar allowed for cake mixtures, puddings, sponges, cereals; sugar for chocolate reduced by a third.
	Org'n	Red Cross	Fort Hill farm giving £5/5/- to Red Cross for work done by Foxdown camp women.
	Notice	Fund raising	Overton and Whitchurch raised £16,408 for their tank.
	Church	Harvest	Harvest Festival service held at St Mary's
	Personal	Death	Samuel Evans, High St.
	Road safety	Statistics	Road deaths in 1941/42 = 7693, whereas 1940/41 figure was 10,000.
16 OCT	Notices	Food	New quality dried eggs now available. Min of Food recipe for Lancashire Hot Pot.
	Education	WEA	Workers Education Authority meeting about a programme of 12 lectures on both Modern Literature and Psychology in Everyday Life
	Personal	Weddings	3 Oct: Sapper Fred Sadler RE of Ripon and Kathleen Smith, High St held in Ripon Cathedral; also Evelyn Ansell, Station Rd and Fred'k Smallbone, B'stoke.
23 OCT	Notice	Forces	Men aged 42+ can now join RAF as mechanics or aircraft hands.

	Notice	Fuel	Use electric cooker as little as possible between 8am and 1pm.
	Church	Congregat'l church	Sisterhood met to celebrate 20th anniversary.
	Org'n	Girls Training Corps	Overton branch supporting salvage campaign for aluminium, brass, copper, lead.
	Notice	Food	Household milk tins now on sale.
30 OCT	Personal	Forces news	Fl Lieut Landall Hall now in Italy as Prisoner of War.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Overton complaining about fire fighting capabilities rather than fire watching ones; banks at Sapley Lane to be cut to improve visibility..
6 NOV	Org'n	Cadet Corps	Paraded in front of regular officers.
	Org'n	Nursing Assoc'n	Dancing lessons by Mrs Marshall collected £10/8/6 for Overton Nursing Assoc'n.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Due to lack of labour no work would be done on the bathing places.
	Notices	Food office;	Seeking support for Food Office for Overton – the one in Whitchurch opens 1 day a week.
		Fire service	Fire fighters needed.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 5.56pm to 7.33am.
13 NOV	Notice	Eating out	British Restaurant opens in Wote St B'stoke.
20 NOV	Entert'mt	Grand Theatre	B'stoke:' Lilac Time' will run from 23 Nov with prices from 1/6 to 5/-.
	Personal	Death	Mr Rivers, 78, farmer of Lower Whitehill farm.
	Church	Bell ringing	Bells rung first time in 2 years.
	Present'n		St Mary's Hall talk by Viscount Bridgeman, Head of Home Guard for Hants, entitled 'If the invasion comes'.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Appeal raised £155/6/2 – a record.
27 NOV	Personal	Funeral	Funeral of Mrs Benham,85.
	Police	Recruitment	HCC's Women's Auxiliary Police Corps now has 68 of the 100 approved.
	Notice	Health	Health: TB has increased since war started.
4 DEC	Notice	National	Blackout: 5.23pm to 8.18am.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Discussed local gov't reform abolishing RDCs. Not favoured as would mean use of car to attend meetings and bicycle would be of no use. It would also encourage anti democracy.
	Advert	Germolene	Germolene will 'heal it clean'. 1/4 and 3/3 per tin.
	Org'n	Red Cross & St John's	Red Cross and St John's Special Appeal Week. £12,500 spent daily on parcels to British PoWs.
	Advert	Roper's	Ropers of Overton for new and second hand cycles; also offering 3000 cycle covers and tubes from 5/5 to 11/2.
	Org'n	Army Cadet	Overton and Laverstoke Army Cadet Corps platoon carried

		Corps	out an attack on Oakley Cadet Corps. Blackened faces and camouflage used to make it as realistic as possible. Contact made at Ashe Corner but Oakley lads advanced far too noisily and became trapped at Berrydown.
	Personal	Wedding	Leslie Corner, Porlock and Dorothy Roe, Station Rd.
11 DEC	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'They died with their boots on', 'Charlie's American aunt' and 'Road to Zanzibar'.
	Notice	Postal plans	Postmaster General: Shop early, wrap carefully, address plainly and post by 19 Dec for Christmas.
	Notice	Health	Health by Radio Doctor: for a school child potato should appear in every midday dinner. It gives energy. The fairly large amounts one eats make it a substantial source of vitamin C. Potatoes are best baked or steamed in their jackets. Let the plan be: potatoes every day, one or other green veg most days, yellow veg especially carrots 2 or 3 times a week and some raw green salad veg on most days.
	Notice	Food and soap	Min of Food: more soap and powders to be made in place of bar soap. Britain still has rice despite the loss of Burma which supplied 80% pre war but it's now from Brazil, Texas and Mississippi There were 11% more potatoes sold in Sept '42 than in Sept '41. catering establishments must buy meat from their local area.
18 DEC	Advert	Penetrol	Coughs and sneezes spread diseases – sprinkle some Penetrol on handkerchiefs.
	Notice	Railways	There will be no additional trains at Christmas; if more seek to travel than can be accommodated they will find themselves stranded.
	Org'n	Agricul're and Growmore Club	Farmers met at Red Lion to develop a Grow More Club. The County War Agriculture Committee appointed Basil Porter, Quidhampton farm, Group Leader in this area. Lacking young men to help as older men have little heart after a strenuous day in their respective callings to further increase their toil. The more food produced at home the less the strain on transport.
23 DEC	Church	Play	Overton Nativity play was 'The Three Roses' held in St Mary's Hall.

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1 Jan	Church		Christmastide was quiet; all pleased to hear the church bells again; abundant fare in shops but amusements few.
	Fire		Fire at Frost Hill farm – Mr Piper.
	Education	School	Prize giving at Junior Mixed school.
	Agriculture	Grow More Food gp	Grow More Food formed - Mr Basil Porter as President. Seeking land girls for tractor driving, hedging, draining, rick building, thatching.
	Church	Railings	Railings in churchyard may be given up for war effort.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Request to close footpath at Quidhampton Farm refused.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Gwilliam, 80 Winchester St – fell downstairs
	Notices	Food	Min of Food – soft drinks to be restricted; max rhubarb prices enforced and sold by weight – 11d/lb to April then 3½d/lb to June.
8 Jan	Notice	Min of Food	Max prices for green veg set: sprouting cabbage 6½d/lb, drumhead cabbage 4½d/lb. Nation must have bread, must have potatoes.
	Org'n	Tanks for Attack	Campaign (Overton) – Maj Gen Isacke received Certificate of Honour for Overton's effort.
	Personal	Wedding	Joyce Drinkwater and Edward Pulling (Chingford).
	Enter'nt	Bank of England	Gave an enjoyable evening's entertainment.
	Personal	Forces news;	Killed in action: Private Stanley Roberts, Station Road, of the Hampshires in North Africa.
		Death	Rector's daughter, Catherine Sims-Williams, aged 27.
	Notice	National	Blackout hours 5.39pm to 8.34am.
	Notice	Commerce	Whiteway's cider being discontinued due to transport costs.
15 Jan	Advert	Brylcream	Brylcream Bouquet perfume – 1/3, 2/-, 3/6, 6/-.
	Notice	Food	20,000 tons of US and Canadian sardines being released at 1½d/tin.
	Notice	Food	Cheese ration reduced to 6ozs /week – 12ozs for special classes.
	Notice	Food	Chocolate and sweet ration remains at 12oz/head.
	Enter'nt	Drama	Bank of England ladies and gents perform a drama – little plays of St Francis by Lawrence Housman.
	Personal	Death	Mary Lambden life long resident aged 75
22 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stokes: 'Mrs Miniver' and 'Honky Tonk'.
	Notice	Food	Your bread costs ships – eat home grown potatoes
	Org'n	Rivers Catchment Bd	Lord Perth, Chairman of Hants Rivers Catchment Board, gave talk on drainage of Upper Test.
	Personal	Engagement	Wilfred Turner, Itchen Abbas and Barbara Bunyard, Southsea.
	Personal	Forces news	Killed in Action: Wing Co. Brian Smith-Rewse of Ashe Warren, aged 27.
	Personal	Death	Tom Kercher, Winchester St, 81, formerly of Crooked Close.

	Agriculture	Grow More gp	Meeting of the Grow More Food group – topic milk production.
	Notice	Food	Canned fruit coming: plums from UK and apricots, peaches, grapefruit from abroad.
	Notice	Food	Alphabet (Vitamins) – A (builds up resistance to infection) from green veg, carrots, dairy products, oily fish; B (helps digestion and feeds nerves) from cereals, dairy rations, salmon; C (for good blood circulation and clear skin) from cooked veg, salad, potatoes in jackets, parsley, D (helps form good bones and teeth) from marg, cod liver and halibut oils.
29 Jan	Notice	Food	Cheese ration reduced from February to 4 oz per person per week
	Entert'nt	Savoy	B'stoke: Flanagan and Allen in 'Oi!'
	Sports	Football	Football Club dances which have replaced matches - fund raising collected £1167/11/8 for national and local charities - target only £50.
5 Feb	Rhymes		Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make a mighty ocean and a pleasant land. Little bits of paper, little piles of books, help the British nation, beat the Hunnish crook.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 6.25pm to 8.02am.
	Advert	Milwards	Marching orders: Walk whenever you can, make your old shoes last as long as you will, prolong their life by constant cleaning using as little polish as possible. Don't buy new till you have to buy new, buy Utility.
	Church	Meeting	Parochial Church mtg: Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal congratulated those present for their efforts in maintaining the spiritual life of the village.
	Loc gov't	KWRDC	First Aid and Rescue Services to be combined nationally to be the Civil Defence Reserve Service.
12 Feb	Weather	January	great gale occurred 30/31 Jan with six huge elms falling across main road at Deane; bus passengers had to de-bus and reload.
	Notice	Food	Flour to be pre-packaged in 3, 6, 12, 24 lbs; save bread by buying less of it.
19 Feb	Notice	Food	Meet the new fish: round white (cousin of cod) and flat fish.
	Personal	Deaths	George Larkham, aged 31, High St – an invalid. Maj Gen Hubert Isacke, since 1931 at Polhampton Farm, following a distinguished army career.
26 Feb	Notice	Police	Proposal to amalgamate the Hants, IOW and Winchester police forces.
	Org'ns		Meetings of WI, Growmore Club and a whist drive held.
5 Mar	Entert'nt	Concert	Wessex Philharmonia Orchestra of Bournemouth – first visit to Queen Mary school planned for 17 March.
	Agriculture	Meeting	Mass meeting advertised for farmers, farm workers and landowners to be held on 15 March and addressed by His Grace the Duke of Norfolk – topic Food Production Campaign.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 7.18pm to 7.05am
	Advert	Burton's	9 gns Victory suit for 95/- from 25/27 W'ter St, B'stoke.
	Road saf'ty	Statistics	Hants deaths in 1942 were 186, down from 223 in 1941.
	Campaign	Wings for	Overton, Whitchurch and district set target of £65,000 for

		Victory	Wings for Victory week 8-15 May.
	Sports	Football	Lordsfield Camp boys played football versus Queen Mary school, won one lost one.
	Enter'nt	Pantomime; Savoy	'Once upon a time' in St Mary's Hall played to full house . B'stoke – 'The major and the minor' with Ginger Rogers.
	Personal	Death	Selina Sprent, aged 82 of Winchester St.
12 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'Song of the islands' with Betty Grable and Victor Mature.
	Advert	Oxo	Coal – power for war work; Oxo – power for war workers.
	Sport	Football	Football: Overton Cadet Corps won 6-3 against Lordsfield Camp boys.
	Org'n	Mem.Inst'e	AGM chaired by Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal.
19 Mar	Job advert	Transport	To women over 31 – do you want work of national importance? Bus conductresses – not easy but wages good and play an important part in winning the war.
	Notice	Food	Food facts help for housewives – two weeks of suggested main meals and recipe for sausage and bean pie.
	Org'ns	Army Cadets and Girls Trg Corps	Overton Army Cadets and Girls Training Corps organised dance in SMH to provide comforts for HM minesweeper Cypress, adopted after 1942 Warship Week. Arthur Dowling and the Coneyislanders provided the music. £20 profit made.
	Agricul're	Grow More	Grow More Food group: meeting on silage and ley farming.
	Personal	Death	Overton's oldest ex-serviceman Mr Spreadbury aged 89 killed in High St by army vehicle; joined Hants regiment in 1880s and formed part of the guard conveying remains of Queen Victoria to mainland in 1901
26 Mar	Entert'nt	Savoy	B'stoke 29 Mar for six days: Tommy Handley and ITMA – 'It's that man again!'
	Orgs	Youth	Overton youth orgs held parents' evening in SMH.
2 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 5 Apr for 6 days: 'In which we serve' with Noel Coward, Bernard Miles, Celia Johnson and John Mills.
	Notice	Food	War on Weeds article to maximise food production.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Annie Baldock (née Kersley) in Essex. The family wreath did not arrive in time for the funeral at St Mary's.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Meeting: request for a food office at Overton cannot go ahead because of transport issues; £50 precept to meet year's expenditure; complaint about bridle path Appledell to White Hill and water overflow at Berrydown; concern that railings had been removed at small but not large properties; charities receiving funds listed; no public present.
	Notice	National	Blackout 8.03pm to 6.02am.
9 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke showing picture of the year: 'Bambi'.
	Education	Education Committee	Hants Education Committee: Elementary Educ. Cmte sets out holidays linked to harvesting; concern over decline in young's discipline – fault lies at home.
	Campaign	Aid to China	Fund supported by £136/0/5 from Overton.
	Sport	Football	Lordsfield Boys Camp played against Whitchurch Senior School

	Personal	Death; Weddings;	Infant son of Lady Gordon of Turrill House. T Phillimore, Station Rd and Elsie Mellues, Winchester St; Thomas Dunford, Dellands and Hilda Dart, Steventon.
16 Apr	Notice	Food	Advert for building with beans – recipes for Corned Beef and bean stew, beans sausage and egg,
	Government		Lord Portal in House of Lords espoused importance of salvage to war effort, eg railings.
	Org'n	Young Farmers	Young Farmers Club set up amongst Lordsfield Camp boys - Mr Basil Porter as advisor and Mrs Sacher as sponsor.
	Personal	Exam success	Assoc Board of Royal School of Music: Jennifer Pilbrow passed grade II (Elementary), John Robertson passed Grade I (Primary) with credit and Jean Littlejohn the preliminary exam.
22 Apr	Agriculture	Fires	Rick fires at Scotland Cottage owned by Capt Wills.
	Org'n	Lordsfield Camp	Celebrates 3 years with large parcel of gifts from America. Only 11 of the original evacuees still there.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Smith, 54, of Station Rd after pneumonia.
	Campaigns	Wings for Victory	Wings for Victory week (8-15 May) to be attended by Rt Hon Oliver Lyttleton MP, Minister of Production, Lord Portal (Laverstoke Park), Minister of Works and Brendan Bracken MP, Minister of information.
30 Apr	Personal	Injury; Wedding	Jean Vicary, aged 10 and evacuee from London, fell under the wheels of a lorry and had leg amputated; Mr C Duddington, Whitchurch and Jean Cox, Southington.
	Org'n	Choral Soc.	Performed The Crucifixion in St Mary's.
7 May	Campaigns	Wings for Victory	Wings for Victory (B'stoke) week underway. 'Save and lend to speed the end'. Grand concert by RAF at Queen Mary's school on 14 May prices 3/6 and 2/6.
	Notice	Job vacancies	To all women: local factories have part time vacancies for vital war work.
	Campaigns	Wings for Victory	Wings for Victory (Overton and Whitchurch) – reminder it takes place 8-15 May with a target of £65,000 – enough to build 13 Spitfires. Contributions daily at Lloyds Bank.
	Personal	Death	Mrs G Smith aged 71 of Red Lion Lane.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 10.16pm to 5.35am.
14 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'Holiday Inn' with Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs George Oram, High St and William Lister, Dellands.
	Utilities	Telephone	New automatic telephone exchange expected July 1943 for 90 subscribers.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Annual mtg: Mr T Hide reappointed Chmn. Clerk, Mr Loveridge, said road at Berrydown had been dealt with as had the bridleway problem. Repairs to Bathing Place sanctioned subject to maximum cost of £25.
	Personal	Wedding	Francis Curtis, Tottenham and Gladys Sharman (step daughter of Mr T Hide)
21 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'Thunder Rock '.
	Advert	Burton	Victory suit 9gns reduced to 95/-.

	Property	Sale	Sir Richard Fairey sells Oakley Hall 3500 acres estate (dating from 1795) to Philip Hill.
	Org'n	Lodge	Overton lodge to meet at the Greyhound.
	Campaigns	WfV	Wings for Victory week very successful – target achieved.
	Enter'nt	Drama	Bank of England drama group perform 'Laburnum Grove'.
	Org'n	Rangers	Overton Rangers had social evening with dance at SMH, whist drive and 'Trials of a WAAF'. Ended with football club's weekly hop.
	Properties	Fires	At Home Farm, Laverstoke and Mrs Hopkins' cottage in Winchester St.
	Org'n	Home Guard	Special parade: Capt Grindel in charge with speech followed by exercises viewed by 1000 south of Rotten Hill which included gun practice.
	Advert	Quaker	It's a regular breakfast bargain – Quaker Puffed Wheat – providing 16 helpings from 2 pints and costing only 6½d.
28 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke ; 'Casablanca' with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and 'Road to Morocco' with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.
	Campaigns	WfV	B'stoke Wings for Victory week (5-12 June) target £400,000.
4 June	Agriculture	War Committee	Hants War Agric. Cmte authorising planting of approved strawberries only; HOUSE sparrows were a pest to crops and need to destroy nests to reduce numbers, also set sparrow traps. DON'T confuse with hedge sparrows and chaffinches.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'For me and my gal' with Judy Garland and Gene Kelly.
	Notice	National	Blackout 10.55pm to 5.00am
	Notice	Food	Ministry announces distribution of oranges to children with new season's fruit from South Africa; there would be extra sugar for preserving fruit grown at school or given them; restaurants would be allowed 3lbs of fish per 100 main meals.
	Org'n	Meeting	Unity Committee held meeting in B'stoke about massacre of Jews in Europe.
	Org'n	Vacancy	Hants and General Friendly Society seeking new agent in Overton.
	Notice	St Mary's Hall	'The organisers of the weekly Saturday evening dances at SMH have never placed any bar on the admittance of coloured troops and their actions have been justified for, taken on the whole, they are a courteous, good mannered, well conducted band of men. As an act of appreciation the men themselves gave a cabaret dance at the hall with free admittance. Expenses were paid by the soldiers with an abundance of free refreshments not excluding a modicum allowance of the Englishman's favourite beverage. The dance gave much pleasure and the intimation that one would be given in the near future was received with acclamation'.
11 June	Personal	Death	Mrs D Baker aged 29 who had four very young children.
	Campaigns	WfV	Wings for Victory – Overton schoolchildren raised £225 (juniors) and £77 (infants). Mrs Hopkins who suffered a recent fire had received two lemons from a son in Canada and these

			were sold for £45 which was given to the campaign.
18 June	Campaigns		B'stoke Wings for victory week raised £575, 809.
	Casualties	Press format	Newspaper begins to list Hants Regiment war casualties with name and rank but without home details.
	Road safety	Statistics	Over 100 children killed or injured daily- make them traffic conscious.
25 June	Org'n	Rose Day	Alexandra Rose Day collected £12/19/6 in Laverstoke and £35/14/8 in Overton with local Nurses Fund being given £42/12/1.
	Org'n	Cadet Force	Army Cadet Force camp would take place on Whitsun weekend.
2 July	Notice	Food	Eggs selling at 1/3 a dozen.
	Notice	Food Office & ration books	Newbury and District Joint Food Office to supply new ration books in Overton's SMH on 14 and 15 July between 1030am and 5.30pm; check particularly that identity card and current ration book agree, fill in p 3 of existing ration book and on p 4 write in name of milk retailer with whom registered and also your child's meat and egg retailer.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 11.05pm to 5.03am.
9 July	Advert	Venture Buses	Work of national importance – men needed as drivers, women and men for conductors on Venture buses Ltd.
	Notice	Food	Ministry: How to cook new potatoes for full flavour plus recipe for potato salad.
	Education	Education Committee	Hants Educ. Cmte strongly urges teaching of Empire History for exams. Also calling conference on best method to deal with sex education.
	Sport	Cricket	Overton Evacuees Camp boys beat Whitchurch Senior school at cricket
	Personal	Death	Capt Winslade, Dellands who was in charge of the Labour Exchange.
	Personal	Wedding	Josephine Loveless, Quidhampton Mill and Frederick Ashfield, Whitchurch.
16 July	Notice	Agricul're	Agricultural Wages Act – males 21+ to get 50/- a week, females 37/6.
	Personal	Scholarships	From Junior school: Vivian Kemp (Southington), Dennis Brown (Winchester St) and Geoffrey Mills (Red Lion Lane).
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Day and Mrs Glasspole, both Winchester St, James Watts, The Lynch.
	Notice	Ration books	New ration books effective 25 July – 3 each, depending on age.
	Notice	Railways	Railways are carrying 50% more passengers since the war started.
23 July	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke – 'Talk of the Town' with Cary Grant.
30 July	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Mtg: repairs at Bathing Place cost less than £20; questionnaire on post war reconstruction with 20 houses needed for agriculture, 30 for abatement, 40 for general needs, 6 bungalows for elderly to be mostly of parlour type. Considering

			building at Sapley Lane and allotments rear of junior school. Doubts were expressed over Portals' and Bank of England's needs. There would be no need for a communal bath house. A water supply would be extended to Berrydown, The Lynch and Ashe
	Notice	Food	Liquid milk ration down from 3 to 2½pts per person.
6 Aug	Notice	National	Blackout 10.26pm to 5.47am.
	Notice	Food	Sell surplus garden fruit to Fruit Preservation Centres.
	Church	Congregat'l	Congregational Church Gift service raised £15/6/- for repair fund.
	Campaign	Aid to China	Aid to China fund raised £88 at garden fete at Southington House.
13 Aug	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'Random Harvest' and 'Count of Monte Christo'.
	Org'n	Hospital; War orphans	£34 raised for County Hospital Fund. Football dance at SMH raised £30/15/6 for British War Orphans with music supplied by Coloured Amercian Dance Band playing jazz 'as only the coloured folks can play'. Refreshments by US Red Cross through two charming coloured nurses. Thereafter jitterbug danced even more furiously until 11pm when Stars and Stripes and God Save The King were played.
20 Aug	Notice	Food	Ministry: notes on the apple harvest with recipe for apple and ginger jam, apple chutney; shallots can be got through greengrocer for 25/- per cwt; 700 million tons of tea purchased with more from Empire countries to make up for loss of Dutch East Indies.
	Personal	Forces news	Prisoner of War: Gunner Albert Shadwell, The Lynch, in SE Asia.
	Utility	Telephone	New automatic telephone exchange came into effect 18 Aug and all calls to be by dial, those within Overton not requiring an operator.
27 Aug	Personal	Wedding	Donald Cowmeadow, High St and Nancy Openshaw, Vinns Lane.
	Personal	Death	Mrs B Evans, High St.
	Notice	Food	Milk price increased to 3/- a gallon (4½d a pint); there would be more sugar for jam making; there would be one pound of oranges for everyone with RB2 ration book soon.
1 Sep	Notice	Food	Ministry: how to keep the loaf fresh, how to preserve tomatoes, how to keep milk fresh longer, how to make blackberry shortcake.
	Advert	Roper's	M D Roper Ltd Overton, tel 206: The day we receive your radio we will give you full report stating parts required; if a small job we will repair same day.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 8.13pm to 5.47am.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Considering a VD campaign with posters in public places or just in pubs. Comment: 'Most of the people concerned would visit public houses whereas children in the street didn't want that kind of thing'.

10 Sep	War	Surrender	Italy's unconditional surrender announced 8 Sept.
	Culture	Grand Theatre	B'stoke: 'Blythe Spirit' (Noel Coward), prices 3/6 or 1/6.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Maria Smith, Quidhampton.
17 Sep	Notice	Food	Ministry: How to cook a perfect omelette in 2½ mins with dried eggs.
	Org'n	Waifs & Strays	Society collected £27.
	Church	Harvest	Harvest Thanksgiving services with offertory to Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund.
	Personal	Death	Mr Drew (77) of Winchester St.
24 Sep	Property	Sale	Kingsclere Racing Stables sold for £27,000 to Mrs Williams of Winchcombe, Glos
	Church	Visit	Archdeacon of B'stoke visited SMH.
1 Oct	Notice	National	Blackout: 7.08pm to 6.32am.
	Notice	Food	Ministry: advice on drying of herbs, green tomato chutney, hip honey, pickled and dry onions.
	Media	Press	News of the World celebrates 100 yrs with the largest sale of any newspaper in the world.
	Org'n	WI	Hold meeting at Mem. Institute.
8 Oct	Personal	Death	6th Duke of Wellington killed in action in Italy.
	Org'ns	Fund raising	Collections raised £27 for Hants Assoc for the Blind and £33 for Sailors Society.
15 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'The Bells go Down' with Tommy Trinder
	Media	Medical	Radio Doctor items dealing with children under 5.
	Agriculture	Grow More Gp	Farmers Grow More Food club mtg at Red Lion presided over by Mr Porter with discussion on whether Overton and Oakley branches should join as neither had sufficient numbers to create enthusiasm.
	Personal	Forces news	Sgt Albert Watts, Station Rd died aged 23 on the Italian front.
	Enter'nt	Mem. Inst.	Harvest Home supper organised at OMI by Miss Bowmar land worker at Quidhampton farm, with ENSA entertainers; attended by Lord Porsmouth and Viscount Monck.
22 Oct	Org'n	Girls Club	Buttercup Day collection by Overton Girls Club raised £17/10/- for Royal national Orthopaedic Hospital Fund.
29 Oct	Notice	Food	Ministry: more oranges in the shops but mostly to be found in bottles which can be collected from the Newbury Joint Food Office in the Rectory.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Expressing warning that the Government should expect trouble over LG reorganisation if it was to be run entirely from Whitehall.
5 Nov	Personal	Death	Mrs Wheatley of Thatcham with Overton connections.
	Medical	Ambulance	Various activities undertaken related to upkeep of new

			ambulance based at Whitchurch.
12 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stroke: 'They got me covered' with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour
	Sport	Football	Lordsfield Camp boys beat Preston Candover.
	Personal	Wedding	L/C Eric Watts, Red Lion Hotel and Margaret Tilbury, High St.
	Personal	Death	Mr E Light, Winchester St.
19 Nov	Loc Gov't	OPC	Concerns about flooding of lower Winchester St and puddling in London Road.
	Org'n	British Legion	Overton branch AGM with Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal chairing.
26 Nov	Loc Gov't	HCC	States 42 killed in Hants June to Sep – 3 fewer than in 1942; Midwife's salary to be in range £270 to £360 pa; aiming to start midday meals in schools.
	Personal	Death	George Knight of White Hart hotel.
3 Dec	Education	Donation	Lord Portal gave £1000 as capital for school books.
	Sport	Football	Local team lost unbroken record to Andover Grammar school 8-0
	Church	Congregat'l	Fire from stove at church damaged woodwork and bibles.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Poppy Day appeal raised £157/4/-.
	Personal	Deaths	Maggie Hill of Ashe aged 83 and Henry King aged 72.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 5.23pm to 8.17am.
10 Dec	Notice	Food	Ministry: recipes for salt fish.
	Post Office	Christmas	Requesting people send fewer parcels this Christmas so trains can be used to transport equipment.
17 Dec	Personal	Anniversary	Golden wedding of John Crowe and wife of Beechworth House, both farmers.
23 Dec	Notice	Health	Because of 'flu epidemic more sugar would be sent to chemists and doctors.
	Org'n		Christmas party for young mothers at SMH
31 Dec	Agricul're	Vermine	Ministry wants to eradicate 1million rats.
	Notice	Food	Ministry: 1 lb of oranges available per person January to March.
	Personal	Forces news	Missing in Italy on active service: Edward Millington (Dellands).
	Church	Christmas	Christmas festivals very quiet.
	Personal	Forces news	Son of Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal thought to be Prisoner of War in Japan.
	Personal	Death	Amy Shaw aged 83.

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7 Jan	Entert'nt	Waldorf Plaza Grand Theatre	B'stoke: 'The Yellow Canary' with Anna Neagle and Richard Greene. Pantomime - 'Dick Whittington'.
	Notice	National	Min of Fuel: coal deliveries to households reduced to 4 cwt (max) in Jan.
	Agric'ture	HWAEC	Need to mill clover asap as there will a shortage in spring.
	Courts		Two people fined 5/- for gambling in a public place; one fined 15/- for no rear bike light.
	Event	Present'n	9 Jan to be laid on by Council of Retail Distribution: Can the individual trader survive? Addressed by Sq Ldr Patrick Donner MP.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 5.37pm to 8.35am.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: 'A vitamin's a thing that's fatal to you if you don't eat it'. 'Food obtained by methods shifty is shared with Hitler 50/50'.
	Notice		Min of Agric: 'Britain's farms must not let up; keep fully mobilised; workers must be fed; our farms must feed our people'.
	Church	Sunday School	Overton Sunday School treats – 100 older ones given tea then presented a play with conjurer.
	Sport	Football	Football club: since summer it has donated £106 dance revenue to the future benefit of a little London evacuee girl who lost a leg in an accident.
	Personal	Funeral	Mrs Amy Shaw, 86
	Entert'nt	Savoy	B'stoke: Vera Lynn in 'Rhythm Serenade'.
14 Jan	Road safety	Casualties	Mr Jay knocked down by cyclist on Ashe Hill. Mr Denning of Ashe Farm went to help; Mr Bellinger of Fox Inn Overton came off his bike, mother tended to him but she had a fall and broke her leg.
	Personal	Wedding	Pte Joseph Coupe and Mrs Kate Bower of Station Cottages.
21 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	B'stoke: 'King's Row' with Ronald Reagan.
	Notice	Agricul're	Min of Agric: 4 year plan for Britain's farms: to grow as much food as possible; to manage cropping so allowing prompt adaptation to peacetime needs; maintain tillage area and plough up more permanent grassland; plant crops that clean and restore fertility - more leys, more roots ; to get better balance between crops and livestock.
	Nature		Early primroses picked in Court Copse.
	Church	Special service	Rev Briggs a chaplain to American forces took the pulpit; soldiers sang 'Fairest Lord Jesus' and 'Nobody knows the trouble I'm in' accompanied by their own organist.
28 Jan	Notice	Food	Min of Food: promotion of orange juice and cod liver oil for children.
	Advert	Rowntree's	: How to make do with 60 points: 4 packets of b'fast cereal (8), 3 tins of pilchards (6), ½ lb sultanas (4), ½ lb choc biscuit (8), 1 lb rice (4), 2 lbs of syrup (16), 1 lb lentils (2), 3 tins of salmon

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4 Feb	Enter'nt		'Alexander's Ragtime Band' with Tyrone Power.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 6.24pm to 8.04am
	Education	Hants Educ Cmte	Midday meals now in 147 schools with 112 cooking on the premises; 14,429 meals cooked a day.
	Personal	Wedding	Pte Francis Musty, Cheltenham, and Miss Bowman, Willesley Warren.
11 Feb	Notice	Retail	Supply of rubber boots strictly limited – make use of the reconditioning scheme.
	Notice	National	Min of War Transport: compiling list of landladies for haulage drivers.
	National	Food	Butter supply is serious and dependent on 'southern Dominions' for supply. Can only permit 2 ozs per week. Some surplus bitter oranges to be distributed.
	Gov't	Airfields	Lord Portal Min of Works stated that £6m worth of airfields had been built.
	Personal	Wedding	Corp Robert Guilve, Arbroath, and Miss Sylvia Tite of Station Road.
	Church	Parochial Mtg	In St Mary's Hall advised that wartime meant it was difficult to keep choir going but small boys were improving under instructions from Mrs Titmous, organist. Bell ringing team restarted under instructions of Messrs Garrett and Taylor. 40-50 attended.
18 Feb	Advert	Railways	Advert: engine cleaners 16 -18 required urgently by Southern Railway.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	: 'Now Voyager' with Bette Davis and 'Dixie' with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.
	Advert	Loc Gov't	B'stoke RDC seek Rat Officer to comply with Infestation Order 1943 - £250 per year.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food advice on how to have more fat for cooking.
	Church		Missionary film on Nigeria shown in SMH to an audience mainly of children.
	Org'n	Hants & Gen Friendly Soc	AGM of Overton branch in SMH, attendance poor. New agent Mr Wadley presented report.
25 Feb	Org'n	WI	Meeting well attended – demonstration on re-footing of Lisle stockings.
3 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Sweet Rosie O'Grady' with Betty Grable.
	National	Food	From 2 Feb canned imported marmalade available on points, not on preserves ration, and mainly of grapefruit not orange variety; ;large quantity of sardines from Portugal available; sufficient Sicilian lemons to give everyone ¼ lb each. New order on price display in shops.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: 'cooking by the clock' - potato and leek stew (30mins); savoury onions (1 hr); savoury toast (10mins meals).
	Court		Whitchurch butcher Wigmore fined £400 and sent to prison for 3 months for accepting stolen army rations.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 7.14pm to 7.09am.

	Notice	Lucozade	Supplies restricted to chemists and hospitals for invalids and those requiring glucose.
	Sport	Football	Army boys versus Chute on Lordsfield Camp ground – score 4-4.
	Org'n	Mem. Insit'e	AGM with Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal presiding – 40 there. Servicemen home on leave would be honorary members and women's branch was thriving.
10 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Thank your lucky stars' with Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, Errol Flyn and Olivia de Havilland.
	Health	Rotary	B'stoke Rotary Club had address from Dr Hirst of British Medical Association on the proposed comprehensive Medical Service.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Council house rents increased by between 6d and 2/- per week with rebates for serving personnel.
17 Mar	Notice	Railway	Don't travel this Easter – keep trains free for men and materials for fighting forces.
	National	Food	Cheese ration down from 3 ozs to 2 ozs per week for the summer but would not apply to special workers (miners, agriculture, transport); milk ration increased from 2 to 2½ pints /week ; points raised from 20 to 24 per month to help make up for loss of protein. Dried bananas for children with coelisc disease.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: one potato dinner menu for 4 given.
	Personal	Forces news; Death	Death: on HMS Penelope – P O David Tilbury who was awaiting promotion to CPO. Mrs Knight aged 38.
24 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Girl crazy' with Micky Rooney and Judy Garland'.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	5d increase in rate, first since 1938, to 10/8 in the £; 630 homes required in Post War Devp Cmte paper – 200 for agriculture, 120 for overcrowding, 190 for general needs, 120 to replace demolished properties. Also considering abattoir for area.
	Org'n	ACC	Second anniversary of ACC celebrated with dance in SMH in aid of charity, accompanied by swingsters. American dance Orchestra provided music and £21/5/- raised. Linked to football match against Whitchurch Minor Club which Overton won 4-0.
31 Mar	Notice	National	Blackout: 8.01pm to 6.07am with reminder that double summer time commences next Sunday.
	National	Food	Preserves ration to double from 30 Apr - 1 lb of preserves for every ½ lb sugar.
6 Apr	Notice	National	Blackout: 9.12pm to 6.50am.
	War		Nazis plan to flood Netherlands if US invades.
	Church	Congregat'l	Invitation from Congregational Church to hear US Chaplain Singer on Easter Sunday.
	Org'n		Aid to China Fund raised £60/6/4.
	Personal	Deaths	Edward Fancy, London Rd, steward of OMI, aged 61.

			Jennie Smith, Berrydown Lodge, aged 73.
	Enter'nt	Savoy	B'stroke: 'Once upon a Honeymoon' with Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant.
14 Apr	Notice	Food	Min of Food – no longer able to purchase sugar/preserves ration in advance. Sales of cider zoned. Salami (4/- per lb) and Cervelat (3/6 per lb) sausage available.
	Notice	Railways	They were providing 9000 extra trains per month on OHMS.
	Church	Easter	Good attendance at services at St Mary's with one 97 year old walking a mile to the service.
	Enter'nt		Lordsfield Camp boys gave evening's entertainment with £6/5/8 raised for Red Cross.
	Personal	Wedding	Solomon Kersley, Winchester St, and Gwendolin Bourne, High St. at Laverstoke; William Tilbury and Winifred Norton.
	Notice	Bicycles	Pumps to be 3" shorter.
21 Apr	Org'n	Salute the Soldier week	Overton and Whitchurch week taking place from 24 June to 1 July, target £50,000.
	Personal	Exams	Music: Assoc Bd of Royal school of Music – John Robertson Grade II elementary; Michael Lane (Prelim).
	Personal	Retirement	Retirement of Mr C Harvey after 51 yrs service, head gardener at Southington House and also responsible for chancel decorations at St Mary's for festivals.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	APM presided over by Mr T Hide. Complaints about state of roads at Dellands and Waltham Lane; the unsatisfactory way gutters are cleared; absence of public conveniences in village; inadequacies of refuse collection as the village had had no collection for three weeks. Report on the new children's playground passed to KWRDC who were freeholders.
	Personal	Death	Mrs C Winterbourne (High St) aged 50.
28 Apr	Entert'nt	Waldorf Plaza; Savoy	'Jane Eyre' with Joan Fontaine and Orson Welles 'Bell bottom George' with George Formby.
	Personal	Death	Miss Catherine Lowth, aged 69, who came from London in 1940.
5 May	Entert'nt		St Mary's Hall Ministry of Information films: 'Dutch traditions', 'Cameramen at war', 'Know your Commonwealth', 'South Africa', Words and Actions but there was a poor attendance.
	Courts	Kingsclere Petty Sessions	One person fined 10/- and another £1 for not sending child to school.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 9.58pm to 5.54am.
12 May	Notice	Food	Min of Food: 'What's for Afters?' – recipes for steamed fruit pudding, fruit fool, peach junket.

	Entert'nt	Savoy	B'stoke: 'For ever and a day' with Anna Neagle and Charles Laughton.
	Org'n	Waifs and Strays	Collection in village raised £16/8/11.
	Personal	Birthdays	Mr Lamden 99 and Mr Millington 98, both from Dellands.
	Org'n	Choral Soc	Choral Society concert for Lordsfield Camp boys.
	Education	Sports - personal	Queen Mary School's Challenge Cup for sports won by Philip Harris of High St for the 100, 220 and 440yds running.
	Org'n	Land Army	Women's Land Army appeal collected £17/10/-.
	Personal	Honour	FO Bernard Roberts, born in Overton, awarded DFC by the King.
19 May	Notice	Food	Min of Food: need to have strawberries certified before sale.
	Notice	Ration books	Collect new ration books 21 June between 10am and 6 in St Mary's Hall.
	Property sale	Gribble, Booth and Shepherd	25 dwellings put up for auction sale at Red Lion, all but two sold, amounting to £3675. All currently let to good tenants. Two in Winchester St went for £900.
	Org'n	Barnardo's	Empire Youth Sunday collected money for Barnardo's.
	Org'n	Rangers and Brownies	Two dances collected £24/12/6.
	Sport	Football; Cricket	ACF season: won 8, lost 6, drew 3 with Paice and Watts the stars. Cricket team is short of equipment and might not function.
26 May	Org'n		Caravan Mission for Children – in Southington (Town) Meadow.
	Org'n	Nursing Assoc'n.	AGM of Overton branch: Lady Portal presided; family fees to rise by 6d; single rate rising from 3/3 to 4/4 and visits to non members would be extra 6d. More than half the cost of the nurse's house had been repaid to the Newbury Building Soc. Nurse Godby paid 1694 visits.
2 June	Notice	National	Blackout: 10.57pm to 5.07am.
	Event	Empire Day	Visits to schools by Rector and Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal.
	Entert'nt	Presto Club	Gave performance at SMH of 'Keep your fingers crossed' in aid of the Red Cross.
	Education		Garden party at Southington House for church school funds related to new Education Bill raised £92/11/1.
	Org'n	ACF	Held a successful camp at Litchfield Grange.

9 June	Org'n	Lifeboats	Lifeboat Institution collected £30/7/6.
	Personal	Forces news	Flt Lieut Collins of Winchester St repatriated from German prisoner of war camp.
	Org'n	Cadet Corps	Overton Cadet Corps cricket match v the Presto Club -won by 2 runs.
16 June	Notice	Vacancies	Vacancies for domestic workers to help the wounded – cooks, housemaids etc .
23 June	Notice	National	Blackout: 11.09pm to 5.03am.
	Org'n	Salute the Soldier Week	Will open on 24 June with ceremony at 3.15pm at Rectory, then at 3.45pm in Winchester St and will be addressed by Field Marshall Sir Philip Chetwode. 'Hang out your bunting and make this a record week to salute the soldier'.
	Personal	Death	Rector's mother Mrs Wells in Bournemouth. Mrs Jacques 64 of Dellands.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Given permission to borrow £120 at 3% repaid over 7 years for purchase of 4 and 5 The Lynch.
30 June	Org'n	Salute the Soldier Week	Opening ceremony preceded by impressive procession from Bridge St to Winchester St with band of the Hampshire Regiment, Home Guard, British Legion, Royal Observer Corps, NFS Civil Defence and First Aid, Civil Defence (Bank of England), Army Cadets and Girl Guides. The evening auction raised £643. School playground had display of field guns.
	Notice	Vacancies	Domestic workers urgently required in local hospitals – laundry workers paid 48/- per week.
	Org'n	Rose Day	Alexandra Rose Day raised £50/5/- and was organised by Mrs Isacke.
	Enter'nt		Two concerts organised by American coloured troops raised £13 for war wounded.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting chaired by Mrs Drinkwater had talk on wild flowers given by Mrs Wickham.
	Personal	Forces news	Pte Basil Banning, Station Road, Airborne Division reported seriously wounded in Normandy; parents Mr and Mrs G Banning, have 7 sons in the forces, all in different regiments.
7 July	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Goodbye Mr Chips' with Robert Donat and Greer Garson.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 11.06pm to 5.13am
	Org'n	Salute the Soldier Week	Raised £65,700. Mrs Shaw at the Post Office had no relaxation all week; Junior School (Mr Drinkwater) raised £314 and Infants School (Miss Hole) £90, SMH dances £21, Whist Drives £17. Bank of England laid on 'Foxdown salutes the soldier' review with Jimmy Stickland as drummer which raised £23.
	Personal	Deaths	Mr George Larkham, 71, High St; Mr Henry Lamden, 79, London Rd; Albert Giles, 44, Bridge St after an accident at Thornycroft's.
14 July	Advert	Jacob's	Tea and Jacob's Cream Crackers – a treat to look forward to after the war .

21 July	National	Food	Four tasty suggestions for cold meal dishes: potato and bacon salad, scrambled egg salad, sausage salad, pilchard salad.
	National	Railway Executive	'Trained for invasion': Stay at home this summer and leave lines clear for fighting men and transport resources.
28 July	Advert	Event	Bank Holiday fete at Southington House, entry 6d.
	Education	Scholarships	For Ruth Holmes, Dellands who will go to the High School for Girls in B'stoke.
	Personal	Forces news	Lt Corp Dennis Cousins seriously wounded in Normandy.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Concert with 20 songs – Mr Watkins conductor, Mrs Titmous piano.
	Enter'nt		9 girls aged 4-11 gave an entertainment for Red Cross and St John Ambulance: Janis Berry (promoter), Jane Upton, Marion Whitebread, Kathleen Lance, Jeanette Wiltshire, Joan and Kathleen Wake, Shirley and Wendy Berry preceded by a little play written by Janis Berry. Raised £20.
	Personal	Forces news	F O Graeme Turner reported missing flying over Caen.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Meeting, presided by Mr T Hide with four councillors attending. Seeking public convenience for village situated in Church Rd; right of way purchase turned down relating to Winchester St to EKPF link. The Bathing Place Committee sought new concrete base to changing rooms.
4 Aug	Notice	Food	Min of Food: food facts – rations for one: make a pie, pudding or casserole out of ½ worth of stewing steak, vegetable stew with dumplings, cheese and veg pasty; bacon hash; risotto of diced liver sausage, pilchard salad, scotch eggs, mock hamburgers.
	Loc Gov't	HCC	Rate reduced by 2d from Oct.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 10.31pm to 5.49am
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Rev Wells and Mr T Hide reported that Mr Crave had been asked to sell 6' by 50' piece of garden for better access from Winchester St to EKPF.
	Notice	Police	Special war time measure of temporary women police officers and one woman inspector authorised.
11 Aug	Advert	Bovril	Bovril sandwich will satisfy, sustain and invigorate you.
	Event		Successful garden fete held at Southington House raised over £100.
	Personal	Death	George Hill, Winchester St aged 76, licensee of the Horseshoe Inn for 48 years.
18 Aug	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'Gone with the wind' with Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: how to make coleslaw.
25 Aug	Loc Gov't	OPC	Mtg: authorised Mr Akehurst to repair changing rooms at Bathing Place for £8.

	Event		Mrs E Wake and Mrs Wellman supported gathering in OMI to aid young lad – raised £36/2/-.
1 Sep	Notice	Food	Min of Food: tasty egg dishes – Scotch egg galantine, double decker omelette, egg and onion flan.
	Notice	National	Blackout: 9.21pm to 6.47am.
	Church	Congregational	Church welcomed new Minister Rev Douglas Godfrey.
8 Sep	Personal	Forces news	Sgt H Winslade reported missing in air operations.
	Market		Lordsfield Camp boys sold 19 lambs at Winchester Market for £3 each and 12 ewes for £3/4/-.
	Church		National Day of Prayer saw crowded church.
15 Sep	Personal	Wedding	Dennis Leavey (B'stoke) and Sybil McCann, Station Hill.
29 Sep	Church	Harvest	Harvest Thanksgiving services well attended.
	Personal	Wedding	Eric Swinford, Minster, Kent, to Janet Crowe, Beechcroft House, Winchester St.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Mr Crowe 32 Winchester St now unwilling to discuss sale of land; approval of 10 new houses in Overton.
6 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza	'This happy man' with Celia Johnson and John Mills. Savoy: 'Lady Hamilton' with Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh.
	Org'n	WI	Mtg – talk on history of Red Cross by Mrs Evan Thomas and an appeal for knitters for European Clothing Fund.
	Notice	Railway	Southern Railway's D Day efforts: one siding known as Woolworth's as it supplied everything for use overseas; between 1 June and 31 Aug 500 special trains of petrol and oil, 232 loaded with armoured vehicles. There were 3000 troop specials and 250 Prisoner of War trains in the other direction. Ran 127 trains to move 85,000 official evacuees from flying bombs and 150 others for other evacuees.
13 Oct	Agric'ture	Weather	Freak weather very trying for harvesting. Wheat crops quite good but dry spring and wet summer had had a bad effect on spring sown cereals.
	Notice	Food	5 year synopsis of food control from 1939 -44 detailed
	Special event	Kingsclere killings	American coloured troops opened fire on the Crown Inn at Kingsclere, two killed plus licensee's wife, Mrs Napier. Subsequently dishonourably discharged and sentenced to life in prison.
	Personal	Wedding	Archie Stickland and Caroline West, Fleet, at St Mary's.
20 Oct	Notice	Food and drink	Maximum drink prices given: minerals 4d per pint, with fruit juice 2/6 a bottle.
	Personal	Injured soldiers	Basil Banning and Denis Cousens, both wounded in France after D day were able to visit parents last week; they are recovering well but will be having hospital treatment for some time.

	Org'n	WEA	Workers Education Authority want to start a class on International Affairs.
	Org'n	British Legion	Mtg – women from Overton want to set up own branch but hadn't had much support from the men's section. Agreed to co-operate in future.
	Event		Mrs Mellues of Winchester St held event in Institute raising £52 for war charities involving jumble sale, miss A Wake's play, tea and whist drive.
	Personal	Forces death	Killed in action: Lt Col Basil Hopkins of Bridge St.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Mtg: Mr T Hide presided, Clerk Mr Loveridge – deferred scheme on lighting. Discussed housing sites for after war – Red Lion site not suitable but Little Meadow might be according to KWRDC Surveyor. PC not supportive as subject to dense fog; Overton Hill and Dellands preferred.
27 Oct	Enter'nt		B'stoke Amusements now open by gas works with speedway and dodgems track.
	Org'n	WI	Mtg with Mrs A Hide demonstrating glove making.
3 Nov	Org'n		Mission Fund gathering raised £41.
	Personal	Deaths	Charles Watts, Waltham Lane, 47 from cancer. Mrs Helen Mortimer at whose funeral Mr S Kersley, son in law, played the organ.
	Advert	Marshall's	Marshall's dessert mould makes creamy dessert - 3½d per packet.
	Org'n	WEA	WEA starting talks on 'Growth of the USA'.
10 Nov	Advert	Curry's	New wireless sets at Curry's from 27 guineas – 7 volts, High Power.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: making best use of soya flour in cakes, pastries,, soups, gravies.
	Personal	Forces casualties	Killed in action: L Sgt W Smith , Station Rd, in Italy. Wounded: Sapper Henry Hutchins, Battens Ave with broken leg.
17 Nov	Org'n	HWAEC	Conference on Mechanical Harvesting, Guildhall Winchester.
	Buses	Campaign	British Buses pressing Gov't to allow wider seats by allowing 8' rather than 7½'.
	Church	Remembrance Day	Service well attended followed by evening singing in SMH.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Organised by Mrs Fayerbrother raised £138/8/10½.
	Org'n	St. John Ambulance	Whist drive as Overton branch likely to be set up by Mr S Wiltshire, Mr and Mrs S Kersley, Mrs Mellues, Miss Malphus and Miss C Kemp.
	Personal	Death	Mrs L Hawkins, Battens Ave, aged 46.
	Org'n	British Legion	Annual mtg: Col Armstrong presided. There would be a women's branch and a fund had been set up to celebrate the

			homecoming of men from overseas.
24 Nov	Property sale	Gribble, Booth and Shepherd	66 houses and cottages in Overton and Whitchurch by auction in SMH on 7 Dec at 7pm, bringing in rents of £19 to £184 per annum.
	Notice	Food	Min of Food: how to thaw frozen cod fillets and with five fish dish recipes.
	Enter'nt	Presto Club	Musical Review: 'Rise and shine' for British Legion's Welcome Home Fund was well attended with contributions from Nina Joyce, Jean Wale, Doreen Bath, Barbara Cardwell; 4 year old Mary Allen was a big hit.
	Personal	Death	Mr Alfred Lamden aged 99 and Overton's oldest inhabitant.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Overton's Sewage Pumping Plant: the pumps had been patched so couldn't be repaired; recommend that they apply to Gov't to install new pumps costing c £100.
1 Dec	Org'n	Cadet Corps	Army Cadet Corps; whist drive raised £7/10/- towards setting up band.
	Personal	Forces death; Death	Killed in Action: Capt Stringer of Dellands, killed in NW Europe. Missing presumed killed: AB Bertram Oram of Dellands, his cousin.
	Org'n	Growmore Club	Oakley and Overton branch AGM at Deane Gate; Basil Porter elected chairman.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Elizabeth Oram, Bridge St, aged 69; PC Charles Burden aged 51.
8 Dec	Advert	Press	National Trade Press for tomorrow's retailing magazines.
	Notice	Christmas post	Postmaster General urges post by 18 Dec for Christmas; there would only be one delivery on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with no deliveries on Boxing Day. There would be Christmas Day collections in rural areas but a Boxing Day collection in urban areas.
	Education	Meeting	Mtg in B'stoke relating to the new Education Act.
	Church	New bells	Tom Readings of Horsell donating 2 bells to the church, making 8 in total, in memory of grandfather Robert Purdue who rang out the old year and in with the new for 68 years as clerk and sexton to St Mary's.
	Personal	Deaths	George Readings, 71; Mrs Rose Snozwell, Red Lion Lane, aged 50; Mr R Pascoe, Winchester St, aged 64.
15 Dec	Property sale	Gribble Booth and Shepherd	Total sales amounted to £16,745: 13 High St made £225; 2 and 3 Red Lion Lane made £400; 7, 9, 11 Red Lion Lane made £540; 28 and 30 Bridge St made £335; 24 and 26 Bridge St made £295; 16, 18, 20 and 22 Bridge St made £590; 10, 12, 14 Bridge St made £300; 20 Winchester St sold after auction; 19 Winchester St made £610; 29, 31, 33 Winchester St made £590; 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89 Winchester St made £976; 2 Waltham Rd made £535; 27 Station Rd made £195; 49, 51 High St made £300; 43, 45, 47 High St made £690;

			28, 30,32 High St made £1025; 38, 40, Dellands Lane made £985; 6 evens to 22 London Rd made £1500; 35, 37 Waltham Rd made £800; 39, 41 Waltham Rd made £850; 49 Waltham Rd made £750.
	Org'n		Red Cross and St John Ambulance sales by Mrs Berry, 3 Greyhound Lane with Janis and Shirley raised £31/10/-
	Org'n		Whist Drive raised £28/19/6.
	Personal	Death	Lordsfield Camp boy – Ronald Forester – whilst attending the pictures at Whitchurch.
	Org'n	British Legion	Had new role of voluntary duties. New committee set up.
	Personal	Wedding	At Ashe between Herbert Barrett, B'stoke, and Gladys Burgess, School House, Ashe.
22 Dec	Org'n	Homecoming Welcome Fund	Event organised by Mrs Wake and daughter of Bridge St raised £45.
	Personal	Wedding	Sgt Pilot Richard Pring, Crewkerne, and Connie Hacker of Winchester St.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	179,165 rats tails received in 4 years – 1d each.
	Event	Village fracas	Affray in Overton involving Coloured US troops who gate-crashed a dance by white Americans. Church Hall damage cost £6. Overton was then out of bounds to white American troops.
	War	Evacuees	First evacuees – 15 in total – returning to Portsmouth.
	Housing		Site 6 in Overton would now have 20 houses not 10.
29 Dec	Church	Christmas	Services well attended.
	Personal	Anniversary	Golden Wedding: on Christmas Day of Mr and Mrs W Smith of High St who have seven daughters and one son.
	Org'n	British Legion	Whist drive raised £30 for the Welcome Home Fund.
	Event		Lordsfield Camp closed after 4½ years. Held in total 300 evacuees. had a Break Up party.
	Personal	Death	Mr Leonard Annells of Foxdown Farm.

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5 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza Bas	'Rebecca' with Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine.
	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre	Pantomime – 'Babes in the Wood'.
	Property	Sale	Oakley Hall estate sold - 3500acres, with onward sale of southern part including Folly Farm North Waltham to Mr G Street. Hall currently used as school.
	Personal	Honours	New Year a Viscounty for Lord (Wyndham) Portal, Min of Works until 1944, lives at Laverstoke House. Head of the family firm making paper for Bank of England since 1719 Steel prefabricated bungalows named after him.
	Notice	Food	Food facts item: winter salads – recipes for mix veg salad, beetroot cup salad, artichoke salad, old fashioned potato salad, stuffed apple salad.
	Church	Sunday School	Children's Christmas treat with conjuror for seniors and a short concert.
	Enter'nt	Whist drives	St Luke's Hall whist drives charging extra 6d to bring in 50 wounded and 4 nurses from Park Prewitt hospital. Sumptuous food and a parting gift.
	Org'n	British Legion	Welcome Home Committee held successful dance on 26 Dec in St Mary's Hall. Music by new local band led by Bertie Brown. Hon membership for 300 locals in services.
	Education	Prize giving	School prize giving at St Mary's Hall. Headmaster Mr Drinkwater's report good as were those of HM Inspectors and the Diocese. £629/1/8 collected for war savings. Prizes: Girls – 1st Charlotte Heaver, 2nd Kathleen Lance, 3rd Barbara Holland, 4th Constance Jones. Boys: 1st Sidney Wills, 2nd Raymond Hurley, 3rd Michael Oram, 4th William Denning. Progress: Sonia Wills and Joan Wake. For Standard III Anthony Edmonds, Eric Smith, Clive Phillimore; Progress: Jacqueline Roberts. Standard II Joyce Gould, Jeanne Inch, Margaret Lamden, John Denning; Progress Gillian Wiltshire. Standard I Barbara Akehurst, Evelyn Sakritz, Margaret Burgess and Ann Baker.
	Advert	Rennies	Acid stomach – 7d for 25.
12 Jan	Advert	Huntley & Palmer	Biscuits now available in SW, London and S Wales food areas.
	Personal	Wedding	At Laverstoke: William Hawkins, Whitchurch, and Martha Goodall, Southington.
	Church		Annual social gathering of church workers – with refreshments & entertainment.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Bryant 70 of Church Rd; Elizabeth Readings 75 of Waltham Lane and a life long resident.
	Advert	Ellimans'	Rub out pain, rub in Ellimans' embrocation.
19 Jan	Notice	Food	Food facts: Soya flour 'the meat without bones' – for cakes, soups, gravies, soya Bakewell tart, soya dumplings, soya Yorkshire Pudding.
	Enter'nt		Whist Drive led by Mr P Howard who has taken over the ATC and Scouts
	Personal	Death	Mr Tom Tilbury, Manager of International Stores and fireman.

26 Jan	Notice	Food	Food facts: Aged 5 – exchange green ration book for blue one; will get adult ration of meat but gains ½ pint milk plus one third or two thirds pint at school.
	Enter'nt	Savoy Bas	'Greenwich Village' with Carmen Miranda and Don Ameche.
	Politics	Labour Party	Public meeting St Mary's Hall 31 Jan – 'Why we must have a Labour Government' with Alderman Mrs Weston, Mr Cooper (AEU) and Mr Hentage (TGWU).
	Org'n	WI	Women's Institute: First meeting of year at Memorial institute; Mrs Drinkwater President.
	Org'n	Rangers & Guides	Rangers and Girl Guides panto – 'Red Riding Hood' with Jean Wake in title role.
2 Feb	Weather	January	End of week's cold spell with night temps down to 15 to 20°F.
	Notice	Food	Food facts: Potatoes are precious - add vinegar to prevent them going black. Various recipes given.
9 Feb	Enter'nt	Concert	Reading Symphony Orchestra on 15 Mar at Queen Mary's School. Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 5 (Emperor). Entry 7/6 to 2/6.
	Personal	Death	Lady Bertram Portal after a motor accident, daughter of Baron Hatherton of Staffordshire. Lived at Southington with one son and five daughters.
	Personal	Funeral	William Locke 74 a life long resident.
	Church	Meetings	Vestry and Church meetings at St Mary's Hall; reported that church attendance left much to be desired. Church School funds now at £320; now have some keen, young, new bell ringers to supplement existing ones.
16 Feb	Personal	Funeral	Of Lady Portal. After accident on bridge in Winchester, she had been taken to a nursing home but suffered a heart attack. The daughter in the car had given birth to a daughter the day before. Bishop of Winchester took service. Organist was Mrs Titmous – church's regular organist. Church full. A full appreciation of Lady Portal given elsewhere in this edition.
	Notice	Food	Food facts: Five delicious dishes from one packet of dried eggs.
	Org'n	WEA	Workers Education Authority (WEA) – 5 lectures on Modern America to be given in St Mary's Hall.
	Org'n	British Legion	British Legion: Whist drive at Lordsfield Camp for Grenadier Guards and Welcome Home Fund.
	Personal	Death	Of baby Alan Phillimore, a few months old, with father home at the time; service at Congregational chapel.
23 Feb	Fuel	National	House coal allowance Feb to Apr 15cwt with coke and anthracite unchanged.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza Bas	'Old Acquaintance' with Bette Davis and 'Candles at 9' with Jesse Matthews.
	Politics	Labour Party	'Let Labour Lead' public meeting 24 Feb. at Bas Town Hall with Dr Edith Summerskill MP.
	Church		Church Club formed to promote friendship and monthly socials; membership 2/6.
	Org'n	Friendly	Hants and General Friendly Society annual meeting; more

		Society	payments out than in.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Reviewed post war housing programme. 76 cottages of which HCC asked for 16 to be allocated to roadmen. Agreed to recruit second Sanitary Inspector at £255 pa on a scale increasing to £315 pa.
2 Mar	Notice	Food	Food facts: for expectant mothers – green ration books; extra 7 pints milk a week, 2 shell eggs, 6 packets of dried eggs every 4 weeks; half ration of meat extra ; concentrated orange juice, cod liver oil and vitamin A and D tablets.
	Health	HCC	HCC compulsorily purchases The Shrubbery, for £15,000 for Maternity Home in B'stoke.
	Loc Gov't	HCC	HCC meeting passes resolution that all left hand drive vehicles must be able to show they are turning right. HCC considering starting a county ambulance service after trial in Whitchurch a great success.
	Royalty	Visit	HRH Duchess of Kent pays visit to Park Prewett hospital.
	Fuel advert	Toomer's	On shortage of coal.
	Org'n	WI	Monthly meeting – knitted garments for liberated Europe.
	Personal	Forces casualty	Killed in action: Pte Cecil Cooper of Station Rd on Western Front on 10 Feb aged 18.
	Org'n	Home Guard	Formed association embracing Rifle Club and Old Comrades Association. Viscount Portal to be President, with HQ at Town Mill; annual sub 2/6.
9 Mar	Planning	B'stoke expansion	Basingstoke of the Future on 12/3 at 7.30pm in Town Hall, Bas organised by Chamber of Commerce and presented by G Paget, Town Planning Officer.
	Politics	Conservative Party	NW Hants Conservative & Unionist Assoc meeting at Town Hall Bas on 20/3 at 7.30pm with Sir Archibald Southby MP and Sq Ldr Patrick Donner MP.
	Loc Gov't	HCC	County rate remains at 3/7 in the £ for the half year.
	Enter'nt	Savoy Bas	'He snoops to conquer' with George Formby
	Advert	Building Soc	Newbury Building Society; £300,000 available for immediate advances at 4½% from 5 to 20 years.
16 Mar	Planning	B'stoke expansion	Report of Basingstoke of the Future meeting – land ownership, ring road, 20,000 London overspill and route of London to Exeter main road, together with clearance of houses south of Bas station where of 200 houses only 6 had bathrooms.
	Notice	Food	Food facts; steamed puddings with five recipes.
	Church	Social Club	First meeting of St Mary's Social Club – 50 there; evening arranged by Mr Mason with a Spelling B, songs by Miss J Wake and Mr H Tilbury and a musical ending accompanied by Mrs Titmous.
	Org'n	Scouts	Local scouts whist drive with prizes given by licensees; a second one's funds were for the Home Coming Fund.
	Personal	Funeral	Mr W J Smith, High St aged 83 who worked at Portals all his life and was groundsman for the bowling club.
	Finance	Savings Cmte	Overton and Whitchurch Savings Committee annual meeting chaired by Hon Diane Darling and aided by Mr A Bailey CBE of Overton. Well attended.

23 Mar	Enter'nt	Concert	Reading Symphony Orchestra concert raised £102 for Bas hospital.
	Politics	Conservative Party	Report on the lively meeting with two Conservative MPs in Bas.
	Church	Sexton resigns	Resignation after 25 years of Sexton of St Mary's – Mr A Inch - who will be succeeded by son Mr J Inch.
		Confirmation	Bishop of Southampton confirms 18 candidates of whom 15 were from Overton.
	Health	District Nurse leaving	District Nurse Godby leaving to work in west Africa. Cheque for £14 from the Overton and District Nursing Association.
29 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza Bas	'Kismet' with Marlene Dietrich and Ronald Coleman.
	Notice	Food	Food facts: Easter eggs and recipe for simnel cake
	Agric're	HWAEC	Chalkland Farming booklet published by Hants War Agric Exec Cmte.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Mr Snozwell lost poultry as a result of rats being cleared from sewage works but received no compensation. Council will not tolerate crates from the American base being used as sheds.
	Church	Bellringing	New bell ringers rang ¼ peal of Grandsire Doubles. Trebles Philip Harris, Paul Holmes, Esme Taylor, Margaret Wadley, Andrew Taylor (conductor) and tenor Graham Reed.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Annual parish meeting with Mr T Hide in the chair. Very small attendance. Allocations from charities made; complaint about Flashetts path; trying to get land on south side of Overton Hill for housing.
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	Overton Memorial Institute annual general meeting - reported sound financial position.
6 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Shine on Harvest Moon' with Ann Sheridan.
	National announcement re B'stoke	When war in Europe officially ends	Notice of Provisional Arrangement made for the day on which (day A) and the day following (day B) the 'End of the war in Europe' is officially announced. Day A: All sirens sound all clear for 8 minutes, church bells to be rung, open air thanksgiving service to be held in Memorial Park, special services to be held in all churches, music and dancing in the park in the evening. Day B: music in park and Market Place all day; fancy dress parade, community singing in the park; bands playing in park and ,Market Place; dancing on lawn of Memorial Park.
	Church	Easter	Large congregations at St Mary's for Easter services.
	Enter'nt	Play	Mr and Mrs Hodgson gave 3 performances of 'Old woman in her shoe' in St Mary's Hall.
	Personal	Death	Mr W Evans aged 26 of Bridge St from tuberculosis.
13 Apr	Property advert	Tomlin & Tomlin	3 bedroom residence, 2 reception, dining room, kitchenette, 45 acres nr Bas for £5500.
	Notice	Food	Food Facts: Put your empty milk bottles out every day – urgent necessity.
	Finance advert	Midland Bank	Chancellor of Exchequer says too many bank notes are

			being hoarded – please deposit in bank or invest in war loans. If you have an account use it and combine caution with patriotism.
	Advert	W A Gittoes:	Eyes are rationed – two to a lifetime so take care of yours.
	Education	HCC	Education Cmte intends to set up junior technical school in Bas.
	Auction	Personal	Lord Monck bought two large gilts for 110 and 115 gns.
	Enter'nt	Whist drives and dance	Welcome Home Fund augmented by whist drive and dance at St Mary's Hall.
	Personal	Death	Mr Watkin, Bank of England official living at the White Hart who formed the Ladies Choir; funeral at Golders Green.
	Advert	Hide's	Grocery and Provision store, High St, Overton. Buy marmalade for your jam ration – all the best makes, Chivers, Robertson's, etc .
	Advert		'All good sports support the Red Cross'.
20 Apr	Weather	Good spell	Mid summer weather in April with flowers and trees a month earlier than usual.
	Raid records	Casualties	Basingstoke Borough and RDC areas: 312 alerts through the war with 12 killed on 16 Aug 1940. Full list of injuries and fatalities.
	Music educ	Exam results	Music Associated Board of Royal School of Music: pupils of Miss E Hide passed Preliminary Exam for piano – Mary Chambers, Rose Marie Tilbury and Margaret Purdee.
	Personal	Obtains 'wings'	Raymond Barter of Ashe gains 'wings' in South Africa.
	Enter'nt	Play	'The Princess's Birthday' with title role played by little Miss Allen took place in St Mary's Hall – funds for the Home Coming Fund.
	Education	Sports prizes	Queen Mary's School sports prizes: Philip Harris of High St gained Senior Victor Cup winning 100, 220, 440 yds flat races.
	Personal	Wedding	Stanley Round RN of Andover to Mabel Tite WRNS of Station Rd with Mrs Titmous as organist.
	Property	Sale withdrawn	No offer for Ashe Warren House at auction – target was £10,000.
27 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf Plaza:	'Love Story' with Margaret Lockwood and Stuart Granger.
	Food advert	National	Food facts: High tea and supper dishes – 4 recipes: salmon savoury, pilchard pancakes, sour sweet cabbage, sausage meat cakes, sardine omelette.
	Personal	Letter from abroad	Nurse Joan Stopford writes home about Concentration Camp Stalag 11B
	Advert	Sanatogen	Tonic Wine p- 'restores the balance'- 8/3 a bottle.
	Health advert	Optician	Consulting Ophthalmic Optician W Gittoes visiting 38 High St every Thurs.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting to consider national AGM resolutions.
	Personal	Forces - Death in action	Garnet Hide, 21, of the Royal Tank Corps on the Western Front, son of Mr and Mrs T Hide who lost their son Kenneth earlier in the war.
	Crime event	Gun attack	Gun attack on Miss Samson and child in Station Rd by man

			earlier keeping company with her from Reading. Shot went through her shoulder and then fired three shots at himself. He died in hospital and she was in a critical condition.
4 May	Weather	April	Spell of wintry weather with ground and air frosts and snow showers. Apple blossom suffered considerably.
	Personal	Birthday	99th birthday of Mr Millington of Dellands.
	Personal	Honours	Capt J Smith of Waltham Rd receives OBE (Military Division)
	Personal	Wedding	A/B Cyril Bond RN of Whitchurch to Pamela Bond, Pound Rd.
11 May	National	Celebrations to mark VE.	Victory in Europe report on 8 & 9 May celebrations – full page of Bas events.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Arsenic and Old Lace' with Cary Grant.
	Advert	Brooke Bond	Brooke Bond Divi tea – 1/7 for ½lb.
	Finance	Savings Week	Meeting to elect committee for forthcoming Overton Savings Week
	Personal	Wedding	Percy Whitlock, Barrington, Glos to Elsie King of Parsonage Farm who taught at Overton school.
18 May	National	Thanksgiving Day	Overton, at the King's request, celebrated last Sunday as Thanksgiving Day.
	Church	Ascension Day	Gift service at St Mary's for school children.
	Personal	Forces news	Returned prisoners of war: Douglas Berry, Edward Millington, M Robertson and Cpl E Oram. Also Gunner F Winterbourne RA (Waltham Rd) who had been PoW since May 1940 and walked 800 miles to Stuttgart to avoid ally capture and was eventually rescued by US troops. Both the latter men conveyed around the village in triumph by horse and chaise.
	Event	Victory in Europe	Victory in Europe had no organised celebrations in Overton but it was a truly happy village from the time the church bells ushered in VE day until 2am. Large number at Holy Communion at St Mary's at both 7 and 8am. Village had many flags and bunting and Bridge St, true to tradition, was a mass of colour. Children paraded effigies of Hitler which were burnt when night fell. An evening dance found St Mary's hall far too small but Messrs Gibbons and Smallhouse came to the rescue by floodlighting the High St and playing the accordion until the early hours. On Wednesday evening the crowds were even greater with many from outlying villages with fancy costumes and hats. St Mary's was crowded on VE Day for the Thanksgiving Service at 5pm and for Bank of England employees at 7.30pm. A further Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday involving the British Legion and Girl Guides at which Mr Spicer of Waltham Lane gave every child 6d.
25 May	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	485 houses surveyed for condition under Housing (Rural Workers) Act and only 44 were satisfactory; 72 had minor defects, 181 needed repair, 40 needed reconditioning, 153 unfit for human habitation and beyond reasonable repair. Plans for a pair of cottages approved for Winchester St

			Overton for G Akehurst. Council supported tighter controls on regulation of wayside hoarding adverts. Council had received instructions to return evacuees to London but some had no home to go to. Lord Portal was prepared to sell field at Overton for housing.
1 June	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Yellow Rose of Texas' with Roy Rogers.
	Enter'nt	Concert	Queen Mary School holding Grand Victory Concert with B'stoke Musical Society.
	National	Ration book	How to get new ration book in Overton – 3 July Bush Room 10am to 6pm
	Education	Empire Day	Schools visited on Empire Day by Rev Wells Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal with children singing patriotic songs.
	Social	Fete	Garden fete at Southington House on Whit Monday raised £75 for schools.
	Event	VE party for children	VE celebrations for children: huge tea party at Lordsfield Camp chaired by P Howard and 15 committee members. 350 children assembled in Bridge St and proceeded to the camp for tea of pre-war quality. Punch and Judy and singing took place. An evening show from Mr Munden's marionettes. £80 had been raised in a few days for this treat.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Mr T Hide re-elected chairman with Rev Wells Vice-chairman. Discussion over the recreation ground being chosen for 90 houses which was not opposed but needed a replacement site. The footbridge over the water leading to the Bathing Place was destroyed but could be replaced by 6 road blocks no longer needed in village and by railway sleepers.
	Health	Nursing Assoc	Meeting. Nurse Godby had resigned and been replaced by Nurse Marner. Red Cross training several locals for first aid.
8 June	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Frenchman's Creek' with Joan Fontaine.
	Press		Hants and Berks paper was 1½d to post.
	Personal	Wedding	Miss Mabel Lancaster, Red Lion Lane, to Gunner Gril Gibbs of Whitehill Overton. Father was too ill to give bride away.
15 June	Advert		Hoover Junior £10/15/-
	Advert	Finance	Newbury Building Society has £300,000 to advance at 4½%.
	Politics		Many meetings called involving parliamentary candidates.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas:	'Meet me in St Louis' with Judy Garland.
	Event	Jumble sale	In Bush Room raised £30 for Children's Victory Tea Party.
	Personal	Deaths	Mr Lancaster, Red Lion Lane and Mrs Percy Smith, Winchester St.
		Wedding	Mr Harold Smith, London Rd with Edith Couzens, High St; groom was in Kenya in WWII. Mary Couzens and Helena Smith bridesmaids and honeymoon in Herne Bay.
22	Food advert	National	Make your fat ration go further – collecting extra fat,

June			rendering down raw fat, clarify used fat, fat saving tips and recipes – dripping spread, savoury spread, steamed chocolate pudding.
	Advert	Raleigh	Raleigh bikes: Designed and built for safety so ride it safely.
	Politics	Conservative Party	Come and hear Patrick Donner, National Conservative candidate at St Mary's Hall 25 June at 7pm.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Met 18 June with T Hide in chair, also Rev Wells, Messrs Ansell, Drinkwater, A Hide, Lambden, Whitelock. G Akehurst's quote of £9/4/- to repair bridge to Bathing Place accepted. Council received bill for £218 from B'stoke Corporation for lighting 53 lights.
	Personal	Funerals	Of Mrs Percy Smith of Winchester St and Mr Charles Lancaster.
29 June	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Tender issued for houses in Overton – 1x4 bedroom and 8x2 bedroom.
	Org'n	Welcome Home Fund	Welcome Home Fund had £400 but fete to be held in Sept in field opposite Southington House to boost funds.
	Personal	Wedding	L Cpl E Oram, Station Rd, with Miss Hilda Clarke, B'stoke; groom PoW for 5 years.
	Politics	Liberal Party	Meeting at St Mary's Hall on 27th.
6 July	Advert	Zebo	Zebo: a brightly polished grate is always a welcome sight.
	Notice	National	You do want soft drinks don't you? Then return empties as serious shortage.
	Personal	Presentation	To Fred Key after 37 years of faithful service at paper mill.
		Wedding	Wm McPherson Barclay, Huntly, with Margaret Ansell, Winchester St.
	Notice	Food	Free orange juice for up to 10 years old in May and June.
13 July	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Plans approved for 3 cottages at Southington; evacuees returned home 29 June but unaccompanied children remain with 17 in hostels, 12 in billets, 15 mothers and 43 children in requisitioned homes and doubts on sending them back to Portsmouth; land purchased for £300 in Overton for housing ; agreed to site 30 temporary houses in Overton on Lord Portal's land.
	Enter'nt	Savoy	'Here comes the waves' with Bing Crosby.
	Personal	Honours	Capt Ian Holifield awarded Military Cross for gallantry in the field in Italy.
	Property	New use	Lordsfield Camp had been empty for 6 months but now was taking teachers and children from London.
	Politics	General Election	Election passed off quietly but register had many omissions and wrong addresses; among those disenfranchised were all the special police officers resident all their lives in Overton.
	Org'n		Hospital Sunday saw parade with collections.
	Personal	Death	Mrs E Lancaster aged 44.
	Fuel	National	House coal ration is 24cwt for 12 months but not taking more than 20cwt between 1 May and 31 Oct.
20 July	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Barretts of Wimpole St' with Charles Laughton and Norma Shearer.

		Savoy:	'Blithe Spirit' with Rex Harrison and Constance Cummings.
	Notice	Food	Take advantage of fine herring harvest.
27 July	Politics	Gen Election result locally	Donner(C) 18700, Weston (Lab) 13763, Rhys (Lib) 6206.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting in the garden of Miss Baring's house.
3 Aug	Notice	Food	Make the most of sugar – how to use other sweeteners – saccharin, bicarbonate of soda, honey, golden syrup, dried fruit etc.
	Politics	Labour party reception	Mrs Weston, defeated Labour candidate at general election had a rousing reception at Overton with 2 bunches of roses presented by Dawn Roberts and Margaret Carlisle.
	Personal	Death	Mr Hayward, Bank of England employee recently returned to London.
	Banking	Bank of England staff	All Bof E officials have returned to London and remainder of staff in Overton declining weekly. Many sorry to return to turmoil of city life. Those living at Foxdown chalets had put on many successful plays and employees of (London's) St Luke's had weekly whist drives and dances in St Luke's Hall (SLH). Parish council met to consider BoE proposal for acquiring SLH by the pc which has been built for recreational purposes since arrival of printing department.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Tom Shadwell of Red Lion Lane.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Tenders accepted for 20 houses in Overton by A S Dunning of Weyhill; 2 pairs of cottages at £2435/13/6 per pair; 2 pairs of non-parlour cottages £2025/16/8; 1 block of four cottages £4028/6/8. Tender accepted from G Oliver of B'stoke for 2 pairs of country type cottages without services for £2186, drainage and paths a further £774.
10 Aug	Notice	Hospital Cars	Hospital Car Service wants more drivers – coupons supplied with mileage allowance of 3d/mile.
	Education (personal)	Scholarship	Scholarship: Wm Denning of Ashe Manor Farm, pupil of Mr Drinkwater of Overton Juniors.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Considers BoE offer of SLH – village needs a youth centre and a place to house the Boys Club. Agreed lighting agreement with B'stoke, request from WI for a ladies public lavatory.
	Event	Fete	Garden fete at Southington House, home of Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal, where £50 raised for damaged churches.
17 Aug	National	War ends in Far East	Surrender of Japan 14 Aug with 15 and 16 Aug declared public holidays.
	Notice	Railways	Holiday trains in short supply due to shortage of labour, war specials and the export of passenger carriages.
	Notice	Food	Making the most of cabbage: supper try creamed cabbage and red cabbage. Tea ration up by ½oz per week – Brooke Divi tea now 1/7 per ½lb
24 Aug	Enter'nt	Savoy	'A place of one's own' with Margaret Lockwood, James Mason, Barbara Mullen.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Loveless of Old Mill, Quidhampton aged 81.
	Event	VJ	Victory over Japan celebrations: Bridge St residents

		Celebrations	exceeded previous efforts; fancy dress parade for children caused much pleasing; racing on The Green for juveniles and adults; some street tea parties; High St crowd sang and danced until 3am; bonfires lit and fireworks plentiful. Large congregation at Thanksgiving Services at places of worship.
	Personal	Wedding	Flight Lieut Laumans, Brussels, with Rosemary Titmous, Overton, took place at Esher; the bride's mother had to play organ due to organist's puncture.
		Wedding	Spr Isaacs of Pembroke Dock with Dorothy Hutchins, Waltham Rd. Organist Solly Kersley.
31 Aug	Notice	Food	Make the most of fish – baking, grilling, steaming.
	Loc Gov't	Housing	Land at Overton for temporary housing turned down by planners as useful pasture. Overton had 100 on waiting list but only 20 houses being built.
7 Sep	Press		Hants and Berks cost 2d
	Enter'nt		'Without love' with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.
	National	Food	Making the most of meat with a slow roast.
	Event	Parties for children	Victory parties for children – from Station Rd and Waltham Rd in Bush Room and from Winchester St in SMH. Former had large iced cake. At end all had sweets and 1/-.
	Event	Children's outing	Treat for children with 200 and 15 helpers taken to the sea in 4 Venture coaches, singing all the way. Went to Southampton and many had first look at the sea. Then boat trip to Cowes then walked to Gurnard where they had ½mile of beach to themselves. Left at 6pm and home by 9.30pm. There were no accidents and this was the first big outing since Mr Titmous' outing to Wembley on his retirement. Trip organised by Mr Howard of Overton VE tea Committee .
	Personal	Wedding	Sgt Davey Rodrigue, Alabama USA, with Evelyn Neill of Northington and will make home in US.
14 Sept	Advert	Anti - moth	Fight the moth in the open – hang clothes outside, wash and clean things to be put away.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Rose Rutley, 80, of Waltham Rd. in Wales at daughter's home. She was the mother in law to the Government's Minister for National Insurance.
	Org'n	British Legion	Flower show at Southington House affected by poor weather. Proceeds to Welcome Home Fund.
	Event	Carnival	Crowning the Queen (Jeanette Wiltshire) supported by Bridget Poynter and Nancy Baker. Carnival started at top of Winchester St, judged by Mrs Marsden, Mrs Mason and Mrs Dennison. Sightseers dense and hindered judges' task. Mrs Watts of The Lynch acted as Britannia. Noted that youth of the village are not keen on horticultural exhibits with prizes going to the 1896 to 1906 brigade. Fancy dress prizes: aged over 11 to Jennifer Pilbnow, Gordon Rose, Leslie Lister; 9-11 to Ann Gibbons, M Sayers, A Blew; 7-9 to I Reading, E Cox, M Brown; 5-7 to A

			Switzer, M Iles; under 5 to L Pike, A Wrack, D Turnbull. A dance followed in SMH and whist drive in Bush Room.
21 Sept	Org'n	Waifs and Strays	Society collected £23/2/6.
	Event	Children's party	Victory party for Pound Rd children held in Band Hall, Winchester St. Each child given 1/6.
	Event	Dance	Harold Redstall held dance in SMH as thanks for the Park Prewett staff's efforts.
	Personal	Forces news	Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal's PoW son known to be safe in Far East. Awaiting a ship home. Gunner Shadwell of The Lynch has reached Bangkok before flying home via India.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Signed agreement with B'stoke Council over lighting; BoE agrees that SLH to become Lads Club and will be vacated in 3 weeks.
	Org'n	British Legion	Meeting to discuss whether , with so many being demobbed, they should stay at Memorial Institute or try for SLH
28 Sept	Notice	Food	Making the most of bacon – bacon turnovers, bacon fritters. bacon cakes, scrambled eggs and bacon.
	Notice	Transport	Southern railway will provide more winter trains.
	Org'n	WEA	Workers Education Assoc to hold meeting on the Far East at 7.30pm 5 Oct.
5 Oct	Advert	Dettol	Take advice and get some Dettol ointment – 1/5 or large 3/4½d.
12 Oct	Finance	Bank of England	Printworkers of St Luke's (London) returned to London last week. A whist drive and dance were held and Mr Sadler proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Clark and Misses Gates and Collett for refreshments.
	Agric'ture	Personal (award)	Leonard Haskew of Wateridge Farm won £50 for third place in a competition for new farm buildings design.
	Personal	Weddings	Sapper James Watts of Red Lion Hotel with Nesta Malphus of Foxdown Farm; Rev Alastair Barr, Birmingham, with Joan Flood, Overton at Harrogate.
19 Oct	Property	Sale	Sale of 103 acres of agricultural land with bungalow - £3760.
	National	Chosen week	Thanksgiving Week in Overton and Whitchurch chosen as 3-10 Nov with target of £40,000.
	Enter'nt	Savoy	'They were sisters' with James Mason, Phyllis Calvert, Dulcie Gray
	Hall gift	Bank of England	Announcement that BoE prepared to gift St Luke's Hall (SLH) to parish, including all equipment, radiogram, piano, dartboard, table tennis set. Parish Council had met Mr Pryer of County Federation of Boys Clubs and agreed it would be used only by boys over 14, with two nights per week for boys and two for girls.
26 Oct	Notice	Food	6 puddings from one recipe – steamed, jam, chocolate, ginger, spice and fruit.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Reformed with Mrs Cecilia Hoare as conductor and Mrs Titmous as pianist.

	Org'n	WI	WI had presentation on wedge heel slipper making.
	Personal	Wedding	LAC Murray Heighes, Dellands, with Hazel Hill, Gloucester.
	Personal	Forces return	PoWs return: Major M Portal and Pte Shadwell of The Lynch received a warm welcome.
	Personal	Death	Mr E Millington of Dellands in his 100th year.
2 Nov	Personal	Death	Tom Loveridge, aged 90 and village's oldest tradesman.
	Event	Portal's social evening.	A personal thanks to mill employees by Lord Portal in the form of a social evening attended by 600, including those living away and pensioners.
	Personal	Funeral	Of Mr Millington.
		Death	Miss Eileen Redstall aged 27, with creeping paralysis.
9 Nov	Church	Dedication	St Mary's dedication of processional cross in memory of Lady Portal of Southington House.
	National		Thanksgiving Week had a quiet start
	Org'n	Youth Club	Formed through parish council with committee of 12 chosen: Rev Wells, Rev Godfrey, Viscount Monck, Capt and Mrs Earle, Mr Ansell, Mr C Drinkwater, Mr J Mason, Mr T Hide, Mrs Mellues, Mrs Wells and Miss Fox.
	Org'n	British Legion	AGM held in the Bush Room.
16 Nov	Property sale	Gribble Booth and Shepherd	Forthcoming auction of 1 Greyhound Lane, 48, 50, 52 Winchester St, 43, 45, 47, Winchester St, 26 and 28 Winchester St
	Notice	Food	Flavouring makes all the difference for soups, stews, salads, savouries, sauces, stuffings and sweets.
	Agricul're	Production targets	Min of Agric: Essential that acreage of potatoes and sugar beet in 1945 is maintained for 1946 as world food situation has grown worse instead of better. Wheat and rye payments per acre reduced from £4 to £2 but please increase acreage in view of labour problems.
	Org'n	British Legion	Welcome Home Fund has £600 and holding meeting 27 Nov to determine what to spend it on.
	Sport	Football	Football: Village lads beat B'stoke at Southington 7-0.
	Personal	Forces news - promotion	Capt Cooper MC, son in law of Mr and Mrs G Wake of Bridge St, gazetted as Major.
	Church	Remembrance Sunday	Crowded attendance at St Mary's for Remembrance Sunday; Mission Day raised £54 helped by a play directed by Miss Baring.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Elizabeth Brown, Winchester St, aged 63.
	National	Funding	Thanksgiving Week target of £40,000 was met; SMH was occupied each evening for social events.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Appeal raised £48/9/3 in Overton, with £6/5/4 from Ashe, £11/1/6 from Overton Mill and £8/4/3 from the church.
	Advert	Hide's Hardware Store	High St, tel 219: Lamps, brooms, brushes, china, glass together with high class groceries and provisions.
23 Nov	Property	Tomlin and Tomlin	Advert: detached dwelling in Overton with 4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and scullery, garage, electric light, mains water and drainage, orchard, gardens and lawns – freehold £3250.
	Notice	Fuel	Coal; 34cwt allowance from 1 May 45 to 30 Apr 46 with no

			more than 8cwt in November and December. Stocks are in short supply so merchants will share as fairly as possible.
	Notice	Food	Delicious dishes from left over bread; beef charlotte, steamed apple pudding, crumb fudge.
	Org'n	Red Cross	Received £14/2/- from dance at SMH. Organised by Mr and Mrs A Gibbons with Reg Hand, L Oliver and Ray Hassall amongst the prize-winners.
	Hall	St Luke's Hall	SLH handed over to parish council on 14 Nov by director of BoE Mr Whitworth. He reported that half the BoE's staff had left the City at the start of the war with 300 in printing. Officials had been housed in the Foxdown chalets and staff billeted out. SLH was built as a recreation room for staff and opened in Jan 1941. The transfer was a small return to the parish for the kindness it had shown. He hoped they would long live in plenty and peace and that the hall would prove a lasting benefit for the youth of the village.
30 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Murder in reverse' with William Hartnell and Jimmy Hanley.
	Agricul're	Milk	Nation needs more milk – 100million gallons needed in Dec.
	Politics	Labour Party	Labour party meeting to be held in Congregational Hall on 5 Dec with Mr Eldred; title 'Our future under Socialism'.
	Road safety	Accident	Canadian lorry skidded in High St and went into Mr Howard's private room next to newsagents.
	Org'n	WI	WI meeting 20 Nov sought a workbag of mending materials for liberated Europe.
	Enter'nt	Drama	Kingsclere Litton Dramatic Soc gave presentation in SMH of 'Snow White and the 7 dwarfs'; proceeds of £18 going to the Overton church organ fund as work was essential.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Will determine Youth Club set up with only the maintenance of the hall falling to the pc and overhead charges falling to the committee. Rent would be 10/- per week. Insurance cover would be for £2000 and £250 extra for the piano, radiogram and furniture. The need for better heating would be left to the committee to resolve.
7 Dec	Post	Christmas	Postal arrangements for Christmas: one delivery of letters and parcels on Sun 23 and Mon 24 Dec; one delivery on Christmas Day but no delivery on Boxing Day.
	Courts	Hampshire Assizes	At the Castle, Winchester: attempted murder=3; manslaughter=7; shooting with intent=4; infanticide=1; rape and attempted rape=3; gross indecency=5; incest=1; carnal knowledge=3; bigamy=8; robbery with violence=7; forgery=6; procure miscarriage=1; abduction=1; assault with intent=1; divorce suits=311.
	National	Thanksgiving Week	Thanksgiving Week in Overton Whitchurch and Kingsclere raised £44982/7/8 and the Chancellor of the Exchequer sent letter of congratulations.
	Personal	Death	Alfred Sellwood aged 80.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Sports and football gear funded with help of dance

			organised by Mr Gibbons; raised £7/10/-.
	Org'n	British Legion	homecoming Fund meeting on 27 Nov where £600 was to be distributed evenly to all those who served.
	Personal	Forces news	Capt D Kemp of Southington now based with the RE of 53rd Welsh Division at the North Solway salt mine, Wessel, Germany where he is gaining experience of exploring a mine 2700 ft below ground.
	Personal	Wedding	Hazel Wiltshire of Winchester St to David Clark of Glasgow.
	Advert	Ironing	Laundry: what's the proper way to press? Advice on avoiding shine, for skirts, for coats and jackets, for trousers.
14 Dec	Notice	Rations - Christmas	Sugar 1½lb, butter and marg 12oz (max 6oz of butter), 2 oz cooking fat. Meat: 2/- of which 3d for canned corned meat. Chocs and sweets an extra 4oz.
21 Dec	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Intending to acquire Foxdown camp for temporary housing; Pound Rd residents want electricity and coal fire coppers – no to former and yes to latter.
28 Dec	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Perfect Strangers' with Robert Donat and Deborah Kerr.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Well attended carol service in St Mary's with Mrs C Hoare conducting and Mrs Titmous as accompanist.
	Org'n		Weekly whist drive organised by Mrs Mellues ended with a sumptuous tea set before the company and each received a present. The event was able to give great pleasure unexpectedly at Christmastide.
	Education	School prize giving	Lamb awards to Joan Wake, Sonia Dee, Sylvia Saunders, Alan Blew, Eric Smith, Brian Turnbull. Other prizes to Doreen Gregory, Brian Dennison, Marion Smith, Sheila Molyneux, Derek Attwood, Mary Lance, Jeanne Inch, George Marner, Max Brown, Margaret Sayers, Barbara Akehurst and Ann Baker.

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4 Jan	Personal	Forces promotion	Promotion to Capt for Cmdr J Litchfield-Spear OBE RN.
	Church	Organ fund	Carol singing around village raised £6 for the Organ Fund.
	Advert	Railways	Southern Railway from 7/1/46 will have more refreshment cars on London to Bournemouth and Exeter services.
11 Jan	Food	National	Promoting more variety – Barley mince, Cheese batter, Orange whip.
	Org'n	WEA	WEA: 10 lectures on 'Life in the USSR' in St Mary's Hall to start 18/1 given by Alan Yates.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Choral Society gave concert at Ashe church – raised 35 for boiler fund as church had no heating throughout war.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Youth Club to be inaugurated 31/1; only boys present; girls requested to attend on another date. Boys want evenings to be for both sexes; 6d/week requested contribution for each member to cover upkeep thought to be excessive as Memorial Institute members paid only 2d/week.
18 Jan	Personal	Wedding	Robert Hamilton, Glasgow, and Muriel Woodfield, Waltham Lane.
	Personal	Forces news	Sgt Bert Haworth reported working on bridge building in Berlin.
25 Jan	Org'n	British Legion	Announces increased payments for disability/constant attendance etc. Further info each Saturday from branch HQ.
	Entertn't	Play	'Blue Goose' in St Mary's Hall by King Alfred Players from Winchester.
	Org'n	Growmore club	Oakley and Overton Growmore Club 'Brain's Trust' meeting at Deane Gate Inn. R G Smith Rewse, Basil Porter, Jacob Lory, J Lywood from Overton.
1 Feb	Advert	Railways	If your train is late – shortage of staff, inferior coal, shortage of carriages (3500/day away for repairs), shortage of locos (3000 away per day for repairs) could be to blame.
	Org'n	Youth Club and SLH	St Luke's Hall formally handed over to Youth Club on 26/1. Members included 20 from B'stoke and 12 from Whitchurch.
	Personal	Deaths	Mr A Powell, Foxdown, and Mrs G Nash, Bridge St.
8 Feb	Advert	Vehicle	Morris 10 for comfort, economy, reliability and safety; new features include better suspension, more rigid construction, doors that close quietly and are draught proof, waterproof vizzage area, anti corrosive waterproof floor.
	Food	National	Helpful recipes for cakes and puddings using no eggs – bread and marmalade pudding, queen cakes, steamed pudding, bun loaf.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Sarah Lambden, 82, and Mr Spicer, Waltham Lane 78 who was a war warden.
	Church	Meeting	Annual church meeting held in St Mary's Hall.
15 Feb	Enter'nt	Waldorf Bas	Abbott and Costello in 'In Hollywood'.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Dance advertised : St Luke's Hall entry 1/6, open 7.30 to 11pm.
22 Feb	Property	Gribble Booth	Auction on 13 March of 48, 50, 52 Winchester St and 1

		& Shepherd	Greyhound Lane. Already let and bringing in £90/11/4 per yr.
	Loc Gov't	HCC	County Council forecasting 7/2 in the £ rate to rise by 30%.
	Personal	Deaths	John Hacker, Winchester St and Mrs J Rowell same street.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Valentine's dance had 170 there; £14 profit to club funds.
	Sport	Football	Overton Boys FC played Bas Youth Centre in semi final of Minor League Cup – drew 1-1.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Plans approved for bungalow in Greyhound Lane for B Pengilly.
1 Mar	Property	Gribble Booth and Shepherd	Sale of building land at Station Rd 120' x 94' with approval for 4 dwellings – auction 13/3 at the Red Lion.
	Road safety	Statistics	County accidents Sep to Nov 45- 750 involved death or injury, 36 deaths of which 8 were under 15.
	Loc Gov't	HCC	County Council rate rises to 9/6 in the £.
	Sport	Football	Boys FC played Kelvin's Youth Club at Southington – won 6-2.
	Personal	Deaths	Ethel Norris Berrydown Garage and Mrs G Oram of 13 Dellands, 63
	Press	Photos	This is the first edition during this period containing sports event photos.
8 Mar	Food	National	Ration points increased to 24 from March – more dried fruits, prunes, figs. Suet now on points- 8 points /lb; cooking fats allowance reduced from 2oz to 1oz from 3 March; tea ration for 4 weeks is ¾lb.
	Org'n	Welcome Home Fund	List on display for comment.
	Personal	Death	Miss Alice Beale, 86, from the house opposite the White Hart held by the family for 100 years.
15 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Road to Utopia' with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour
	Retail	Fish shop	Test Fisheries opening 19/3 in High St for wet and fried fish from Grimsby; proprietor D Roper.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Cosier, High St.
	Church	Jumble sale	At SMH raised £36 for the organ fund.
	Personal	Engagement	Godfrey Jones (Hereford) and Dulcie Hide.
	Org'n	Mem. Insti'e	AGM reported canteen account profit of £694/16/-.
22 Mar	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Elections on 1 Apr; Overton 4 seats. Standing: Patrick Boyle, Thomas Hide, John Meakins, Basil Porter, Robert Smith Rewse, Edward Wells.
	Org'n	Br. Legion	Meeting to discuss V Day celebrations on 8 June.
	Personal	Death	Harry Wiltshire (Winchester St) aged 82.
29 Mar	Advert		The ABC of Inflation – Save for Prosperity promotion
	Agricul'e	HWAEC	Hants War Agric Exec Cmte - permission to gas fox earths.
	Org'n	Bas Boys Club	Presents 'The Southern Coons' – the Southern Railway Christie Minstrel party at Thornycroft's canteen on 30 Mar.
	Event	Peace fete	Peace Celebration Grand Fete in Court Meadow on 8 June under auspices of Overton British Legion. includes band of training ship Mercury, boxing competition, fancy dress and vehicle carnival, cabaret shows, Punch and Judy, children's free tea. Grand Evening Concert with Will Gardner and his

			star London artistes.
	Org'n	Boys Scouts	Overton boy scouts ceased to function some while ago but Mr H Redstall willing to start new troop. Dance in SMH to cover initial expenses.
	Org'n	WI	Women's Institute received food parcel from Australia for children's institution – donated to Alton Cripples hospital.
	Personal	Death	Henry Garrett, Winchester St aged 57, a week after brother Frank – member of St Mary's choir, well known campanologist who enlisted women once bells could be rung again.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	County Nursing Assoc requested priority for nurses and midwives to be given houses ; discussions on new fire station and toilets in Battens Ave.
5 Apr	Advert	Coaches	Royal Blue coaches resuming express services 15 Apr with one each way between London and Plymouth.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf Bas	'Anchors aweigh' with Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Election result for Overton ward: Rev Wells 170, Thos Hide 165, John Meakins 129, Basil Porter 123. Not elected: Patrick Boyle 101, R Smith Rewse 92.
	Personal	Wedding	Beryl Hide, High St and Geoffrey Jones, Hereford.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Noted that Min. of Health were allowing money from the old fire station to be used to heat St Luke's hall; chairman T Hide retiring after holding post for many years.
	Org'n	Mem Instit'e	Welcome Home presentation scheduled for 13 Apr; 90 seats available at Memorial Institute.
12 Apr	Enter'nt	Rodeo	Wally Texan's Wild West Rodeo being held in Eastrop Fairground 16 and 17 Apr.
	Org'n	Bowling	Bowling Club meeting in Bush Room: D Green =capt, D Tilbury= vice capt. Steward Hopkins appointed groundsman.
18 Apr	Enter'nt	Savoy Bas	'South American George' with George Formby.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Dance for Youth Club funds in SMH 7.30 to 1130pm with Royal Canadian Air Force Band entry 2/6, forces personnel 1/6.
	Personal	Music exams	Results: Beryl Rimmer (credit), Margaret Purdie and Rose Marie Tilbury, grade 1 – all pupils of Miss E Hide.
	Personal	School Sport	Philip Harris won cup for coming first in 100, 200, 400 yds races at Queen Mary School.
	Org'n	British Legion	Homecoming Fund presentation to 160 men in SMH with certificates to follow.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Smoking not allowed at full council meetings.
26 Apr	Org'n	Young Wives	Young Wives first meeting on 12/4- 21 attended – hope to hold more meetings.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting had talk on Education Bill.
	Educat'n	Headmaster retires	Mr Drinkwater retired from being Headmaster of Junior School on 17/4; held post for 21 years; presented with electric table lamp.
3 May	Advert	Halifax B S	4% loan from Halifax Building Soc for home buyers.
	Church	Easter	Easter Sunday the Choral Society sang in St Mary's with tuneful voices, reverence and joy with Mrs Hoare as conductor.

	Personal	Wedding	In Birmingham on 22 Apr between CPO Ronald Stickland, 13 Pound Rd, and Mary Baggott.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Newly elected one met consisting Messrs (Rev)Wells (Chmn), E Smith (V/chmn), Mason, Akehurst, Wake, Whitbread, Kersley, Ansell, Drinkwater, Mrs Phillimore and Mrs Hoare. Noted Prime Minister's letter to all parish councils urging the encouragement of more food production.
10 May	Personal	Death	Maud, Duchess of Wellington.
	Enter'nt	Variety Show	In SMH on 24/5 by B'stoke Entertainment Service for Troops; proceeds to Overton Boy Scouts, entry 2/6 for reserved seat.
	Personal	Death	John Glasspole, formerly of Southington, aged 75.
	Personal	Wedding	Fred Phillimore, Station Road, to Julie Ebbage at Reading.
	Personal	Wedding	LAC Frank Roberts, Southington Cottages, to Agnes Hayter, Church Rd.
17 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf	Danny Kaye in 'Wonder Man'.
	Notice	Transport nationalis'n	Meeting on the nationalisation of road transport, B'stoke Town Hall 22/5.
	Education	HCC	County Education Committee – Whitchurch Senior Schools to become new Secondary school. Overton needs new primary school as Infants and Junior schools cannot be adapted.
	Fuel	National	Coal allowance: 30 cwt from 1 May to 30 Apr 1947 but not more than 15cwt can be purchased between 1/5 and 30/10.
24 May	Royalty	Local visit	The King and Queen visit Winchester travelling from Windsor via the B'stoke bypass. Received by Vice Lieutenant of Hampshire the Viscount Portal of Laverstoke.
	Notice	Ration books	New ration books to be issued from the Bush Room, Station Rd 2 July between 10 and 5.30pm – bring old book and identity card.
	Org'n	Choral Soc	Choral Society evening in SMH with artistes Mrs Hoare, Joanna Hoare, Joan and Kathleen Wake, Mrs and Vivienne Hurly, Miss C Kemp and Geoffrey Kemp, Miss E and Mrs Cooper.
	Org'n	Nursing Assoc	Annual Meeting presided over by Viscountess Portal. Emphasised need to retain voluntary organisations despite forthcoming NHS as the latter will be years rather than months before being fully operational.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Winterbourne of Waltham Lane.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Day trips to Hayling Island 5/- (out 9am, back 9pm), Marlborough and Savernake 4/9 (2 - 7.15pm), Wells and Wookey and Cheddar Caves 11/9 (8 – 10.30pm), Southampton and the Isle of Wight 8/- (8.30 – 9pm).
6 June	Event	Thornycroft's	Road Transport Golden Jubilee.
14 June	Personal	Death	Edward Nightingale, High St, aged 80.
	Event	Victory Celebration	Tremendous effort by all concerned but all were drenched with all competitions abandoned. Boxing held in SMH with 400 (?!!) spectators. Bonfire and fireworks postponed. Weather better at night and High St dancing carried on to

			early morning.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Committees to have maximum of 8 members. Proposal for evening meetings defeated but they will be held in the afternoon.
21 June	Loc Gov't	OPC	Noted that new Council Houses were ready for occupation but many applicants had been disappointed.
	Personal	Honours	Major Melville Portal made MBE for gallant and distinguished service whilst a prisoner of war.
	Church	Visit	Archdeacon of B'stoke- Venerable J Carpenter Turner visited his old parish.
	Press		50 years ago item: Recreation Ground publicly opened by Mr W Portal.
28 June	Politics	Labour Party	Advertising Socialist Week programme 29/6 to 6/7.
	Royalty	Local visit	HRH Princess Elizabeth visits Dogmersfield.
	Church	Missions	Annual Deanery effort for overseas missions.
5 July	Personal	Death	Florence Sprent aged 71.
	Event	Children	Sign up for free children's outing to Hayling Island on 21 Aug.
	Church	Bells	Two new bells at St Mary's dedicated in memory of late Robert Pardue, aged 90, from a family of bell ringers and originally bell founders. Peel of 5 bells rung, then 6 and finally 8 at the dedication.
12 July	Enter'nt	Waldorf	Bette Davis in 'The Corn is Green'.
	Food	National	Bread will be rationed from 21 July with flour, cakes, buns and scones. To be measured in bread units with adults getting 9 bread units per week, aged 11-18 getting 11bupw, aged 5-11 getting 8bupw, expectant mothers getting 11bupw, manual workers getting 15bupw (man) and 11 (women). One large loaf is 4bu; 3lbs flour is 9bu, 1lb cakes and buns is 2bu.
	Advert	Thames trips	Salter's Thames river trips: Reading to Goring 2/3 single, 3/- return.
	Event	MP speech	Come and hear Mr Patrick Donner MP at a garden party, Dellands House on 18 July.
	Org'n	Hospital Sunday	Overton hospital Sunday to be held on 14/7 with bands and parade.
	Org'n	Br. Legion	Well attended meeting to discuss revised admin proposals.
19 July	Property	Gribble Booth and Shepherd	£500 would buy country cottage near Overton with 2 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, scullery and ½ acre freehold.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Siegfried Follies' with Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, Judy Garland.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Humble, née Pink.
	Loc Gov't	OPC	Bathing Pool freed of weeds by Portals; overflowing sewage from Berrydown Court affecting path to Bramdown; Viscount Portal agreed to new footpath route through copse from station bungalows; HCC asked to display DANGER sign at High St/Red Lion Lane junction.
	Sport	Football	Football Club to be revived: Mr Winterbourne presided at meeting at Red Lion Hotel which concluded the team would enter Division 1 of the B'stoke Junior League. In need of new goal posts, nets, balls. Mr Dymer appointed trainer.

	Church	Congregat'l	Two bus loads of the Sisterhood went to Southsea.
26 July	Org'n	St John Amb.	Lady Louis Mountbatten to inspect St John Ambulance brigades at Queen Mary School on 28/7.
	Advert	Railways	Cheap return tickets at single prices for up to 20 miles on Tues, Weds and Thurs.
	Personal	Engagement	Malcolm Norris, Weyhill and Edith Pope, Birmingham with Overton connections.
	Court		Resident fined 10/- for being one of two people on a bike designed for not more than one person.
2 Aug	Sport	Cricket	B'stoke and North Hants Cricket Club; Cricket week at Bounty Road, admission 1/-.
	Post	Bank Holiday deliveries	There will be one delivery and collections from rural boxes would coincide.
	Notice	Railways	There will be brighter stations after the war: B'stoke due to be repainted during 1946.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	London Zoo 7/-, Hastings 12/- Bournemouth 8/6.
	Advert	River trips	Salter's Steamers: Reading to Henley, out 1130, back 4.30pm, 3/- return.
	Road safety	Fatality	Freefolk road fatality: 5 year old deaf and dumb girl Pamela Ames died. Driver of KWRDC lorry exonerated of all blame.
	Org'n	Army cadets	Fifteen cadets attended weekend camp at Kingsclere with 7 of the under 15s in camp at Southampton.
	Education	Headmistress retires	Infant School Head Mistress Miss Hole left after 18 years and presented with a lady's holdall and compact.
	Org'n	Growmore Club	Oakley and Overton Growmore Club had corn competition. Wheat 2nd prize to Jacob Lory, Southley Farm; barley 1st prize to R Smith Rewse, Ashe Warren Farm; oats 2nd prize to J Lory, Southley Farm - reserve to Viscount Monck, Northington Farm; spring sown wheat – reserve to Basil Porter, Quidhampton Farm.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC & Fire service	Advised by National Fire Service that they might have to abandon Overton unless new site found.
9 Aug	Loc Gov't	B'stoke expansion	Town expansion: new towns being discussed for B'stoke (extra 14,000 people rising to 60,000) and Newbury.
	Food	National	Facts: keep bread in bin with lid tilted or wrap in dry cloth and put on airy shelf. Don't leave it about after a meal as it goes stale quickly when exposed to air.
	Advert	Hide's Grocery Stores	Roberts Evaporated Milk 8½d a tin.
	Personal	Death	Harold Wake, 49, from heart trouble whilst unloading coal truck at Overton Mill.
	Personal:	Double wedding	Contracting partners were Sidney Wiltshire, Overton with Betty Pearson of the ATS and secondly Ernest Lloyd, Stoke on Trent, with June Wiltshire.
	Advert	Press	Young Farmers should read Farmers' Weekly 5d.
	Sport	Football	Overton Youth Football Club disposing of accumulated funds – this is not Overton Youth Club based at SLH.
	Personal	Wedding	Brian Watkinson, Huddersfield, to Jean Kersley, High St.
	Agric'ture	Meeting	Mass meeting of farmers over farm prices to be held at Winchester Guildhall 11/8 at 7.30pm.

23 Aug	Auction	Army equipm't	Min of Supply: 10,000 vehicles and 600 jeeps at Bordon.
	Politics	Review	Constituency review proposals put Overton into Winchester with 58277 electorate.
	Church	Sunday School	St Mary's outing to Southsea organised by Rev Wells and Mr Drinkwater.
	Org'n	Mem. Instit'e	Women's section guided by Mrs E Wake held jumble sale and dance raising £13.
	Org'n	Welcome Home Fund	Welcome Home: second presentation of cheques and certificates to war service personnel to be held 30/8 at 7.30pm
	Personal	Death	Mrs Mary James, 84, and Mrs Mary Bosker, 75 of High St.
	Advert	Hospital vacancies	Domestic staff required for 560 bed Lord Mayor Treloar Cripple Hospital, Alton; wages if over 18 from 41/- per week plus free board and residence
	Agric'ture	Pest warning	Warning of Colorado Beetle menace to potato crop.
30 Aug	Event	Dog Show	B'stoke Canine Soc promoting B'stoke Dog Show on 28/9 at Castle Field, B'stoke entry 1/-.
	Advert	Railways	Market day tickets Overton to B'stoke every Wed 1/5, to Andover Junction every Friday for 2/-return.
	Press	Newsprint	More newsprint available to meet demand – the first time in more than 5 years. Intend to print 2 x 8page and 2 x 6 page editions every 4 weeks.
	Church	Organ	Organ at St Mary's cleaned and renovated after five weeks. Mrs Titmous, the organist, delighted. Cost £255 of which only half has been raised with rest to find. Organ has new pedals, new keyboard and an electric blower giving a much enriched tone.
	Event	Children's outing	To seaside at Hayling Island organised by Mr Howard took place on 21 Aug. 260 went plus 123 parents using 12 buses. One boy went missing. Fine fish tea at the Solent Hotel. Stopped at Petersfield to allow engines to cool and one bus load went exploring and took long time to round up. Perfect weather. Home around 10pm.
	Property	Foxdown site purchased	Lord Portal of Laverstoke, on behalf of Portals Ltd, purchased on 28/8 the Foxdown Camp 5 acres site and presented it to the KWRDC for temporary housing. Expected that 25 families could be housed there. The council could not offer the Bank of England what it was asking so the new offer is a magnificent and munificent gift. It was suggested an appropriate plaque should be erected on the site. Lady Portal, chmn of the Housing Committee, made a speech commenting that 90 applications for housing existed from Overton residents.
	Press	Photos	First pictures of Overton in the paper – of Foxdown Camp.
6 Sept	Event	Grand Dance	RAFA Grand Dance with Farnborough RAF station dance band at Town Hall, B'stoke on 13/9 entry 6/6.
	Event	Fete	Garden fete at Southington House washed out. Valerie Scott won bowling prize, J Roberts the skittles. Sylvia Scott, R Banning, Mr Bevan and Mrs Rye also won prizes. Mrs Rye is the new Head Teacher at the Infants School but had to abandon the dancing display because of the weather. £30

			was raised for the school.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Reported that HCC had agreed to DANGER signs at High St junction with Red Lion Lane to protect schoolchildren; set precept of £50; exterior of SLH to be repainted; letter of thanks to be sent to Portals in connection with Foxdown Camp purchase.
	Org'n	British Legion	Special meeting: Do you want a BL band? Voted 'yes' so Mr Richardson, formerly of Mill band will get it off the ground.
13 Sep	Bank	Midland and Lloyds Banks	Reopening at 2 London St, Overton on 17/9, opening on Tues and Fridays between 1030 and 1215; Lloyds also reopening that day with same opening hours.
	Personal	Scholarship	Pat Locke, Dellands, gains scholarship to Sparsholt College.
27 Sep	Property	Sale	Burley House, Ashe sold so will not go to auction.
	Church	Jumble sale	Large jumble sale in SMH organised by Mesdames Pilbrow and Ayres resulting in a profit of £30 for the organ fund.
	Org'n	WI	Meeting had a large amount of preserves for sale.
	Org'n	British Legion	Held its first monthly meeting attended by 60 who heard Sir Brunel Cohen talk about the Legion's affairs.
	Event	Youth Club carnival	Carnival included a dance at SMH, a baby show where Jane Austin won the under 18 months prize, R Berry the 18 to 24 month prize. Fancy dress was won by C Mills and L Arizmendi. There was an evening concert and £10 was raised for club funds.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Four more houses ready in Overton but 100 applications received. rent would be 17/7 per week; HCC want Pound Road to be 30' wide which was thought to be excessive so tree planting put on hold; surveyor thought each of the Foxdown chalets could be converted into 3 family homes; total staff cost for council is £6380 covering 23 staff.
	Politics	OPC	Supported HCC's counter proposals for constituencies.
	Property	New cottage	Approval for cottage at Sapley Lane for Mr Swyers.
4 Oct	National	Pensions	New pension rates covering 2¾ million contributory pensioners and 250,000 widow pensioners. Amount would be 26/- for single and 42/- for married couple.
	National	Coinage	End of silver coinage to be replaced by cupro nickel. No more silver in 5/-, 2/6, 2/-, 1/-, 6d and 3d pieces. Need to repay USA for £75m worth of silver.
	Church	Congregation'l	Harvest festival at Congregational church under new pastor Miss Main.
	Sport	Bowling	Bowling Club challenge cup presented to E Malphus.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Considering war memorial for fallen of war now ended but E Smith thought names should go on WW1 memorial. Others thought village needed clinic, playing fields so public meeting would be called.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Tenancies advertised for 2 x 3 bedroom houses in Pound Rd under construction.
11 Oct	Court		Three women found 'proved' of not queuing properly for bus under 1942 legislation.
	Advert	Venture Buses	Trip to see maiden voyage of the RMS Queen Elizabeth on 16/10, costing 9/6 including boat trip leaving at 11am returning at 6.30pm.

	Event	Dance	SMH dance to Coney Islanders on 12/10, entry 2/6, forces 2/-.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Restarts winter season with Mrs Hoare as conductor and Mrs Titmous as accompanist.
	Church	Harvest	Services well attended at St Mary's.
18 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Jesse James' with Tyrone Power and Henry Fonda.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Appeal looking for new young wives to replace those wishing to retire.
25 Oct	Loc. Gov't	OPC	Clerk's post to be vacant from 31 December.
	Org'n	British Legion	Social Committee Whist Drive at SMH attended by 100; also Darts matches started with Overton beating Alton Hop Pole by 7 matches to 3.
	Church	Appointment	Rev Wells, the Rector since 1934, appointed Hon Canon at Winchester Cathedral.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Meeting: for first time attended by large number of parishioners, mainly women, concerned about allocation of new houses. A petition against the awards signed by 762 was sent to KWRDC. Officials explained the points system which was not just for locals, no matter how badly housing was required. Mrs Phillimore moved resolution 'this council, while fully realising difficulties of the allocation of the new council houses, would press that consideration should be shown to those cases of definite hardship and overcrowding which exists in the parish and appear to have been passed over owing to lack of local knowledge' KWRDC later amended their policy by taking some of this on board.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Reported that 25 houses at Foxdown Camp had 40 years' life left; concerned that shorthand typists were leaving as private companies offering double the salary.
1 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Spellbound' with Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman.
	Sport	Darts	Darts Club return match with Alton Hop Pole won 6 to 4.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Clerk resigns after 40 years in the job; request made for sub post office to close at 1pm on Saturdays which was agreed.
8 Nov	Property	Gribble Booth and Shepherd	Auction of 15 properties at Old Basing and Overton advertised.
	Road safety	Statistics	Sept 1946 - there were 79 fewer deaths than in Sept 1945.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Social evening a great success.
	Org'n	British Legion	AGM in Bush Room expressed thanks to Portals for meeting all costs of the Victory day celebrations. As only 6 Overton members played an instrument the remainder of the band would be recruited from outside.
	Advert	Vacancy at Water Works	Pumping Station Attendant at Overton Sewerage and Water Works: £5/8/- per week.
15 Nov	Enter'nt	Savoy, B'stoke	'I see a dark stranger' with Deborah Kerr and Trevor Howard.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Collection: £121/10/9.
	Church	Remembrance	Well attended Remembrance Day service at St Mary's.
	Personal	Death	Stephen Switzer, 66 of Bridge St.
22 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Anna and the King of Siam' with Irene Dunne and Rex Harrison.

	Advert	W Webber Ltd	Austin 8HP van £225 in grey primer.
	Event	Nat Union of P'makers	National Union of Papermakers: Whist drive at SMH with top prize 25/-.
	Loc. Gov't	OPC	More discussions on war memorial names with preferred choice being to add to existing memorial; three candidates for Clerk's post with Mr Reed being appointed at £30 per year; the dangerous banking of Hannington Rd at Station Rd was referred to KWRDC.
	Personal	Death	Ann Rivers of Lower Whitehill Farm.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Revised points scheme for housing allocation adopted: ex servicemen and war widows given 10 points plus 1 per year of service up to max of 7; agricultural workers given 10 points; if applicant not living in parish 30 points deducted; if not living in RDC area 40 points deducted; some special cases would be considered. Foxdown chalets redesigned to give 41 units ranging from 4 bedroom to bed sit properties.
29 Nov	Org'n	British Legion	Meeting attended by General Sir Hastings Ismay.
6 Dec	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Seeking applicants for 3 x 3 bedroom and 1 x 4 bedroom properties at Pound Rd.
	Event	Ex servicemen	Calling all ex Royal Navy and Marines members to meet at Greyhound on 12/12 at 7.30pm
	Church	Organ recital	By Mr Fogwell raised £5.
	Personal	Death	Mrs J Hopkins, 83, of Winchester St.
13 Dec	Food	National	Extra Christmas rations for sugar, meat and chocolate and sweets for young.
	Personal	Death	Henry Hutchins, aged 66 and Overton born and bred.
20 Dec	Property	Gribble Booth and Shepherd.	Sale of block of 6 freehold cottages in Overton bringing in £107/2/10 per annum. Price sought £450.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'The Bells of St Mary's' with Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman
	Event	Housing	Housing Conference reported that building programme had been curtailed due to shortage of labour.
24 Dec	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Bad state of Pound Rd reported, possibly due to building work.

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3 Jan	Personal	Wedding	At Dorridge, Sgt Instructor Malcolm Norris, Weyhill, to Edith Pope.
		Wedding	Edward Jay to Gladys Sainsbury, both Winchester St.
	Event	Christmas	Very quiet in village apart from football match Overton 4 Whitchurch 7 and a huge party for children in Memorial Institute
	Education	School prize giving	Parents Assoc had been formed. Boys Class 1 1st D Freemantle, 2nd John Denning, 3rd William Prouting. Girls: 1st Jeanne Tuck, 2nd Jacqueline Roberts, 3rd Shirley Locke. Special prize to Anthony Edwards. Class 2 1st: Doreen Gregory, 2nd Brian Dennison, 3rd Maureen Smith. Progress prize Mollie Lister. Class 3 1st: Kathleen Wake, 2nd Anne Bond, 3rd Pamela Smith. Progress prize Margaret Sherwood. Special prize Vivienne Hurley. Needlework Mollie Harris.
10 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Love Story' with Margaret Lockwood and Stewart Granger.
	Industry	Thornycroft's	To operate a five day week of 44 hours from 8/1 with change of hours for both summer and winter.
	Org'n	Youth Club	New Year party for Youth Club in SLH.
	Church	Various	Mistletoe Bough presentation raised £31/8/- for organ fund. Eight young ladies rang in the New Year - Mrs Readings, Misses G Blew, I Malphus, C Kemp, F Fox, R Holmes, M Wadley and E Taylor.
17 Jan	Personal	Honour	Junior Commander Sophie Portal, Southington, awarded MBE.
	Personal	Death	J Wadley, aged 58, High St.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Meeting re War Memorial but only 30 attended. Revised wording on existing memorial agreed. No commemorative building or site to go ahead but further meeting in 2 months.
24 Jan	Event	Youth Festival	B'stoke Youth Festival advert: 24/2 to 1/3 in Town Hall B'stoke
	Advert	Corrall & Co	Buy wood to supplement coal – 75/- per ton or 4/- per cwt delivered.
	Personal	Engagement	Patrick Donner MP to Pamela Forster from St Mary Bourne.
	Personal	Wedding	Henry Hutchins, The Avenue Overton, and Gwendoline Rowlands, Boscombe.
31 Jan	Politics	Labour Party	Meeting 'Planning for Social Security' in SMH on 8/2 at 7.30pm with Minister of National Insurance, James Griffiths MP speaking. Reserved seat 3d. (Wife from Overton).
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Discussed proposal to supply mains water to entire district, costing £141,000 meaning 2/6 in the £ rise in rates.
	Courts	Juvenile Court:	Leslie Theodore, Station Rd charged with stealing £29 from George Oram – bound over for 2 years and to pay 25/8 costs. Mary Smith, 2 Station Bungalows, fined 10/- for no rear red light on bike. John Bone, Dellands, summoned for failing to pay amount due as contribution order of 1945. Must pay it off by 10/- per week or three months in jail.

			3 boys (2 of 10 and 1 of 11) damaged builder's store in Pound Rd to tune of £4 and sentenced to probation for 12 months (10 year olds) and 11 year old received a caution.
	Advert	Dancing	Old time dancing tuition at Overton for 1/- a session.
7 Feb	Industry	Thornycroft's	On short time working due to disruption in coal and electricity supplies.
14 Feb	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Big Sleep' with Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart.
	Fuel	National	Government announces no electricity to large parts of SE England including B'stoke area as follows: domestic electricity off 9am -1230pm and 2-4.00pm. Portals could do no work last week as had no coal.
	Weather	Severe	6-8" snowfall
	Politics	Labour Party	Meeting at Overton (see above) well attended despite weather.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Ellen Berry of Waltham Rd.
21 Feb	Church	Social Cmte	Held AGM in SMH – weather affected attendance.
	Personal	Death	Mrs H Roberts of Pound Rd aged 65.
28 Feb	Fuel	National	Still major disruption to supplies of electricity and coal to industry.
	Weather	Severe	Temperature fell to 0°F on two nights.
	Restaur't	Closure	The British Restaurant in B'stoke to close in March.
	Personal	Death	Mrs W Wake aged 80 of The Avenue.
7 Mar	Fuel	Supply	Electricity cuts restored.
	Weather	February	Mix of snow with 4' drifts but with warm sun and frosts at times.
	Loc. Gov't	HCC	County Council rate increased from 9/6 to 11/- in £.
	Personal	Wedding	Cyril Nightingale, Moores Farm and Pamela Potheary, Willesley Warren Farm.
	Church	Annual Meeting	In SMH with good attendance despite weather.
	Org'n	Home Guard	Overton Home Guard and Rifle Club met in Bush Room and reported it has range thanks to Lord Portal. Club open to all ex servicemen and ex civil defence personnel.
	Org'n	Mem Insit'e	AGM with Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal presiding. MI made profit of £318 for year.
14 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Night and Day' with Cary Grant and Alexis Smith.
	Weather	Severe	Deteriorated again with Whitchurch to B'stoke road closed as surface broke up.
	Notice	National	Clocks on an hour on Saturday night.
	Event	Children's enter'nt	In SMH organised by Miss Baring raised funds for Mission Hospital in China.
	Org'n	Br Legion	British Legion Overton won regional cup for efficiency.
	Personal	Death	Mrs E Watts, 85, of The Avenue.
21 Mar	Advert	Germolene	Impossible see where burn was after using Germolene ointment – 1/4 or 2/3.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	District rate down a 1d in £.
	Farmland	Firing range proposal	Cannon Heath (half way to Kingsclere) proposed by Ministry of Supply as Armaments Range. Much local opposition.
	Advert	Dry cleaning	Cheaperway in B'stoke: Dry-cleaning with gents suits 4/9, sports coats 3/-, ladies costumes 3/3, dance frocks 5/-.

	Personal	Death	Mrs Frances Oram, 33, with 2 small children.
28 Mar	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Quote of £21,130/7/8 to convert Foxdown chalets to 41 units by M Musselwhite.
	Org'n	Red Cross	Organised lectures on Home Nursing every Wed in Bush Room, fee 2/6.
	Enter'nt	Panto	'Dick Whittington' -in SMH on 15/3 by Kingsclere Litton Players.
3 Apr	Courts	Whitchurch Petty Sessions	Robert Elmes, High St, stole watch (value £15) from bridegroom Cyril Nightingale, milkman, on 31 Jan and was fined £9 plus 13/10 costs.
	Sport	Horse racing	Hannington races, Easter Monday – buses from B'stoke 3/-.
	Weather	Winter synopsis	Winter snow fall not exceptional depth but lay on ground from 25/1 to 11/3. Only 2 nights free of frost from 16/1 to 9/3. Lowest temp= -2°F. Thaw and floods caused major road problems.
	Church	Various	Bishop of Southampton confirmed 25 at St Mary's and sacred play 'Outside the Gate' performed at SMH produced by Mrs Denniston. £13 raised for Save Europe Now fund
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	War memorial meeting not well attended proposing spending no more than £50 on plaque naming the fallen in WWII.
11 Apr	Advert	Vehicle	Austin 3 Way 25cwt delivery van. £535 in grey primer.
	Advert	Railways	Southern Railway urgently requires porters, engine cleaners, engine shed labourers.
	Churches	Easter	Good attendance at Easter services in village but flowers in short supply due to late season. Guild of Bell ringers ushered in festival with joyous peals.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Louie Dyke.
	Notice	National	Put clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night for Double Summer Time.
	Personal	Wedding	Local MP Patrick Donner marries Pamela Forster in St Mary Bourne; event had 750 guests.
18 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf	Jane Russell in 'The outlaw'.
	Music	Exam results	Associated Board of the Royal School of Music awarded Beryl Rimmer Grade II credit , Rose Marie Tilburey Grade II and Preliminary award to Mary Cook. All pupils of Miss E Hide.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Presided over by Rev Wells. Advised by KWRDC that Pound Rd taken over by council in connection with new houses. Annual Parish Meeting followed but with no extra electors. Its Coal Charity allowed 3 cwt to 19 households and 2cwt to 10. 65 gallons of bread purchased from 'Streatwells Gift 'and given away. W Sprent had relinquished his fair rights.
		KWRDC	AGM – Pound Rd gardens needed fencing urgently. Report of burst water tanks so Sanitary Inspector recommended replacement of 200.
25 Apr	Notice	Railways	Passenger trains will be cut by 10% in summer to allow coal stocks to be built up.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Advertise for tenancy applications for 17 Pound Rd with weekly rent of 12/3.
	Royalty	Birthday	21st birthday celebration on 21 Apr of HRH Princess

			Elizabeth. Message sent by B'stoke mayor: '.....of the ancient and loyal borough respectfully tenders greetings and best wishes to HRH Princess Elizabeth on her 21st birthday'.
	Org'n	British Legion	Smoking Concert held 12/4 at Bush Room of Memorial Institute to celebrate winning Southern Area Shield for Efficiency
2 May	Advert	Land for sale	£200 will bring in £5 interest per year which buys 1½ cigarettes per day. £200 will buy freehold building site in Sherborne St John.
	Advert	Whiteways	Cyder from the largest cyder orchards in world – 1/6 per screw quart flagon.
	Court	Whitchurch Petty Sessions	PC F Harris made his last appearance after 20½ years as Overton's officer. Margaret Mower, Waltham Rd, granted affiliation order for female child against George Harrod of Retford who had to pay 15/- per week with £8/9/- costs. John Dale sent to prison for attempting to obtain funds on 27/3 by false pretences from Mary Wells of The Rectory, Overton.
	Agric'ture	Show judge	John Crowe, Winchester St – judge of cattle judged Pedigree Bull Show in Yeovil.
	Sport	Tennis	Tennis Club's AGM – Mr Drinkwater chmn and Paul Holmes treasurer. Club £36 in black. Annual fee stayed at 12/-.
	Personal	Wedding	Eric Judd, Whitchurch and Margaret Bond, The Pound.
	Personal	Anniversary	Golden Wedding: Mr and Mrs George Wake.
9 May	Advert	Venture Coaches	Bath and West Show Cheltenham cost of 12/8, Portsmouth to witness HMS Vanguard return with Royal Family from South Africa for 5/9.
	Org'n	Territorial Army	Join the Territorial Army of County Regiment; detachment of D company now formed and sign up at Drill Hall.
16 May	Planning	B'stoke expansion	Greater London Plan published proposing 40,000 population for B'stoke
	Personal	Death	Dennis Tilbury, 13, Red Lion Lane from rare form of pneumonia after attending football match at The Dell.
23 May	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Problem of sound insulation of party walls at Foxdown - £350 to rectify; gave permission for bungalow at Bridge St; seeking footpath for Station Road but would need land from houses.
	Org'n	British Legion	Sent 26 men to Portsmouth – Mr Fayerbrother in charge – and J Smith carried standard to welcome Royal Family home from South Africa.
	Church	Ascension	Ascension tide Gift Service at St Mary's with Dennis Cousens reading first lesson and Joan Freemantle the second.
6 June	Notice	Ration books	New ration books available on 2/7 from Bush Room at Institute between 10am and 5,30pm.
	Medical	Nurses	Mobile exhibition at Overton 14/6 pm to recruit nurses.
13 June	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	94 applications for house in Pound Rd; Bd of Trade supports opposition to rifle range at Cannon Heath north of village.
	Politics	Review	Parliamentary constituencies proposals modified.

20 June	Enter'tnt	Waldorf	'The other love' with David Niven and Barbara Stanwyck.
		Savoy	'My favourite brunette' with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.
	Personal	Wedding	On 7/6 Arthur Casterton, Richmond on Thames and Evelyn Locke from The Avenue.
	Notice	Food	Meat ration reduced – have to receive ¼ in corned beef and no sausages issued. 'Remember – your butcher is doing his best and, if you must grumble, the address is the Ministry of Food, London.'
	Personal	Death	Mrs Lena Chaplin.
27 June	Advert	Venture Tours	To Southampton Speedway 4/-, every Tuesday.
4 July	Advert	Press	Daily Telegraph - the paper you can trust - 1½d.
	Org'n	Blindness	Hants Assoc for the Care of the Blind collection raised £27.
11 July	National advert	Job vacancies	Ministry of Labour; Looking for work? Well paid seasonal jobs at holiday resorts – may get free fare travelling allowance and settling in grant.
	Personal	Exam success	Rose-Marie Tilburey passed Secondary School exam for Grammar School.
	Church	Outing	St Mary's Social Committee outing to Pangbourne.
	Event	Fete	Garden fete at Southington hosted by Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal raising £35 split between bishop's Appeal Fund and St Mary's clock repair.
	Loc.Gov't	OPC	Met 30/6: repairs at bathing place carried out; quote for £120 from B'stoke Corporation for 6 lights at Foxdown chalets and pc would need to meet half costs; County council had requisitioned the M Kersley playing field for new schools so OPC would need to find new playing field.
18 July	Advert	Steamers	Eagle Steamers from Tower Pier to Southend for 7/6 return.
	Notice	Food	Ministry of Food: time off for housewives – hot today, cold tomorrow – baked stuffed fish and fish pasties.
	Church	Congregat'l	Sisterhood of Congregational church went on annual seaside trip to Bognor, organised by Miss Main.
	Org'n	Hospital	Royal Hants County hospital fund raising day at St Mary's.
	Org'n	Bellringers	Quarterly gathering of bell ringers from district and made use of all 8 bells now at St Mary's.
	Org'n	Rose Day	Alexandra Rose Day raised £34/15/8 for local Nursing Association.
	Personal	Death	Walter (Biggie) Brown aged 77.
	Sport	Football	Football Club annual meeting – OUFC had disappointing season with few wins. Thanks to Mr B Porter of Quidhampton who provided field at Berrydown for matches.
25 July	Org'n	Young Cons'tives	Young Conservatives just formed – first social in SMH with Mr H Redstall capable chmn.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Hone (Ada Blake), 79, of Waltham Lane and Jack Thomas, son of those in charge of the old Overton Reading Room
1 Aug	Advert	Beecham's Pills	'Constipation makes her depressed – 1/4 and 3/3 including tax – 'worth a guinea a box'.
	Advert	Eno's	Eno's Fruit Salts for cheerful lives – 2/- a bottle.

	Event	Newbury Horse Show	Newbury Horse Show 16 Aug; £150 prize money; music and displays by Dagenham Girl Pipers.
	Enter'nt	Savoy	'Beau Geste' with Gary Cooper.
	Personal	Successes	Sparsholt Farm Institution: Pat Locke of Dellands gained five 1sts, three 2nds and two 3rds in sport. He gained scholarship to Institution and was in the milking competition finals.
	Sport	Cricket	Cricket week at Bounty Rd 2 to 10 Aug.
	Advert	Coaches	Venture Coaches: Eastbourne: 11/9; Southampton and IOW 15/9; Swanage with lunch and tea 18/3.
	Court	Whitchurch Petty Sessions	Lady Portal chairman: individual fined £1 for ignoring HALT sign, £5 for driving without due care and attention and £3 costs.
8 Aug	Notice	National	End of double summer time on 10 Aug.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Asked by Government to house German local government officers for introduction to the authority's work.
	Advert	Prams	Baby coaches (prams) – streamlined continental design £14/8/-
15 Aug	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	'Ten little niggers' – a thriller by Agatha Christie, seats 1/- to 3/6.
	Advert	Savings	Role up for the best ten bob buy – National Savings Certificates.
	Personal	Wedding	In Huddersfield between Laurence Gibbons, The Avenue and Dora Bray, ex Land Army.
	Sport	Bowling	Overton beat St Mary Bourne by 42 to 34 shots so gaining League Championship Cup from current holders Whitchurch.
22 Aug	Enter'nt		'Blithe Spirit' with Noel Coward.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Advert for Fuel Overseer for £300 per annum.
	Industry	Thornycroft's	Advertising many vacancies with 5 day, 44 hour week, canteen and sports facilities
	Advert	Coaches	Venture Coaches – book at Mr Field, 7 High St Overton.
29 Aug	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Inviting applications for tenancies of 15 x 3 bedroom, 9 x 2 bedroom, 2 x 4 bedroom flats at Foxdown.
	Event	Romsey Show	On 10 Sep by Venture Coaches from Overton- 4/9.
	Court	Whitchurch Petty Sessions	Richard Roberts, 28 Station Rd fined £1 for having no lights on bike; two Overton sailors – Reginald Pike and Louis Tilbury guilty of damaging public conveniences causing £1/1/3 damage – fined £3 each and for the damage repair.
	Personal	Wedding	Corp Wilfred Readings, Waltham Rd, and Julia Thomas from Dover.
5 Sep	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Had heard from Min of Supply that they would not be retaining Cannon Heath as a bombing range.
	Personal	Wedding	Maurice Gardner, Whitchurch, and Jean Wake, Winchester St
	National	Fuel supply	Government abolishes basic petrol ration.
	Agric're	Harvest	Harvest affected by cold winter and summer drought. Basil Porter (Quidhampton) chairman of B'stoke NFU had to plough in one field of winter wheat because of bad weather; wheat down 25% but barley a good crop. Milk yield down 25% due to drought; turnips, swedes, kale very

			bad and will have no crop at all unless rain falls.
12 Sep	Weather	August	Over 300 hours of sun, highest temp 91F and achieved over 80 every day from 12 to 20 Aug. Just two days of rain amounting to only .55".
	Loc.Gov't	Boundaries	Proposal for Andover Borough to incorporate Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne.
	Personal	Wedding	Eileen Stickland, Overton, and Alan Ashfield, Whitchurch.
19 Sep	Housing	Foxdown	Foxdown houses opened by Lord Portal on 13 Sep. Major event held inside due to drizzle. Husband of the KWRDC chairman had made the purchase possible.
	Personal	Death	Funeral of Mrs Ann Marsden at Laverstoke, well known in wider community.
26 Sep	Personal	Death	Nurse Godby in west Africa, former district nurse for Overton.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Allen aged 54 of Dellands.
3 Oct	Church	Rededication	Rededication of St Michael's B'stoke after war damage.
	Health	Hants Exec Council	Formed under NHS Act and held inaugural meeting; scheme comes into effect 5 July 1948.
	Sport	Bowling	Bowling Club engaged 'best of the league' in competition which they won.
	Personal	Wedding	Raymond Stickland and Heather Wiltshire, Overton, with honeymoon in Kent.
10 Oct	Politics	Conserv'tives	Young Conservatives Assoc met in SMH; H Redstall in chair.
17 Oct	Property	Gribble Booth & Shepherd	For sale: 13, 15 Station Rd by auction.
	Education	HCC	Hants Education Cmte had concern over recruiting teachers because of acute housing shortage.
	Enter'nt	Dance	Old Time Dance in SLH with Victoriana Orchestra, entry 2/6 Proceeds to Spinal ward at Park Prewett.
	Enter'nt	Concert	Royal Navy branch brought BBC's Merry Go Round's five instrumentalists and singer for an event and despite prices being 3 times normal over 200 attended.
	Personal	Wedding	Corp Millership, Hucknall, and Lilian Oram, Station Rd with honeymoon in Nottinghamshire.
	Personal	Anniversary	Mrs Bellinger of the Fox Inn, Overton celebrated 50 years as landlady and her 80th birthday. gifts included one from Courage, pub owner, on her unblemished record. For 30 years she has been a martyr to rheumatism and arthritis.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs King, Berrydown, Mr Birch, Dellands, Mr Hayter and Mr Garnett.
	Event	Ball	Trafalgar Night 21 Oct Annual Ball at Town Hall, B'stoke, price 10/6 single, 18/- double.
31 Oct	Entert'nt	Waldorf	'Sinbad the Sailor' with Douglas Fairbanks Jnr and Maureen o' Hara.
	Advert	Webbers	New Austin A40 Devon saloon.
7 Nov	Weather	October	Drought from 21/9 to 20/10. Measurable rain fell on only 4 days. Highest temp 76°, lowest 18°F.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Held social evening for their funds organised by Miss Baring.
	Personal	Wedding	William Smith, Whitchurch and Auriol Freemantle, Dellands.

	Org'n	WI	Special whist drive for British Sailors Soc; raised £15 and same for another charity.
14 Nov	Church	Remembrance	Crowded congregation at St Mary's for Remembrance Sunday.
21 Nov	Royalty	Wedding	Day off school for 20 Nov wedding of HRH Princess Elizabeth to Philip Mountbatten.
	Org'n	Poppy Day	Appeal collected £128/12/11.
	Church	Missions	Missions overseas events raised £66/1/8.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Bettridge, Winchester St.
28 Nov	Military	Cadet Force	Re-forming of a ACF platoon; 13-18 years old sought; 'free to join, free to leave'; recruiting in the Drill Hall.
	Church	Congregation'l	Sale of work raised £33 for repair fund.
5 Dec	National	Railways nationalisation	Effective 1 June '48 under British Transport Commission.
	Court	Magistrate Court, Whitchurch	Arthur Townsend, Turrill Hill Farm, fined 5/- for allowing heifer to stray on the highway; Mr Fred Plimmer, Court Farm Cottages, guilty of stealing oats but case dismissed on payment of 15/- costs, but lost job and house.
	Weather	November	2" snow on 18th.
	Railways	Crash	Train crash at Farnborough – 1 killed.
12 Dec	Agric're	Fowl pest	Farming Today: steps to stop fowl pest spreading.
	Personal	Wedding	Peter Phillimore, Station Road, and Olive Burgess, The Pound; honeymoon in Brighton.
	Org'n	Youth Club	Whist drive in SLH.
	Politics	Cons Assoc'n	Conservative Association social in SMH.
19 Dec	Advert	Sanatogen	Sanotogen tonic wine takes the strain, 10/- a bottle.
	Personal	Honour	Lord Portal of Laverstoke appointed Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire – (with photo). Born 1885, Eton and Christ Church Oxford, DSO for services in WWI, worked for Great Western Railway (GWR), created Baron in 1935 and Viscount in 1944; 1942 appointed Minister of Works and Public Building and became a Privy Counsellor. 1944 Chairman of the GWR.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, B'stokes	Royal Wedding film.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Coach tours: London Olympia for Bertram Mills Circus 15/- inclusive, 11/6 child.
	Personal	Death	Ernest Cox, Southington, aged 76, formerly the High St chemist.
24 Dec			No local news
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2 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf Bas	Bachelor Knight with Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Olympia (Bertram Mills' Circus) 15/- incl, 11/6 child.
	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	Four houses allocated to Overton for 1947/48; Special meeting held 9 Dec to consider the National Health Act in particular schemes prepared by HCC for care of mothers and young children, midwifery, health visiting, home nursing, domestic help and mental health.
	Politics	Overton Cons. Assoc	To hold meeting at SMH 16 Jan 8pm with two MPs to speak.
	Org'n	British Legion	Whist Drive in SMH with 35 tables.
	Church	Christmas festival	Three communion services all well attended; bells ushered in Christmas morning after 6am; Christmas tree placed in tower.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Sang in St Mary's - anthems and carols.
	Sport	Football Derby	Played Whitchurch and a great attraction.
	Education	School prize giving	Canon Wells presided: Green Dragon play put on by Class IV and Nativity play by Standard II. Reported that Miss Jackson was understaffed and that playground to be repaved at cost of £300. Parents Assoc formed. New system explained for sending pupils to higher schools. Lamb prizes: Boys 1st: G Marner, 2nd J Crockford, 3rd M Brown. Girls 1st B Rimmer, 2nd B Akehurst, 3rd L Frampton. Other prizes: Class II: M Smith, M Wheeler, B Winter, Class III: K Wake, V Hurley, B Roberts, Class IV: B Rimmer, B Rye, C Shadwell, W Prouting, R Lamden. Miss Fox presented with lamp for valued services as librarian for HCC.
9 Jan	Property	Tomlin's Advert	Overton detached house 3 bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, kitchen and scullery, broom cupboard, garden, garage and mains – freehold £2450.
	Advert	Veno's	Stops colds at night – 1/6 a bottle.
	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	Sam Costa from 'Much Binding in the Marsh'; Entry 1/6 to 3/6.
	Personal	Death	Fred Fox, High St aged 76 – former fishmonger and grocer in village who went to Covent Gdn market thrice weekly.
	Personal	Death	Archie Hibberd, motor mechanic, - both funerals reported in following week's paper.
16 Jan	Agric're	National advert	Grow more potatoes as last year weather led to a disastrous crop and rationing.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Capt. Blood' with Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland and Basil Rathbone.
	Event	Old Tyme Dance	SMH on 24 Jan with Victorian Orchestra, price 2/6 from 8pm to 1145pm.
23 Jan	Retail	Advert Marcus Sores	New and reconditioned Gov't surplus clothing – all coupon free. Leather boots 25/6, Duffle coats 50/-, Velvet cord breeches 16/11.
	Enter'nt	Pantomime	'Dick Whittington' in SMH performed by Mrs Marshall's pupils and local talent.
	Personal	Death	George Smith, Bridge St aged 70 – injured in bombing of the Mill in 1942.
30 Jan	Loc. Gov't	KWRDC	7 The Lynch had been made habitable others there not worth the expense of £205/10/-; land at Foxdown being given by Lord Portal valued at £14,000.

	Org'n	British Legion	Film show in Bush Room for children, one on nature's varied wonders in the USA.
	Org'n	Women's Institute	Party in SMH – 100 there. Gay party spirit prevailed with B Wake at the piano for dancing, a musical interlude with John Ashfield, Miss Muriel Thomas and Cyril Wiltshire with Mrs Titmous at the piano.
6 Feb	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Four Overton lads, aged 16, 14, 13 and 9 , guilty of wilful damage to straw rick belonging to Cyril Nightingale. Father of elder two given a severe talking to then bound them over for 2 years under care of Probation Officer; case against the younger two dismissed. Samuel Smith of Burley Lane fined 5/- for possessing firearm without certificate. John Fisher of Upper Ashe found proved of larceny of some barley – dismissed after paying 15/- costs.
	Weather	January	Mild and wet – bodes well for agriculture this year.
	Org'n	Hants and General Friendly Soc	AGM to be held on 11 Feb in Bush Room.
	Enter'nt	Grand Old Tyme Carnival Ball	SMH on 14 Feb , 8pm - 11.55pm 3/- with bus from Winton Square Bas at 7.30pm; MC to be Mr V Smith.
13 Feb	Advert	Railways	Take holidays in May and June, more comfort, long days, accommodation cheaper and plentiful.
	Personal	Diamond Wedding	Henry Wake and wife of Battens Ave; former life long resident of Overton and wife was from West Meon; they have 11 children.
	Church	Annual Meeting	Col Armstrong retiring as church warden; replaced by Col Hoare. Deficit of £65 on accounts – new accounting method approved.
20 Feb	Advert	Venture Coaches	Southampton 4/- exclusive of entry to So'ton v Spurs match.
	Advert	Silver Lining Week	Overton , Kingsclere and Whitchurch target £95,000 savings.
27 Feb	Advert	Ideal Homes Exhibition	3 to 25 March, entry 2/-.
	Loc.Govt	KWRDC	Bus station proposed for Bell St Whitchurch
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Gone with the Wind' – the film that everyone wants to see again and again. 4 hours long.
	Weather	Road disruption	Wintry spell blocks Overton to Kingsclere road.
	Court	Whitchurch Juvenile Court	14 year old admits to stealing railway property and setting fire to rick, valued at £265, at Quidhampton Farm – the boy was sent to an Approved School.
	Education	Junior School	Playground needs to be relayed at cost of £100. To help, Jumble sale organised by Mrs Hurley (Bridge St), Mrs Wake, Mrs Hobbs and raised £18 despite the harsh weather.
	Org'n	Hants and General Friendly Soc	AGM held in Bush Room. Agent S Kersley presented report; F Burgess nominated chairman and C Beale vice-chairman.
	Advert	M D Roper Radio House, Overton	Sales, radio repairs, cycles repaired, workshop – Messrs Roper, Oates and Britton – a lifetime's experience at their job.
5 Mar	Loc. Gov't	County Council	Rate to be 12/- in the £.
	Advert	Venture Buses	Schedules alter on 18 March on routes 2 and 4 between B'stoke, Overton and Andover.
	Advert	Berkshire Caravans	For sale: Midland Cruiser caravan £395.
12 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Brighton Rock' with Richard Attenborough, Hermione Baddeley

			and William Hartnell
19 Mar	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	General rate increased by 6d.
	Politics	Young Conservatives	Annual Meeting in SMH; President Capt Earle, Vice Presidents Mrs Akehurst and Mrs Boyle, Chairman H Redstall, Treasurer W Smith, Secretary S Kersley.
	Property	Bateson and Nicholas advert	Terraced house Overton, brick and tile roof, 3 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, scullery, small garden, shed, garage if needed £1500 freehold.
	Heritage	The Vyne	Open to public 27 Mar from 2-7pm ,entry 2/-.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Albert Wake, London Rd
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Foxdown site to be cleared ready for 16 houses needed for Mill workers. Plague of mosquitoes reported in Overton due to stagnant water from the Mill.
2 Apr	Personal	Wedding	Easter wedding of Robert Watson, Scarborough, and Phyllis Blake, Pound Rd with honeymoon in Englefield Green.
9 Apr	Weather	March	Highest temp ever for month - 74°F and only ½" rain.
	Loc.Gov't	Overton Parish Council	Annual meeting with Canon Wells presiding with Cllrs Akehurst, Drinkwater, Fayerbrother, Mason, Smith, Wake and Whitbread together with Mrs Hoare and Mrs Phillimore present. Clerk was Mr Reid. No public present. Min of Transport had refused footpath at Foxdown which pc did not accept; tax change on St Luke's hall reduced Schedule A tax from £42 to £35; possible allotments at Foxdown using Foxdown Farm land of Mr Swyres; War memorial intended to be unveiled and dedicated by Trinity Sunday following Canon Wells' meeting with Wilfred Turner the architect; noted that KWRDC would shortly construct roads for Pound area at cost of £2700.
16 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Sea hawk' with Flora Robson and Errol Flynn.
	Advert	Railways	Fare from B'stoke to Reading for football 3/3 return.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Day out to Southampton 4/-
	Education	Fund raising	Whist drive held in aid of relaying school playground -£26 raised
	Enter'nt	Play	Foxdown Amateur Dramatic Soc's first production: George Bernard Shaw's 'You never can tell' held in SMH to full house. Outstanding performance by Micky Drew well supported by Denis Cousins, Cyril Wiltshire and Bunte Hawkins.
23 Apr	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Pound Rd costs to be carried by tenants
	Advert	Swinford and Crowe	30 Winchester St. Milk supplied from modern dairy which is licensed to sell TT tested milk. One of many dairies, including Fairacres Dairy Overton advertising the restarting of milk rounds.
30 Apr	Politics	Conservative Assoc	Annual meeting in SMH, chaired by Mr Mason.
7 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Road to Rio' with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.
	Advert	E Nightingale, Moores Farm.	TT Milk from Viscount Portal's Home Farm, Laverstoke and T Thornycroft of Tidnock Farm, Ashe.
14 May	Church	Ascension Day	Gift Service for children at St Mary's - gifts sent to County hospital at Winchester.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Won 2nd place at Musical Festival at Winchester. Banner on display at Mrs Hide's shop. Thanks to Mrs Hoare, conductor and to Mrs Titmous for accompanying all the practices.
	Personal	Death	Reginald Watts, licensee of Red Lion Hotel, aged 60 – born at

			The Lynch.
	Loc.Gov't	Overton Parish Council	Ridges in recreation ground ploughed and re-sown at cost of £22/6/9; 34 Foxdown tenants wanted allotments; damage to allotments in Red Lion Lane caused by cats and dogs.
	Event	Health	National Health Act explained by Minister to an AEU meeting in Queen Mary's School.
	Weather	May	Severe electrical storm on 19 Apr killed 2 footballers in Aldershot and 4 deer in Hackwood Park; low rainfall but no extremes of temperature.
21 May	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Blanche Fury' with Stewart Granger and Valerie Hobson.
	Politics	Young Conservatives	Rummage sale in SMH raised 317 for their funds.
	Event	War memorial	To be unveiled 23 May at 2.45pm involving Overton and Laverstoke British Legion and B'stoke British Legion band.
4 June	National	Ration book	Available from Bush Room, Station Road on 30 June and 1 July between 10 am and 5.30pm
	Advert	Venture Coaches	River Thames trip and Windsor 10/3, Hampton Court 5/3 and Brighton 9/3.
	Org'n	Overton Nursing Assoc	Annual meeting held in Bush Room, the last one before district nursing became part of the National Health Service on 5 July. Nurse's house in Sapley Lane had been purchased in 1948.
11 June	Org'n	Choral Society	Special evening in SMH. Serious and jovial music with burlesque music festival involving Bernard Wake, Lionel Swain (piano and drums) and Cyril Wiltshire as M/C.
	Personal	Death	Ernest Lancaster, Ashe aged 51
18 June	Advert	Agric're	Protect nation's potatoes from potato blight.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Watts, The Lynch, aged 82; Mrs Mary Brown, former licensee of Old House at Home, aged 65; Mrs Knight of Silk Mill Ward aged 82; Frederick Hutchins, Pound Rd aged 61
25 June	Agric're	NFU	Branch passed resolution against the proposed bill by the National Association for the Abolition of Cruel Sports against killing animals for sport.
	Personal	Death	Miss Louisa Ansell, Waltham Rd aged 59 from blood poisoning.
	Personal	Wedding	Lionel Baston, Basingstoke, and Olive Roe, Bridge St followed by honeymoon in Channel Isles.
2 July	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Accepted tender of £1046/14/- for new pumps at Overton Pumping station.
	Notice	Swinford and Crowe	Make statement that they have no intention of selling business in Overton.
	Event	Garden Fete and dance	At Southington House courtesy of Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal and enjoyed excellent weather. Funds raised for school playground and church funds. Evening dance in SMH. Raised £120.
	Weather	June	Not a flaming June - very moderate in all respects.
16 July	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Hue and Cry' with Jack Warner and Alistair Sim.
23 July	Personal	Wedding	Andrew Taylor, Sapley Lane, and Margaret Wadly with honeymoon in Torquay.
	Personal	Death	Mrs A Bond aged 75 from Station Rd.
30 July	National	Food	New season's plums available – some useful sugar saving tips

			and recipes.
	Org'n	British Legion	Annual outing: 120 took coach to Oxford, steamer to Abingdon. Arranged by Mr E Smith and Mr Fayerbrother.
	Personal	Wedding	Dennis Mears to Lottie Roe, Station Rd. Attendants Frances Roe, Maureen Corner and Tina Sadler. Some hypnotism took place at reception by bridegroom's father. Honeymoon in Porlock.
6 Aug	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Dark passage' with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.
	Event	Olympic torch	Torch relay passed through area on 1 Aug en route from Wembley to Torquay, passing Laverstoke House, home of Viscount Portal, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and President of the Olympic Games. Mr J Ivamey of Portsmouth Athletics Club took over the torch at Deane Gate. Practically all Overton turned out to watch flame pass by.
	Personal	Wedding	Raymond Brown, Whitchurch, and Myrtle Oram, Overton. Attendants were Hilda Oram, Barbara Smith, Anne Davies, Janet Holmes and Josephine Oram. Honeymoon in Chobham.
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	Annual meeting presided over by Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal.
13 Aug	Weather	July	Reached 91°F on 28 and 29 July, followed by thunderstorms.
	Advert	Woodhouse of Reading	3 piece suite on sale for £64.
	Education	Primary School	Theatricals in SMH – proceeds towards electric lighting in school.
20 Aug	Advert	Venture Coaches	To Royal Marines Searchlight Tattoo at Portsmouth 9 to 13 Mar.
	Press	60 years ago	Sheepfair in July with 20,000 sheep penned; average price of lambs 36/-.
27 Aug	Notice	Personal	That H W Stevens, 2 Bridge St, is in business on own account and no longer linked with F Oram & co.
	Personal	Wedding	At Congregational chapel: Ernest Goodall, Dellands, and Dorothy Jacques, Dellands. Attendants Joyce and Doreen. Honeymoon in Southsea
	Personal	Death	Mrs Taylor, Sapley Lane aged 53.
	Advert	Watsons of B'stoke	Vauxhall Velux 75mph, 25-28 mpg, £430 plus £120/3/11 Purchase Tax; Vauxhall Wyvern 64mph, 33-35mpg, £350 plus £97/19/5 Purchase Tax.
3 Sep	Notice	Aeronautics	Airways Training at Aldermaston to close affecting 627 jobs; jointly owned by BOAC and BEAC.
	Sport	Bowls	Final round of competition for BGSBP Challenge Cup won by Mr E Ansell.
10 Sep	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	No change in rate demand; approved tender of £5526 to build 4 houses in Overton; agreed reduction in hours for manual workers from 47 to 44 hours per week and an increase in pay of 6/- pw..
	Weather	August	High rainfall from storm on Bank Holiday with 1.53".
17 Sep	Politics	Conservative Assoc	Gathered at Capt Earle's home in Dellands Lane. Baby prizes: under 6 months to Peter Brown, Glenda Bounds, Janet Ashfield; between 6 and 12 months to Henrietta Hoare, Elizabeth Freemantle and Gina Austin; between 12 and 18 months: Roy Bone, Anne Stickland.
24 Sep	Education	Jumble sale	Raised £11 for provision of electric lighting at school.
	Personal	Wedding	Ronald Martin, Cheam, and Myrtle Locke, Battens Ave.

			Attended by Daisy and Edna Locke and Olive and Priscilla Martin. Honeymoon in Bognor Regis
	Personal	Death	Mrs Kezia Openshaw, aged 63.
1 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Rake's Progress' with Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer.
	Org'n	Choral Soc	Restarts with Mrs Hoare again as conductor and Mrs Titmous on the piano.
	Personal	Wedding	Mr Clifford Pickering and Margaret Oram, Station Road. Honeymoon in Eastbourne.
8 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'Brief Encounter' with Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.
	Loc.Gov't	Overton Parish Council	Wattage of street lights to be increased plus 3 extra lights at Foxdown; problem finding replacement recreation ground as all playing fields in use; voted unanimously not to support integration with B'stoke under local government proposals. This was supported at public meeting on topic soon afterwards.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Holmes who lived with her sister; Mrs Attrill who served as housekeeper to Bank of England officials stationed at Foxdown House.
15 Oct	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Had Min of Health approval to allocate housing at their discretion – 10 to Overton; ladies lavatory possibly to be erected where derelict house site is in Winchester St.
22 Oct	Personal	Wedding	Thomas Jones, Aberdare, and Ellen Stickland, Pound Rd. Attended by Eileen Ashfield, Irene Reading, Megan Jones. Honeymoon in Brighton.
5 Nov	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Three cases dismissed concerning Overton folk.
	Weather	October	Nothing exceptional with max. temperature 71°F and minimum 20°F.
12 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Anna Karenina' with Vivien Leigh and Ralph Richardson.
	Church	Remembrance Day	Procession and wreath laying at memorial by church.
	Org'n	British Legion	Unveiling of plaque in Bush Room for those locals who had fallen in 1939-45 war; plaque work by Mr Humphries who had not impaired the inscriptions of those from the 1914-18 war. followed by Annual Meeting reporting membership of 330. reported that the colours now included reference to Laverstoke.
	Advert	Railways	Evening return to London 5/-, Saturday from B'stoke all day for 6/9; day trip to London from Overton every Sunday for 11/4.
19 Nov	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	Band of HM The Royal Hampshire Regiment for 3 nights 1-3 June.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Received protest against rent increase from tenants at Foxdown.
	Church	Missionary Day	Raised £50/18/-.
	Personal	Death	Jack Cole who lived alone.
	Org'n	British Legion Poppy day	Raised: Overton and Ashe £45/8/4½, Overton Mill £29/9/8, Overton church £10/18/11 and in total £131/2/3.
	Personal	Wedding	Hazel Locke and Frederick Turner of Worting. Attended by Joy Locke and Beatrice Wake.
25 Nov	Notice	Agric're	Foot and Mouth disease declared at Ashley and Overton declared in infected area.
	Education	County Council	Opened negotiations to purchase land to put new school on site in Micheldever Rd Whitchurch, (current Testbourne site).

3 Dec	Religion	Bk of Common Prayer	Bishop of Winchester interested in commemorating its 400 anniversary in 1949.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	From Overton to Bertram Mills's Circus at Olympia, 20/- fully inclusive.
	Notice	Post Office	Christmas arrangements: Christmas Day one delivery, none on 26 and 27 Dec; no collection 25 and 26 Dec.
	Personal	Wedding	Basil Banning, Station Road, and Valerie Scott, Winchester St, attended by two sisters, two cousins and two nieces of the groom. Honeymoon in Horsham.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Crosswell who was a life long resident.
10 Dec	Weather	November	Dense fog persisted for much of month; visibility sometimes as low as 6 yds
17 Dec	Loc.Gov't	B'stokes Borough	Council discuss major problem of Worting railway bridge and proximity of Roman Rd and Kempshott Lane cross roads.
23 Dec	Education	Junior School	Prize giving in SMH: Rector presided; Lamb awards to Marion Smith, Shirley Hibberd, Marion Wheeler, Beryl Cox, Roy Shadwell and Brian Burgess. Top class prizes to Philip Day, Margaret Locke, Marion Roberts; Class 2 prizes to Kathleen Wake, Charmaine Mills, Roy Jarvis, Nancy Baker and Vivienne Hurley; Class 3 prizes to Barbara Rimmer, Doreen McAnn, Brian Shadwell; Class 4 prizes to Sylvia George, Peter Tilbury, May Falconer and Joyce Hever. Head mistress urged parents to join Parents Assoc.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Agreed tenders for 10 houses in Overton for £14,071/5/3 to be built by Birkett & Co.
31 Dec	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	Panto 'Red Riding Hood'.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Frederick Kercher, butcher and farmer, 16 Winchester St, summoned by Min of Food for contravening Livestock Restrictions on Slaughtering Order. Fined £5 plus 10/- with £6/15/- costs; Robert Pears, Sapley Lane, aged 25 remanded accused of rape; William Enstone, Tyrell Hill Farm cottage accused of stealing corn valued at 15/- - fined £1; Allen King, Parsonage Farm, applied to evict one tenant, Gilbert Rolfe, who had taken another job – eviction within 2 months granted; George Parker, 20 Pound Rd, failed to get driving ban lifted; Walter Birch, Dellands, aged 27, fined 10/- for poaching.

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7 Jan	Personal	Wedding	June Smith, Burley Lane, and Henry Blake, Hannington with honeymoon in London.
	Church	Nativity play	Performed on 2 Jan to children and with later evening performance. 'The men looked like real Eastern people'.
	Agric're	Hants Agric Exec Cmtc	Labour rates 2/6 per hour for men, 1/9 per hour for women; Saturdays 2/10 and 2/- respectively.
14 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Winslow Boy' with Robert Donat.
	Personal	Death	Head teacher bereaved: Miss Jackson's mother who lived with her in the School House.
	Personal	Deaths	Miss Field, Red Lion Lane, and Julia Sprent, the last of 4 daughters of the late Alfred Sprent.
	Advert	Railways	Cheap evening excursions to London after 4.13pm – 5/- second class
21 Jan	Court	Whitchurch	Two Overton men sent for trial at Hants Assize after fracas after alighting from last bus from Andover on 18 Dec. Ronald Hopkins and William Roe, both of Station Rd. Accused of causing grievous bodily harm to Kenneth Burgess and Dennis Prince. Eight witnesses for prosecution. Dr Fraser of Winchester St gave evidence of injuries. Overton lad sent to Junior Approved School after setting fire to cart of hay belonging to Basil Porter of Quidhampton Farm on 23 Nov.
	Loc.Gov't	County Council	Highways: report on the problems of Worting bridge – not a lot can be done without major layout changes to ease the situation for pedestrians.
28 Jan	Advert	W H Smith	Library service offered – 'unlimited good reading for less than 4d a week'.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Bronze plaque agreed for Foxdown costing £37/10/- with wording 'These buildings were purchased by the Rt Hon Viscount Portal DSO on behalf of Portals Ltd and presented to KWRDC providing houses for 41 families.'
	National	Food facts	More ways of using potatoes for tasty and filling dishes - pan hash, savoury potato cake, potato and onion soup.
	Advert	H Senior of Reading	Fur coats – no coupons.
	Enter'nt	Town Hall Reading	2 Feb Isobel Baillie – tickets 2/6 to 5/6
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	William Roe, Station Rd, fined £1 for trespassing in wood.
	Notice	Hants Fire Service	Proposing new fire station in Overton in fifth year of forward plan.
	Notice	Road safety	Marked decrease in road accidents in 1948 compared with 1947.
	Advert	H Ody & Sons, Bas	Gonzales Byass sherry (Tio Pepe) 24/- a bottle.
4 Feb	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	'Importance of being Earnest' by New Mask Players – tickets 1/6 to 3/6.
	Enter'nt	Pantomime	Cinderella in SMH on 18 Jan, produced by Mrs Marshall, Whitchurch. Hall packed out.
	Politics	Conservative Assoc	Evening social held in SMH on 20 Jan
	Advert	Webbers, Bas	Austin 25 cwt van - £600.
11 Feb	Personal	Death	Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal KCB DSO of Southington

			House. Went to church on Sunday but passed away in his sleep Monday morning, aged 83, four years to the day his wife died. Son of late Sir Wyndham Portal of Malshanger Park he commanded the 17 Lancers 1903-1907. Married 1899 Hon Margaret Littleton daughter of Baron Hatherton. Came to S'ton House the former home of his brother and was heavily involved in Courts, local government, and Overton life. Leaves a son and five daughters. His death was wholly unexpected.
	Advert	Curry's, Bas	Instalment TV has come to B'stoke. 'Have you noticed those H shaped aerials appearing on roof tops? That's TV, the wonderful new thrill which keeps all the family at home and pays for itself in no time. £64/14/8 cost.
18 Feb	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Invites tenancies for 2 x 3 bedroom houses at Sprents Lane.
	Personal	Funeral	That of Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal reported at length – one complete column in paper. Held 10 Feb. Large congregation indicative of high regard he was held in community and throughout the county. Rector assisted by Bishop of Southampton. Mrs Titmous played the organ. Full choir and muffled peel of bells.
25 Feb	Advert	Atco Mowers	17" motor mowers from £73/1/6
	Personal	Death	Mrs J Wells aged 53.
	Church	Annual Meeting	Held 17 Feb at which Church Councillors nominated were Miss Ashlett,, Miss Beale, Mr Cutting, Miss Fox, Mr Garrett, Col Hoare, Miss Jackson, Miss Kemp, Miss Kersley, Mr S Kersley, Mrs Locke, Mr and Mrs Mason, Mrs Mellues, Mr H Redstall and Mr Strickland
4 Mar	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Reported by Surveyor that Overton had had an electricity supply cut which affected the pumping station thereby preventing a water supply to the village. No storage available so urgent need to construct reservoir to hold 200,000 to 500,000 gallons.
11 Mar	Org'n	Mothers Union	Good attendance at Rectory meeting. Had talk on 'Broken Lives'.
	Sport	Whist Drive	Held in support of Boys Football Club in SMH organised by Mr Stubbing.
	Org'n	British Legion	Children's party in SMH. Messrs Wiltshire and Ashfield provided the warm up. 300 children received sweets and fancy cakes.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Emperor Waltz' with Bing Crosby
	Loc.Gov't	County Council	Rate set at 14/3 in the £, up from 12/-.
	Weather	February	Mild and dry with average max 50°F.
	Advert	Hickies of B'stoke	Rosemann piano 89gns
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	New Parish Clerk to be appointed after resignation of Mr Reid.
18 Mar	Loc Gov't	Housing	New estate at South Ham, B'stoke proposed totalling 460 houses on 60 acres with 1800 population.
	Advert	Railways	From Overton to London every Sunday and Wed 11/4 return depart 9.34am
	Industry	Lansing Bagnall	New factory opened in B'stoke.

	Personal	Death	Mr J Maton, aged 86.
	Enter'nt	Foxdown Amateur Dramatics Soc	Performed play in SMH – 'The importance of being Earnest'.
	Enter'nt	St Mary's Hall	Annual Meeting with entertainment - performance of 'Henpecked'.
25 Mar	Politics	Young Conservatives	Annual meeting – H Redstall elected Chairman, Mrs Thurling, Mrs Akehurst, Mrs Boyle , Mr Neale, Mr B Porter elected Vice Presidents.
	Advert	Traction Hall, Aldershot	Ted Heath and his Music – entry 7/-
1 Apr	Loc.Gov't	Planning	Paper gave a resumé of how the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, effective from July 1948, will work in practice.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Glass Mountain' with Dulcie Gray and Michael Denison
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Rate unchanged.
	National	Ration Book	Replacement issued from Bush Room, Memorial institute, 28 and 29 Apr between 10am and 5.30 pm
8 Apr	Advert	Railways	Day excursion from Overton to Salisbury for the races: 5/10 return dep 11am or 12.31pm
	Education	Jumble sale	Raised £23 for radiogram at school
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	Annual meeting reported that it was over £200 in credit.
14 Apr	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Approval given for further six houses in Overton.
	Loc.Gov't	County Council	Election result: Overton ward Conservative beat Labour 737 to 617.
22 Apr	Loc. Gov't	Special meeting	To determine how to spend the £128/2/3 from the WVS Pie Scheme – agreed to spend on children's play equipment.
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Reported that the Chief Constable saw no justification for a pedestrian crossing in High St; noted intention to use WVS money for play equipment and should any be left it should go on seats around the village.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'The Blue Lagoon' with Jean Simmons and Donald Houston
	Personal	Will	Brig Gen Sir Bertram Portal left £39,288.
29 Apr	Press	Strand Magazine	price 1/3 – 'The King's illness – the most authoritative account yet published'.
	Royalty	Local visit	HRH Princess Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh took lunch at Lower Mill Whitchurch, the home of James Robertson Justice, the actor.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Elections: returned unopposed for Overton : Thomas Hide, John Mason, Ernest Smith, Canon Wells.
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Elections: returned unopposed: G Akehurst, C Drinkwater, A Gibbons, J Mason, C Mitchell, E Smith, E Wake, Canon Wells, A Whitbread.
	Personal	Wedding	George Hodgson, Waltham Rd, and Janet Kercher, Winchester St followed by honeymoon touring Devon.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Case against Walter Dibden, High St Overton, for driving without due care was dismissed.
6 May	Advert	Milwards	The Airborne shoe selling for 58/-.

	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' with Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo.
	Loc.Gov't.	KWRDC	Inviting tenancies for 2 x 3 bedroom houses at The Green and for 32 and 44 Station Rd.
13 May	Personal	Death	Sudden death of Lord (Viscount) Portal on 6 May at Laverstoke House aged 64. Joined Lifeguards, succeeded father in 1931. Married Lady Rosemary Cairns. Raised to peerage in 1935. Held Government posts from 1940. Chairman of the Great Western Railway until nationalisation. Made a Viscount in 1945. Chairman of the Olympiad held in London in 1948. Foxdown chalets benefactor. Appointed Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire in 1947. There is no heir to the peerage and the baronetcy passes to his uncle Sir Spencer Portal. (The paper contained 3½ column inches with a photo on Viscount Portal.)
	Weather	April	Very sunny Easter receiving 80% of possible sun. Max temperature 76°F.
20 May	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Invites tenders for building 1 block of 4 flats and 1 pair of houses in Overton.
	Personal	Memorial Service	For Viscount Portal held in Winchester Cathedral.
27 May	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Annual Meeting: reported on widening of Kingsclere Rd between church and Foxdown Hill;
	Loc Gov't.	Parish Council	First meeting after election: E Smith elected chairman. request from Home Official Guides Soc to undertake an Overton edition., 1000 needed and agreed.
3 June	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	First meeting after elections. Mr Fellowes Prynne elected chairman.
	Org'n	Choral Soc	Performed 'Elijah' with Mrs Hoare conducting and Mrs Titmous on the organ.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Jane Field , Red Lion Lane, aged 82, who had been the Sunday School teacher at the Methodist church for over 40 years.
10 June	Loc.Gov't	County Council	Reported that the birth rate was the highest ever and the death rate the lowest ever.
	Church	Ascension Day	Following the service the gifts were taken to Winchester hospital.
	Church	Special service	Empire Youth Sunday well attended at St Mary's.
	Loc Gov't	County Council	Wote St and Church St Bas to be made one way.
24 June	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Queen of Spades' with Edith Evans and Anton Walbrook.
	Health	Hospital Mgmt Committee	Proposing to build new hospital on the <i>south side</i> of B'stoke.
	Personal	Death	At Whitchurch James Robertson Justice's young son James drowned at home after playing with Eric Dunlop.
	Sport	Boys Football Club	Outing to Hayling Island – 6 bus loads.
	Sport	Cricket	Col and Mrs Hoare granted over some of their land for cricket.
	Church	Methodist in B'stoke	Church in B'stoke to be rebuilt after the 16/8/40 bombing.
1 July	Advert	Venture Coaches	Swanage 10/3, Milford on Sea 5/3. Also offering 14 day

			coach tour of Spain but without quoted price.
8 July	Weather	June	Low rainfall and sunny ; good for harvesting hay.
15 July	Sport	Cricket	First match of Boys Cricket Club v Kingsgate College, Winchester - held at Southington. Overton won by 3 wickets. Tea provided on lawn by Mr and Mrs Hoare.
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Received complaints about hedge at Dellands and Sapley Lane; noted the need for new sewerage and water services for new houses in Sapley Lane.
22 July	Org'n	Women's Institute	Meeting in Rectory garden, Mrs Wiggins presiding, Mrs Cyril Wiltshire nominated as Sick Visitor. Congratulations to Mrs J Watts on birth of daughter.
	Politics	Boundary Comsn	Revised constituency boundaries published.
	Education	Junior School	Outing to Windsor on 7 July organised by Head teacher Miss Jackson, included touring the castle followed by steamer trip on river Thames.
	Church	Congregational	Sisterhood took trip to Weymouth on 6 July.
	Sport	Football Club	Renamed Overton Boys Sports Club to accommodate playing of cricket. Needs to buy hut for changing purposes. Col Hoare President. Cricket team beat Laverstoke School by innings and 27 runs
29 July	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Holiday Inn' with Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby.
	Sport	Cricket	B'stoke and North Hants Cricket Club – cricket week at May's Bounty.
	Heritage	Chawton	Jane Austen's home opens to the public after opening by Duke of Wellington.
5 Aug	Advert	Venture Coaches	Bournemouth 5/3, Brighton 6/6 and Southsea with IOW for 10/6
12 Aug	Enter'nt	Dance	Miss Hide's Dancing School gave display 29 July in Bush Room.
	Personal	In hospital	Rector admitted for minor op with major one later.
	Church	Fete	Held at Southington on 10 July. Mr Roper donated ice cream and peaches. Winning balloon of Anne Rigby found at Bletchley, Bucks. Fete raised £76.
	Personal	Wedding	Richard Graham, Southsea, and Margaret Dawe followed by honeymoon in Hastings.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Applications for tenancies to be based on list in future. Pound Rd reconstruction cost of £2449/18/9 from Mr Edwards of B'stoke accepted.
	Advert	Anna Valley Tractors Ltd	Ferguson tractor for £325 ex works.
19 Aug	Sport	Bowls	Singles tournament cup won by Mr Drinkwater for first time.
	Advert	Press	The People on Sunday contains 'Victor Silvester tells all'.
	Sport	Cricket	Cricket week for schoolboys, the first v Col Hoare's team and the last v Whitchurch.
26 Aug	Advert	Gifford's, B'stoke	Kilner fruit jars: 4lbs 12/9, 2lbs 8/3, 1lb 7/3.
	Personal	Death	Mr Edwards, Southington, aged 57.
	Personal	Injury	Girl shot by boy in cheek in Bridge St; he was playing soldiers. Pellet removed through mouth.
	Org'n	British Legion	Presentation to Mr Meakins for undertaking auditor's

			role for 23 years.
	Advert	K Reed, B'stoke	Kodak Box camera 27/6, 12 pictures on 620 or 120 film.
2 Sep	Advert	Farnborough Air Show	World's greatest flying display on 10 and 11 Sep. Entry for pedestrians 3/-, cars 20/-
	Church	Rector	Bishop of Winchester comments on Rector's illness
	Sport	Football	Season started with match v Portals of Laverstoke at Southington. Overton won 4-3. raised £12 for Nat Playing Fields Assoc.
	Personal	Lord Lieutenancy	His Grace the Duke of Wellington appointed.
9 Sep	Weather	August	Solar flare caused severe magnetic disturbance in early Aug affecting radio, telephone, telegraph services. Good weather for harvest - 86°F max temp with low rainfall. Many early mornings of dense fog.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Scott of the Antarctic' with John Mills.
	Personal	Golden Wedding	Mr and Mrs Akehurst, High St, on 2 Sep; they came to Overton in 1914.
	Org'n	RAFA	Battle of Britain Week dance, whist drive and concert in B'stoke.
16 Sep	Personal	Death	Miss Elizabeth Lancaster.
	Loc Gov't	Basingstoke	Town to have fluorescent street lighting; town announces water restrictions.
	Personal	Bequest	Viscount Portal's bequest allows 3 x 18 year olds to go to Canada – University of New Brunswick – for 3 years: Bernard Scott, Winchester St to study Full Arts, Robert Kavanagh, Freefolk and Michael Hassell, Freefolk both studying Electronic Engineering. Expenses met by Portals Ltd. It has been stressed to lads that they are unofficial ambassadors.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Agrees to allocate one house in Overton to a police officer.
23 Sep	Politics	Conservative Rally	In SMH on 26 Sep with Cambridge University Speaking Team – entry 6d.
	Church	Rector	Returns home from hospital.
	Personal	Wedding	Margaret Hopkins, Station Rd, and George Horne, Retford Notts.
30 Sep	Advert	National Savings	NS Week 22 -29 Oct 'For Britain and a happy future'.
	Politics	Conservative Rally and Brains' Trust	After canvass of village four young speakers found village to be 'very friendly and interested'. Discussions referred to recent devaluation of the £.
7 Oct	Church	Harvest Festival	Held in SMH. Bishop Corfield took service. Food went to hospital.
	Hall	St Luke's hall	Local problem over its use by Foxdown Amateur Dramatic Soc.
	Press	Harroway	Long article on the Harroway stretching from Dover to its two West Country terminals - Axmouth and Weston super Mare.
	Weather	September	No frosts. max 72°F, average rainfall of 2½".
14 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Key Largo' with Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart.
	Agric're	B'stoke & District Agric Society.	Annual ploughing match and Corn and Root Show at Battledown.

	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Passport to Pimlico' with Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford.
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	Received 80 applications for 3 x 3 bedroom houses in Overton and 1 x 4 bedroom house. Six further houses proposed for The Green. Shortage of bricks affecting housing programme. Complaint about bad state of rural unclassified roads and HCC did nothing.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Mrs Titmous resigns as accompanist as she needed to curtail her commitments. Given large crystal bowl and her husband given a book on Hampshire.
21 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Maytime in Mayfair' with Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Ejection order granted re 72 Southington (Albert Findley) as house required for tractor driver. Godfrey Ralph, Station Rd, fined £2 plus 10/6 Advocate's fee for having no radio licence.
	Sport	Bowls	Club concluded season by presenting Challenge Cup to Mr Drinkwater.
	Politics	Labour party	Meeting in SMH. 200 there to hear Mrs Marjorie Clark, prospective Parliamentary candidate. Cyril Wiltshire chaired.
28 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'The Third Man' with Orson Wells and Trevor Howard.
	Sports	Boys Sports Club	Whist Drive in SMH saw 230 attend. Profit of £32.
	Personal	Appointment	Reginald Brown made Vice Consul to Norwegian Government at Barrow; his mother is from Overton.
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Special meeting noting resignation of E Smith, chairman, on doctor's orders.
4 Nov	Advert	H Ody and Sons, Bas	Grocers; roasted chicken 2 for 7/6; peas 2/- per lb.
	Church	Congregational	Sisterhood anniversary meeting well attended.
11 Nov	Sport	Hunt	First meeting of Vine Hunt since 1941 held in Wolverton
	Loc.Gov't	KWRDC	By election for Overton saw Walter Charsley, Winchester St, elected.
	Personal	Death	Mr Albert Locke, aged 75.
	Org'n	British Legion	Annual Meeting – Gen Sir Alan Cunningham gave spirited address.
	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Mr Mason chaired for first time. Street lighting on Foxdown estate discussed as was the cost of seats not being charged to rates.
	Church	Remembrance Sunday	Service for Lordsfield Camp children held at 10, wreath laying at 11, then Matins. Mr J Ashfield sounded the Last Post and Reveille.
	Weather	October	Record rainfall of 7.23", max temperature 76°F, min 27°F
25 Nov	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Peter Durant of Winchester St fined 7/6 twice and 5/- for cycling offences.
	Org'n	British Legion	Poppy Day appeal. £122/8/8 raised was less than 1948 due to bad weather.
2 Dec	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Three Musketeers' with Lana Turner and Gene Kelly
	Enter'nt	Dance	Waltz competition in SMH won by Mr and Mrs Muir, Overton, and raised £5 for village children's party fund.

9 Dec	Weather	November	Month foggy and dull.
	Org'n	Women's Institute	Met in Bush Room. Mrs Wiggin again voted President.
	Church	Funds	Bishop of Winchester's call for funds but Overton exceeded its target.
	Personal	Wedding	Joyce Jacques, Dellands, and F Goodall, Dellands, attended by Hilda Oram and Beryl Goodall, followed by honeymoon in London.
23 Dec	Loc.Gov't	Parish Council	Met at Rectory and recorded delight at having the Rector back after illness. Cost of lighting Foxdown was £36, half to be met by Council. Battens Ave required more road repairs than any other. Asked parishioners to mark the great Festival of 1951 by planting more shrubs and trees. Quote of £148 from Mr Akehurst accepted for play equipment. Messrs Wiltshire and Wheatley to be reps on SLH Committee – noting the Social Club for youth needed reinvigorating.
	Church	Play	'Mystery of Christmas' presented in SMH and produced by Deaconess Wright.
	Personal	Death	Miss E Cleverly, Battens Ave.
	Org'n	Women's Institute	Party in SMH, 110 attended, and were entertained by members.
30 Dec	Press	War Weapons Week	Painting of central Overton by Michael Ford shown on page 3. Painting has been purchased by Imperial War Museum.
	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	Panto 'Aladdin' entry from 1/6 to 5/-.

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6 Jan	Press	Photograph	Picture of Vine Hounds at Laverstoke on 31 Dec
	Sport	Overton United Football Club	Mr T Phillimore won turkey at whist drive.
	Org'n	British Legion (Ov't'n & L'stoke)	Presented toys from Portals Ladies Hostel at Foxdown; funds raised go to children's party fund.
	Church	Senior Sunday School party	Prizes to B Swyres , D and P Oliver, S and M Locke, C Oskir, N Baker, M Tilbury, R Locke, A Freemantle and E Tilbury.
	Event	Christmas 1949	Quiet in village but church services were well attended. Boys Sports Club's whist drive raised £65 and Football Club's whist drive also successful. Several dances. Overton lost football match to Whitchurch; the Boys drew with B'stoke Guild and defeated Worting 9-4; the Boys Club Committee played Hannington, winning 4-0 with fine defence from D Smith and Stubbington.
13 Jan	Sport	Football	Boys Sports Club played St Mary Bourne winning 4-3.
	Personal	Death	Mrs McAnn, 84, of The Avenue; came from London in 1905.
	Enter'nt	Portal's Concert	5th annual concert and dance on 7 Jan; Sir Francis welcomed guests followed by 2 hour show with Jimmy Edwards and Suzette Tarri (radio stars). Music with a London band until midnight including Scottish reels with bagpipes.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Mr Enstone fined 4/- for not sending son to school.
27 Jan	Personal	Death	Mrs Durkin of Foxdown from a very rare disease. Aged 31 and leaves three young children under 5.
	Church	Sunday school	Party in SMH. Miss Cynthia Kemp and children presented play 'Road to Bethlehem'. Mrs A Redstall raised funds for presents on tree.
	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves beat Hilsea College 7-4.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Boys Sports Club want to take over tenancy of SLH from Youth Club and OPC could offer £25 for repairs; discussed plants and shrubs to beautify village for Festival of Britain and needed to know what support village would give.
	Sport	Football	Second league clash between Overton and Portals; D Watts scored twice and J Phillimore once for Overton.
3 Feb	Fire service	Press photo	Picture of new fire tender being handed over at Overton; it was immediately called out to deal with an incident at home of G Hide, the Overton Fire Chief.
	Personal	Wedding	Son of Rector, Edward Wells, married in Stanmore with honeymoon in Paris.
	Personal	Death	Charles Glasspool, The Lynch, aged 81 and life long resident.
10 Feb	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	'Taming of the Shrew' with Salisbury Arts Theatre Company.
	Weather	January	Very dry and mild
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Overton Boys Sports Club no longer wished to take over SLH as Youth Club being resurrected; new benches put in around village; repairs to Bathing Place; complaints about Flashetts

			path planks being dislodged; decides to advertise parish council meetings.
17 Feb	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Little Women' with Elizabeth Taylor and Peter Lawford.
	Courts		Dennis Cousins of Air Pak Ltd accused of stealing £557 from employers.
	Church	Bells	The bells were rung - Norwich Court Bob-Major with 5040 changes – the first peel since bells augmented to 8.
	Personal	Weddings	Roy Jones, Newbury, and Edna Locke, The Avenue; Jack Weaver, B'stoke, and Esme Taylor, Sapley Lane, with honeymoon in Eastbourne.
24 Feb	Advert	Chef's Soups	7½d and 10d
	Advert	M D Roper Ltd	12 High St, Overton – Calor gas authorised dealers, gas delivered same day.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Dennis Cousins accused of £567 larceny from Air Pak Ltd; committed for trial at Hants Quarter Sessions; allowed bail for £20.
	Personal	Death	Baby Janet Haworth, 13 months, of Waltham Rd.
	Sport	Football	Overton trounce Joint Nurseries 10-1.
	Personal	Death	Mr P Hudson of Ashe; he worked for Deane Parish Council.
3 Mar	Enter'nt	Plaza, Bas	'Rebecca' with Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier.
	Politics	General Election	Patrick Donner, (Conservative), re-elected with majority of 4994.
	Church	Annual meeting	Canon Wells thanked everyone for their help in his convalescence. Death watch beetle found in roof of nave and chancel; £600 to repair.
10 Mar	Church	Press	Photo of St Mary's with comment about death watch beetle.
	Weather	Feb	60% wetter than average; max 60°F and min 21°F.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Housing for agricultural workers in Overton was not to be prioritised; a site for a shop at Foxdown earmarked.
	Church	Press	Article about the damage to the church and that summer fete donations being sought to pay for it.
	Advert	Burton's	Full page advertising Jubilee suit for £9/15/-.
	Loc Gov't	County Council	Rate reduced by 6d in the £.
17 Mar	Church	Social Club	Annual Gathering: included a play, entertainment and iced cake.
24 Mar	Advert	Kenneth Reed, Bas	Kodak Box Camera (8 on 120 film) for £1/19/5
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Fixes rate at 18/5 in the £.
31 Mar	Industry	Brewery	John May & Co, Bas, placed in voluntary liquidation.
	Enter'nt	Laverstoke Mills	Musical programme by Dorothy Erhart, harpist.
	Politics	Cons Assoc	Overton and L'stoke branch whist drive; top prize won by Mrs. J Loveless. Raised £25.
	Education	School and church	Head teacher held jumble sale for church roof funds; £27 raised.
	Personal	Wedding	John Dunkley, Weedon, and Agnes Hill, Foxdown chalets, with honeymoon on south coast.
	Org'n	Mem. Inst.	Annual meeting with large attendance. Francis Portal elected President. Profit for year £60/0/6

6 Apr	Church	Confirmation	For 5 boys and 15 girls at Winchester Cathedral from the Middlesex School Camp at Lordsfield.
	Personal	Death	Albert Crosswell, Dellands, aged 71, and life long resident. Albert Redstall, 85, village baker and member of St Mary's choir for 50 years.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Going my way' with Bing Crosby
14 Apr	Church	St Mary's	Roof appeal – being cleansed and scraped; rector will be at church on Saturday taking donations.
	National	Ration book	New one being distributed before 6 May – see Min of Food posters locally.
	Personal	Death	Charlie Beale, Winchester St, aged 56.
	Court	Quarter Sessions	Air Pak Ltd Accountant Dennis Cousins, 25, sent to prison for 8 months for larceny.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Bathing Place repairs to be effected without delay; notice board erected at church hall; abuse of play equipment at rec by older boys so notice to be erected to state use was for under 15s; seats would be sought for parents at rec; to appeal to KWRDC over the provision of a ladies toilet; Youth Club awarded £25 to repaint interior of SLH.
21 Apr	Advert	Venture Coaches	8 day tour to Llandudno for 14gns; Blackpool and the Lakes for 15gns.
	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves became top of B'stoke Junior League for season.
	Advert	Railways	14/- return from Bas to Birmingham, 8/3 to Bournemouth 1/9 to Reading and 6/9 to London.
28 Apr	Weather	Snowstorm	Havoc resulted from a spring snowstorm on 25 Apr with 4-5" level snow and 4' drifts; all gone in 24 hours.
	Church	Bells	Regional group held meeting at Overton and rung the bells for 6 hours.
	Church	Repairs	Rector's session at church raised £110 for roof repairs.
	Personal	Death	Mrs E Smith, 57, of Foxdown Camp and Air Pak employee.
5 May	Advert	Timothy White's and Taylor's	Garden arm chairs for 53/2½
	Church	Catholic	St George's Dance in SLH in aid of Catholic Mass Centre Fund attended by 150, some bussed in from B'stoke. Francis Portal, Mr and Mrs Marsden, Mr and Mrs Mason attended. Each attendee given a red rose.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	18 days trip to Switzerland for 75gns.
	Enter'nt	Portal's concert	Last one of six given at L'stoke Mills; Francis Portal closed event.
	Weather	April	68°F max, 27°F min. Easter weekend was windy and wet; also noted for severe snowstorm 25/26 Apr.
12 May	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Forsyte Saga' with Errol Flynn and Greer Garson.
	Enter'nt	Plaza, Bas	'Swanee River' with Al Jolson.
19 May	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Discussed: lower rents; tidying up new estates by employing caretaker/gardener; Dr Cockayne Medical Officer of Health to retire; Junior School's Miss Fox resigns as getting married.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The happiest days of your life' with Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford, Joyce Grenfell.

26 May	Church	Ascension Day	Pupils from Junior and Infants Schools attended gift service; gifts sent to Winchester hospital.
		Empire Youth	Service held recently attended by locals and Lordsfield Camp youngsters
	Court	Coroner's	Human bones found in garden of 1 Hilltop Crescent but decided on no further action.
	Education	University	Bernard Scott of Winchester St gaining prizes for English and French at New Brunswick University, Canada.
2 June	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Mr Akehurst's tender of £22/4/- to improve Bathing Place approved; local PC to keep eye on rec after misbehaviour reported; hoping to get ladies toilets in Winchester St; inviting tenders for swings at Foxdown; committee formed for celebrating the Festival of Britain; there would be no food office for Overton as it was too far from Newbury.
	Education	Lordsfield	Lordsfield Camp School leased by Middlesex County Council to be used as a short term boarding school; they had received a gift of 168 lbs of Mauritian sugar
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Annual parish meeting: 7 members of public attended; noted the distributions from the Jago, Streatwells and Budes charities; E Kersley had presented parish with a field and parish council had spent £126 on its equipment from the WVS Pie Scheme and would cover maintenance by levying a 1d rate which would bring in £56pa. Questions were raised about footpaths and the provision of a letterbox at Foxdown.
	Courts	Whitchurch	Herbert McKerman accused of false pretences relating to wine and grape beer.
9 June	Weather	May	Cold winds and lack of sun. Rainfall less than average. 76°F max, 27°F min
	Personal	Death	Wyndham Field, 84, a keen Methodist.
	Personal	Weddings	Freda Fox, High St, and Robert Russell, Sompting, with honeymoon in Devon and Cornwall. Margaret Smith, Polhampton, and Vernon Burden, Gosport with honeymoon in Portsmouth.
	Sport	Football	Club dinner in SMH attended by 60 with a report on club's best ever season.
16 June	Sport	Cricket	Boys against Kingsgate House of Winchester College; match drawn.
	Personal	Death	Bertha Freemantle, 56, of Dellands, suddenly at home.
23 June	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Housing of agricultural workers at Overton was a problem for Mr Paterson; concern over both sub standard milk production at some of the farms in the district and use of dirty milk bottles.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Lyme Regis for 12/-, Hastings 12/-, Southampton 4/-.
30 June	Property	For Sale	Overton brick and tile bungalow; 2 living rooms, 2 bedrooms for £2600.
	Advert	Railways	Henley (for regatta) 5/4 return, Nottingham 17/-.
7 July	Advert	Fuel	Save 10/- a ton on coal by ordering now.
	Education	School outing	Seaside outing to Cowes for 100 organised by Miss Jackson
	Politics	Conservative	Fete at Southington House included a fire services display,

		Assoc'n	tug of war by pub teams which the Old House at Home won.
	Weather	June	Less rain than average, max 89°F.
21 July	Event	Flower festival	L'stoke and Freefolk Flower Festival adversely affected by weather for third year running.
	Church	Social Club	Outing to Virginia Water using two buses.
	Education	Prizes	The Lamb's Gifts prizes to school children were not awarded last December but, due to the rescheduling of the school year, are being awarded in the summer. Girls: 1st to Margaret Locke, 2nd to Vivienne Hurley, 3rd to Kathleen Wake; Boys: 1st to Leonard Oliver, 2nd to Brian Shadwell, 3rd Glenville Freemantle.
	Personal	Wedding	G North, Laverstoke, and J Merritt of Quidhampton Cottages with honeymoon in Eastbourne.
	Enter'nt	Grand Theatre, Bas	Future in doubt as lease expires in Sept.
28 July	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Proposal to appoint Dr John Sleight, 32, as Medical Officer of Health at £366/8/4 per annum.
	Church	Confirmation	26 from Lordsfield Camp.
	Church	Repairs	Fete at Southington House for repair funds raised £150 despite the wet and miserable weather affecting numbers.
4 Aug	Sport	Cricket	Boys CC versus Portal's 2nd XI at Southington – score 67 to 59.
	Politics	Cons Assoc	Outing to London where the local MP gave tour of Palace of Westminster.
	Sport	Football	Club outing to Weymouth – 'no one had a minute's dullness'.
11 Aug	Property	Demolition	Intention to demolish Worting House which had not been lived in for several years.
	Weather	July	Wet with 4.3" rainfall and max of 82°F.
	Music	Exam	Penelope Brown successful at elementary section of piano playing and a pupil of Eva Melhuish.
	Education	Upper Ashe School	Mrs Deniston's school prize giving: Hyacinth Hoare recently won scholarship to B'stoke Grammar School.
	Courts	Whitchurch	Frank Enstone charged that child attended school only 4 times in 110; Albert White, Overton, fined £1 for no front and back lights in the dark.
25 Aug	Enter'nt	Waldorf Bas	'Treasure Island' from Walt Disney.
	Personal	Wedding	Stanley Davies, Llandudno, and Rita Lambden, Dellands, with honeymoon in Wales.
1 Sept	Advert	Lanham's, Bas	Twin sets 40/5 and jumpers 17/11.
8 Sept	Crime	Robbery	At Laverstoke House silver stolen valued at £1500. Footman Edward Skinner found the break in whilst John Sheffield and wife were away.
	Court		Wyndham Shore guilty to using goods vehicle with no licence – fined £1; Desmond Veal, Ashe Park, fined £1 for not complying with 'C' condition.
	Org'n	Foxdown Am. Dram. Soc	Annual Meeting noted it had not been possible to present even one meeting due to decline in membership.
	Loc Gov't	Parish	Flashetts footpath planks mended; children warning sign at

		Council	Foxdown Hill refused by County Council so will try again; Bathing Place improvements had been vandalised so would report matter to police; flooding in Bridge and Winchester Sts 9nos 81-87); three seats bought for recreation ground; urging RDC to expedite carriageway work at Foxdown.
	Weather	August	Very wet with 4.11" rainfall and max temp of 81°F.
15 Sept	Property	Preservation	Worting House would have a preservation order put on it and the trees in the parkland.
	Advert	Venture Coaches	Whipsnade Zoo 7/-, Southsea 5/9, Windsor and Hampton Court 6/-.
22 Sept	National	Rations	Soap would no longer be on ration.
	Church	Congregat'al	Church restored with thanksgiving services and a public tea held.
	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves v Hartley Wintney Reserves, score 4-2 with P Phillimore and B Holmes each scoring 2.
29 Sept	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Fountainhead' with Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal.
	Crime	Burglary	At Berrydown Court, weekend home of Mr and Mrs Harry Sacker, where watches stolen. Got in through bedroom window. Mrs Sacker was formerly Miss Miriam Marks, sister to Sir Simon Marks, chairman of Marks and Spencer.
6 Oct	Health	Maternity	Silver spoon presented to 1000th baby born at the Shrubbery – Valerie Andrews.
	Crime	Burglary	Second break in at Berrydown Court with large quantity of silver from the butler's safe and 200 pieces of silver cutlery. burglars emptied cushions to take away items. Entry gained through same window used before, needing a 40 run ladder.
	Sport	Football	Portal's Reserves beat Basing Reserves 3-1 in atrocious weather with ground under water. Portal's Reserves remain unbeaten.
	Court	Whitchurch	Graham Harris, Farm Manager Southington, fined 15/- for no front or rear lights.
	Weather	September	Showery and disappointing.
	Enter'nt	Park Prewett, Bas	Social Club with Cyril Stapleton and his full Broadcasting Orchestra.
	Enter'nt	Old Tyme Dance	150 attended to Serenaders O T Dance Orchestra.
	Church	Harvest	Thanksgiving Gift service in St Mary's for children in the afternoon.
13 Oct	Personal	Wedding	Mr Francis Portal of Burley Wood to Jane Williams of Langstone near Havant – held in Winchester Cathedral. 7 bridesmaids and page boys with reception at the Deanery.
	Politics	MP	Patrick Donner gave address at SMH which was very well attended.
20 Oct	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Dr Sleigh, new Medical Officer, attended meeting; complaint from Sir Thomas Dunhill of Southington Mill alleging that the pumping station at Overton sewage works had failed due to an electricity supply break – cannot be remedied without considerable expense; discussed possible chlorination plant for all water supply; need for 30 garages for tenants costing £285 for 1 block of 4 brick built garages and a pair of breezeblock garages at Hill Meadow.

	Advert	Gifford's, Bas	Hotpoint washing machine with power driven ringer £64/11/6
27 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'On the Town' with Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra.
	Personal	Death	Miss Florence Bond, 79, companion to Miss Beckingham, following road accident in High St in July 1949.
3 Nov	Org'n	Mothers Union	Meeting well attended at Rectory.
10 Nov	Weather	October	Dry with only .47" rainfall.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf	'State Secret' with D Fairbanks Jnr and Jack Hawkins.
	Crime	Burglary	Two men charged in connection with Berrydown Court theft – for receiving - Joseph Raczinkatis of London NW1 and Gerald Grail of Maida Vale London; both elected to go for trial.
17 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The Inspector General' with Danny Kaye.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Rosina Oram, 86, of Battens Ave who had 15 children, 50 grand children and 31 great grand children.
24 Nov	Advert	Venture Coaches	From Overton: Smithfield Show 7/-, Bertram Mills at Olympia 16/6, 19/-, 21/-
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Eight houses proposed for Overton in 1951; from 3 Jan tenants would be charged per week for garages.
1 Dec	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Father of the Bride' with Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor.
	Church	Repairs	Jumble sale organised by Miss Jackson, Head teacher of Primary School, raised £19/10/7 for church roof repairs as well as for shirts for boys' football team.
	Sports	Football	
	Politics	Labour party	Address held in SMH.
	Court		William Bond, 63, Overton, sentenced to 5 yrs preventative detention for larceny. He had 20 convictions since 1900 and had been deported from the USA.
	Org'n	British Legion	Poppy Day collection totalled £123: Overton £35/10/-, Ashe £7/19/3, L'stoke £3/16/4½, Portals Overton £22/19/9, Portals L'stoke £17/4/4½.
8 Dec	Crime	Railway	Dummy bomb dropped very close to line at Hook resulting in line closure.
	Event	Festival of Britain	Meeting held in SMH through the parish council to discuss nature of celebrations for a whole week in 1951 including church parade (on 3 June) with British Legion and an open air service, a concert by Choral Soc, a play by Foxdown Am Dramatic Soc, the WI's exhibition of arts and crafts, comic football match, modern dance, boxing exhibition and grand carnival and fete .
	Church	Missionary effort	In SMH raised over £70.
15 Dec	Enter'nt	Haymarket theatre, Bas	(First mention of this theatre on entertainments page). 'Dick Whittington pantomime advertised from 1 to 6 Jan.
	Sport	Football	Cup Tie: Overton Reserves v Dummer Reserves had to go for replay; D McAnn mentioned.
	Personal	Wedding	Betty Banning and Robert Barnard, Portsmouth.
	Personal	Death	Alfred Bond
	Org'n	Youth Club	Whist drive raised £24.
	Court		The two robbers of Berrydown Court were given, respectively, 15 and 6 months in prison.

	Org'n	Cadet Corps	Christmas party in Drill Hall was organised by Mr and Mrs S Harris.
22 Dec	Advert	Food	'The most thrilling food news of 1950 – new Batchelor's Chicken Noodle soup – 4 big helpings for 10d'.
	Org'n	British Legion	Whist Drive in SMH with turkey won by Mrs Ashfield and goose by Mr Wellman.
	Personal	Death	William Lambden, 48, currently based at Aylesbury
	Personal	Funeral	That of Mr Alfred Bond reported.
29 Dec	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Food poisoning reported at Lordsfield Camp; new pumps operational at Overton Sewage Pumping Station.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Odette' with Anna Neagle, Trevor Howard, Peter Ustinov.
	Loc Gov't	Town expansion	Outline development plan for Basingstoke over the next 20 years; town to grow from 16,770 to 40,000; South View to house 8000, Cranbourne 2200, off Western Way 2900, Eastrop 1100, off Hackwood Rd 800.

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5 Jan	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Public Notice detailing bye laws for Ed Kersley Playing Field.
	Weather	December	Wintry weather with lots of snow and frosts. Continued into New Year.
12 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Sands of Imo Jima' with John Wayne.
	Church	Sunday School	Parties in SMH – Infants entertained by Miss Kemp; Seniors had entertainment from Mr Labdon of Lordsfield Camp.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Complaints that RDC not answering letters; very upset that no sign is allowed for Foxdown children; Mr Basil Porter complained that wire strands were on Quidhampton Mill bridge and were a danger to children; church wall needed repair costing £400 and HCC paying only £135; complaint that street lights were going off early.
	Portal's	Christmas party	Held at Mill with concert and entertainers who included Jack Warner, and later dancing with Walter Harding band.
	Health	Food poisoning	Reports that Lordsfield Camp had been source were challenged by the M D of National Camps Corp.
19 Jan	Personal	Death	Mr T Murphy of Southington.
	Sport	Football	Replayed cup tie Portals v Whitchurch; Portals won with scoring by Barton.
	Advert	Wilts and Dorset Buses	Increase in fares notice – 1d fares rising to 1½d, 6d to 6½d.
26 Jan	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Twenty year Development Plan for county with Overton nominated as one of the 'Community Centres' in the north west area; heating fuel shortage at Foxdown chalets, put down to a lower supply of coke for heating at Portals meaning they can only heat on Sats, Suns and Mons.
	Music	Exams	London College of Music exam results with Penelope Brown, a pupil of Miss Eva Melhuish, gaining 1st class certificate for pianoforte.
2 Feb	Advert	Heelas, Reading	Hosiery and Gloves dept: Pure Silk sizes 8½ to 10 for 10/-, washable doeskin gloves sizes 6½, 7 and 7½ for 12/11.
	Enter'nt	Portal's	New concert series at L'stoke with Reading String Players performing 18th century and more modern music on 26 Jan – all performers were amateurs.
	Sport	Football	Junior League Div 1: Portals 3 Whitchurch 2; Hook 2 Overton 2; Div 2 : Ov Reserves 4 Rail Social 0.
	Advert	Cruft's Dog Show	9 and 10 Feb at Olympia: entry 6/- before 3pm, 3/6 thereafter.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Met 18 Jan to discuss Welfare State – felt not enough done for the elderly.
	Personal	Wedding	In Australia: Ethel Burgess, parents in Station Hill, and Peter Draper, formerly from Weymouth. Bride worked in Overton Mill previously. Many telegrams from England.
	Enter'nt	Panto	'Babes in the Wood' in SMH performed by folk from Whitchurch. Raised £23/7/- for church funds to help with death watch beetle repairs and repairs to graveyard wall

			collapse.
9 Feb	Politics	Address	In Town Hall, B'stoke: 'Korea – what next?'
	Advert	Railway	British Railways urging travellers to Festival of Britain, South Bank, London, to go in groups to gain discount on travel and entry – 3/11 from Andover Junction.
	Weather	January	Normal with 2.9" rainfall, 14 nights with frost, max 52°F, min 20°F.
	Org'n	British Legion	Overton and L'stoke branch's children's party due on 24 Feb.
	Church	Young Wives	Annual meeting in Foxdown House with Mrs Mason as chairman, Mrs Hoare as President and committee consisting of Mesdames Fuller, Swain, Curtis, Compton, Wiltshire, Roberts and Baker.
	Org'n	Civil Defence	Meeting held to encourage the building up of the force; speech by Capt Jervis, Area Organiser.
16 Feb	Enter'nt	Portal's	Laverstoke Music Concert – 2nd in series at L'stoke Mills by Fidelio Quartet.
	Loc Gov't	Min of Loc Gov't and Planning	Reducing expected population of Basingstoke from 40,000 to 35,000 to save agricultural land.
	Church	Personal	Canon Wells has to undergo further major operation akin to 1949.
	Sport	Football	Overton v Kelvin, won 7-2; Brown scored 3, Holmes 2 Davies and McClaire one each.
23 Feb	Loc Gov't	Housing	Steventon to have 8 council houses in 1952 with plans for a mains water supply.
	Enter'nt	Haymarket theatre, Bas	In honour of Festival of Britain with Handel's Messiah and soloist Isobel Baillie, entry from 2/6 to 7/6.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'All about Eve' with Bette Davis and Celeste Holm.
	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves v Joint Nurseries, won 6-1; McAnn and James scoring 2 each, Roberts and J Phillimore one each.
	Advert	Royal Blue coaches	Gives you a long day in London – 7/3 return.
	Licensing authority	Whitchurch	Three Horseshoes, Winchester St – successful application by Albert Jenkins for full licence. New monopoly value would be £2100.
2 Mar	National	Fuel shortage	Warning given that coal stocks were very low so use less coal, gas, electricity to prevent factories closing, unemployment and hardship.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Elusive pimpernel' with David Niven and Margaret Leighton.
	Org'n	British Legion	Children's party with 400 in SMH, funded by many local organisations. Entertainment by Huntley's of London. Welcomed by Mr Ashfield, chairman of the Social Committee with lighting by Harold Smith and Mr Akehurst.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Reported on Canon Wells' illness; extra lighting for Waltham Rd; cannot economise on lighting despite pleas to do so; Ashe end of Harroway overgrown; seats to be erected at foot of Foxdown Hill, Southington and Overton Hill; SLH redecorated but needed new curtains.
9 Mar	Politics	Cons Assoc'n	Ov. and L'stoke branch social gathering in SMH. Col Wiggin of Ashe presided, Barbara Rimmer & Mr Stubbington prize

			winners; Miss M Roper and Mr Lutring gave songs.
	Church	Annual meeting	Held in SMH with Col Hoare in the chair as the Rector was ill. Church Roll had 403 names. £525 raised for church repairs but floor and seating repairs postponed. Church wall lowered to 2' 6" with the cost of £405 being met by a loan.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Post war rents for houses must not be a drain on general rate.
	Weather	February	Very wet with record rainfall of 5.86", max temp of 50°F and min of 24°F.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Hunchback of Notre Dame' with Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs Mary Gibbs, 73, of Lower Whitehill. Mrs W Brown, 63, of London Rd.
16 Mar	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'All quiet on Western Front'.
	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves 3 Silchester 1; all three goals by D McAnn.
	Advert	K Reed, Bas	For coughs and colds – glycerine, lemon and honey cough syrup for 1/9 and 2/6.
	Personal	Wedding	On 10 Mar twin marries twin: Kathleen Brown, Dellands, and Gilbert Goodall, Newfound; bridesmaids were Edith Brown, Rosemary Goodall, Rita Goldthorpe, Gertrude Goodall; reception at Red Lion Hotel with honeymoon in Weymouth.
22 Mar	Food	Bakers Assoc	B'stoke branch has to revert to wartime 3 days a week delivery due to rising costs.
	Court	Whitchurch	Wilfred Phillimore and Percy Hardy, both of Pound Road, guilty of stealing barley sacks from Court Road. Fined £3 each.
	Org'n	Choral Soc	Success at Winchester Festival despite preparation problems.
	Church	Confirmation	Service at St Mary's which was packed with many from surrounding area.
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	Annual Meeting with Mr Drinkwater in the chair; net profit of £52.
30 Mar	National	Census	Census Day to be 8 April – head of household to complete.
	Sport	Hunt	Viscountess Portal becomes President of Vine Hunt.
	Advert	Wilts and Dorset buses	Coach trips: Brighton 9/3, Hampstead Heath 7/- with Mr Field, High St, Overton as agent.
	National	Military	Government recalls men in Class Z Reservists and others urged to join Territorial Army.
6 Apr	Fire	Freefolk	Fire damaged crescent of thatched cottages.
	Personal	Post Office	Shaw family's link with the post office to end; have been postmasters since post office started nearly 100 years ago. Business being taken over by Mr Howe.
	Personal	Weddings	Eric Holmes and Waltraud Oly of Bad Orb, Germany; Donald Varden, Hinckley, and Margaret Thurling, High St, with bridesmaids Bridget and Sharon Poynter and Angela Fiske; Frederick Ralph, Whitchurch, and Pamela Piper of Frost Hill Farm, with bridesmaids Brenda and Patricia Piper,

			Maureen Wheeler and Robena Burnett.
	Weather	March	Only 7 fine days and 3.8" rainfall.
	Enter'nt	Portal's	L'stoke Mills concert with Newbury String Players.
13 Apr	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Considers 2 new houses to replace 2 derelict ones at The Lynch; seeks to supply tuberculin tested milk to all schools; Greenham Common proposed as airfield but main road diversion would be needed.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Mudlark' with Irene Dunn and Alec Guinness.
	National	Ration books	New ones to be issued 4 May between 10am and 5.30pm in the Bush Room
	Personal	Death	Mr Parker, 77, recently of Egham; Walter Oram, Red Lion Lane, who had been a railwayman.
20 Apr	Personal	Death	A Kersley, 90, Winchester St, and family builder – many local relatives attended funeral; Alfred Brown, High St, aged 76, a life long resident.
	Court	Whitchurch	Richard Roberts, Southington, in a drunken frolic stole hare – fined 20/-; James Thompson, Pound Rd, fined 5/- for rail ticket fraud; Percy Oram, Station Rd, fined 10/- for being carried on a bike.
27 Apr	Event	Festival of Britain	Festival ship Campania to visit Southampton 4 -14 May – tells story of London's South Bank exhibition.
	Org'n	Women's Institute	Meeting in Bush Room at which decided to have two outings – to sea and theatre.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Inviting tenders to paint 41 properties at Foxdown chalets and one at The Lynch.
	Politics	Cons Assoc'n	Whist drive prize winner was Miss Pat Smith.
	Org'n	Mothers' Union	Meeting at the Rectory for talk by Mrs Hunter (née Wells and daughter of Rector) on life in East Africa.
	Personal	Death	3 year old Bruce Berry, Polhampton Farm.
11 May	Advert	Wilts and Dorset buses	Coach trips: Eastbourne 11/9, Wye Valley 15/-, Whipsnade 11/-, Swanage 10/3.
	Weather	April	Wet start, dry middle, snow at end.
	Church	Ascension Day	Gift service and church full with gifts going to hospitals.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Millicent Clark, High St.
	Personal	Post Office	Presentation to Mrs Shaw, retiring postmistress, of a brooch from staff and 11gns cheque.
	Church	Rector	Will resign in October.
	Personal	Death	Joseph Tilbury, Station Rd, aged 65, who had worked at Portals' for 51 years.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Changed arrangements noted for paying for street lighting; approved £60 towards SLH equipment; slide broken at rec ground; need for Halt sign in Winchester St junction with High St; poor state of cindertrack; seeping sewage affecting Waltham Rd.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Lily Glasspool aged 82.
18 May	Press	New series	'Off to work' – a major article on B'stoke station, who works there, what they do etc.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'King Solomon's Mines' with Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr.
	Event	Festival of	In Memorial Park, B'stoke on 14 and 15 June – a pageant of

		Britain	B'stoke history costing 4/-, 3/- or 2/-.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Overton reservoir to cost £31,360 plus site acquisition and legal costs.
25 May	Personal	Report	From Mr S Walsh, Overton, working for Anglo Iranian Oil Co in south Persia.
	Education	B'stoke	Conversion of Queen Mary School to a Technical College completed.
8 June	Weather	May	3.05" rainfall with one severe thunderstorm.
	Event	Festival of Britain	Overton decorated profusely for its FoB week of celebration; souvenir programme stated 'There may be many villages in England which are more picturesque, better known, or famous in history but nowhere will you find a happier community'. Raymond Holliday, 13, designed crest for the event. Executive Committee headed by Francis Portal (President) and J Mason (chairman). Official opening, undertaken by Viscountess Portal, was attended by 500 who participated in an inter-denominational service in Town Meadow preceded by a parade. Miss Portal planted an elm tree with silver spade which had been presented to Wyndham Portal by London & South Western Railway in 1898. Arts and Crafts Exhibition and a special feature by WI including 9½' model yacht made by two Akehurst lads. Cricket match played to Victorian rules. Order of Buffaloes held Whist Drive in the evening. Saturday saw a motor cycle grass track meeting in Sapley Lane attended by over 1000 – however, one m/cyclist badly burned when tunnel collapsed.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Dorothy Roe
15 June	Education	Health problems	Widespread food poisoning among school children and teachers originating in school meals service on 7 June, caused by dysentery organism.
	Church	Methodist	Reopened 7 June after repair and redecoration by G Boast of Andover.
	Press	Article/photos	Whole page given over to report Overton's Festival Week. On Saturday, Gala Day, the event was opened by Barbara Murray, film star. Baby show champions were twins Alan and Anthony Ashfield with runners up Dennis and Dudley McAnn. Winners: Up to six months: Julie Stickland, Gary Mears, Garda Wolfe; 6-12 months: D Evans, Josephine Wiltshire, Jacqueline Davis; 1 to 2 years: L Baker, Lesley Goodall, Stuart Bone. Prizes presented by Mrs Hoare and included silver cup donated by Mrs Porter. Overton Mummers didn't make best use of microphone. Hilsea College gave a gymnastics display. Best float award given to 'Signing of Magna Carta 1215' by G Akehurst.
22 June	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Shortage of coke affecting Rayburn stoves; the cost of building a council house - £1500 – criticised.
	Personal	Death	Mr Henry Wake, The Avenue, aged 83, a life long resident.
29 June	Org'n	Mothers Union	Held evening meeting on the Rectory lawn.
	Personal	Horse show	Miss Rachel Lory's 'Mischief' won 3rd prize for novice class of ponies at Southampton show.

	National	Health	Mass X ray examination of chest for the over 14s free of charge in Church Sq B'stoke.
6 July	Personal	Wedding	Mr C Lyon, Falkirk, and June James, Station Rd, with bridesmaids Sylvia James and Miss Roberts; honeymoon touring the east coast.
	National	Fuel cuts	Electricity cuts to be expected: Wed and Fri in Station Rd, Quidhampton and Station Hill and on Fris and Tues in all other areas of parish. Due to deficiency of supplies in peak times.
13 July	Personal	Ballet prizes	Elizabeth School pupils – Zara Hide, Hilary Tilburey, Susan Hide, Angela Piggott and Jennifer Smith
	Church	Congregational	Sisterhood had outing to Swanage.
	Education	Primary school	100 boys and girls went on outing to Cowes.
	Weather	June	Dry month with moderate temperatures.
20 July	Church	Fete	Held in Southington House garden with funds raised for churchyard wall rebuilding. Viscountess Portal opened it and was presented with a bouquet by young son of Mr Crosbie Dawson of Northington Farm. Fancy dress won by Christine Cowmeadow as Little Bo Peep (most original), Barbara Rimmer for Golden Spread Golly (prettiest), Jill and John Kersley for Queen and Knave of Hearts (best pair). Robin Locke won the boys best table decoration. Profit hoped to be around £100.
27 July	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Tenants must apply for permission to take in tenants; inadequate street sweeping taking place in Overton so fortnightly system proposed.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Tea for two' with Doris Day and Gordon McRae.
	Church	New Rector	To be Rev Sanders from Hook and surrounding parishes and will start in November.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Charlotte Cowmeadow, 79, born and grew up in village.
10 Aug	Weather	July	Dry with moderate temperatures. Max 82°F.
17 Aug	Advert	Wilts & Dorset buses	Coach trips: Southsea 5/9, Weymouth 10/6, Lyme Regis 12/-
	Advert	Railways	London 10/-, Bournemouth 12/6, Oxford 5/6.
24 Aug	Sport	Football	Friendly Overton v Alresford score 4-3 with goals from Davis, Mooney, Barton and McAnn.
	Personal	Professional qualification	Mr J Watts, Battens Ave, obtained final certificate of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.
31 Aug	Road Accident	Whitchurch	Lorry crashes into H Hide's ironmongers shop killing man in lorry.
7 Sept	Event	Farnborough Flying Display	To take place 15 and 16 Sep; entry charge 2/- for pedestrians and 20/- for cars.
	Personal	Wedding	Eric Minall, Whitchurch, and Janice Wiltshire, Winchester St with bridesmaids Gillian Wiltshire and Gillian Forward. Reception for 120 in SMH. Honeymoon in Weybridge.
	Advert	Watson Bros	Vauxhall Velox £515 + £287/12/3 purchase tax.
	Sport	Football	First match of season Overton v Hook, score 7-2. D Watts and W Lloyd scored 3 each and Davies scored one.
	Weather	August	Wet with 5.04" rainfall; max temperature 76°F with persistent showers and lots of thunderstorms.

	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Cited case of agricultural worker allocated house in Overton but who now worked at Aldermaston.
14 Sept	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Gallop Major' with Jimmy Hanley and Janette Scott.
	Air crash	Kingsclere Downs	Vampire jet crashes at Cannon Heath but pilot ejects.
	Personal	Wedding	Janet Inch, High St, and Tommy Cole, B'stoke, with bridesmaids Jean Inch, Jane Cole and Miss Brackstone. Honeymoon in London.
	Event	Festival of Britain	Overton's week made profit of £110 with six suggestions on distribution.
21 Sept	Sport	Football	Overton 7 Queen Mary's Old Boys 3. McAnn and D Watts scored 2 each, Kercher, Barton and S Davies 1 each.
	Church	Repairs	Rector appeals for £100 to clear church wall fund debt; raised £87/10/4 by sitting in SMH.
	Org'n	Children's Soc	Collection boxes called in for charity, formerly known as Waifs and Strays Assoc.
28 Sept	Advert	Burton's	Overcoats for £7/15/-; 3 piece suits £9/15/-.
	Politics	National	General Election called for 25 October.
5 Oct	Weather	September	One very wet day, 1.88" rainfall, with max of 74°F and min of 37°F. Made for a very difficult harvest for farmers.
12 Oct	Personal	Deaths	Mrs H Wiltshire, 82, Winchester St and many local relatives attended funeral; Mr C Baker, 81, Station Rd, a decorator and originally from Salisbury.
	Church	Harvest	Thanksgiving service well attended
	Event	Festival of Britain	£110 would be allocated: £15 for bulbs and shrubs for church wall; remainder to parish council for concrete netball pitch in rec ground as village had no recreational facilities for girls.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Will raise special rate of 3d in the £ to cover lighting project in Overton.
	Politics	National	Prime Minister, Mr Atlee, to speak at Haymarket Theatre, Bas on 17 Oct.
19 Oct	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	The cost of providing heating and hot water at the Foxdown estate resulted in an increase of 2/- per property per week; Southington Mill's lifting of house drainage into main sewer would cost £2500 – couldn't be justified but would consider it in the village scheme.
	Politics	Local MP	Patrick Donner MP (Cons) to speak in Overton on 23 Oct at 8pm
	Politics	National	Prime Minister got an enthusiastic welcome in B'stoke on 17 Oct.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs J Tilbury who died in the churchyard after tending husband's grave; Mrs Arthur Blunden, recently of Hampstead Marshall, but born in Overton as Nellie Redstall.
26 Oct	Court	Whitchurch	Dennis Banning summoned G Mawer for assaulting Brian Banning, aged 13, all from Waltham Rd – case dismissed.
2 Nov	Politics	National	General Election: Patrick Donner, Cons, returned for Basingstoke constituency (covers Overton) with majority of 5465.

	Church	New Rector	Will be instituted on 15 December at 7.30pm
9 Nov	Weather	October	Pleasant dry conditions but many dense morning fogs; max 65°F, min 22°F.
16 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Capt Horatio Hornblower RN' with Gregory Peck.
	Personal	Deaths	All life long residents: Mrs Lucy Glasspoole, 84, The Lynch; Mr Ted Smith, Vine Kennels; Mrs Cousens, 94.
	Church	Remembrance Day	Short service for children and Lordsfield Camp, procession and wreath laying for adults.
	Highways	Whitchurch	Square revamped for motorists by removal of roundabout.
23 Nov	Advert	Boots	Gifts for all with vouchers from 1/- upwards.
	Enter'nt	Haymarket, Bas	'Murder at the Vicarage' by Agatha Christie.
	Sport	Football	Overton qualified for third round of Hants Junior Cup; Holmes scored against RAPC from Whitchurch.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Shops to have signs discouraging dogs to be brought inside when food sold.
	Org'n	British Legion	Poppy Day collection: Overton £32/3/1, Ashe and Berrydown £7/5/8, Portal's Overton £25/3/2½, Portal's L'stoke £17/0/2, Air Pak £1/13/2½, Overton church £13/4/8 and in total £125/8/2.
	Court	Whitchurch	Four boys (2 x15, 14, 13) summoned for stealing apples from Mr Howard, to pay 29/- costs 'to be taken from pocket money preferably'.
30 Nov	Sport	Football	Overton Reserves won 6-0 against Silchester in driving rain with Rowell scoring 1, James 2 and Lavelle 3.
7 Dec	Personal	Death	Suicide of Sidney Cripps, 43, Winchester St – Dr Zorab called to house. Mr Cripps had done much to revive Sunday School at the Methodist church.
	Royal Mail	Christmas	Christmas Day one delivery but no collection, Boxing Day no delivery or collection. Cost of sending card 1½d in open envelope.
	Enter'nt	Christmas concert	At L'stoke Mills, in club like atmosphere, and first in the new series with the Newbury String Players delayed because of general election. Hosted by Francis Portal. 'In sweet music is such art, killing care and grief of heart'.
	Sport	Football	Overton v Queen Mary Old Boys, evenly matched, scoring by James, Barton and Watts one each.
	Advert	Burton's Bas & Andover	Full page: 'A challenge to the rising cost of living' with 3 piece suit ready tailored £6/17/6, overcoat £5/17/6, 2 piece suit made to measure £7/17/6 – all below Board of Trade ceiling price. 'There's a Montagu Burton tailoring establishment within a bus ride of your home'.
	Church	Missionary day	In St Mary's and the sale of work in SMH raised £50. Play performed by Lordsfield Camp children under Mr Labdon.
14 Dec	Advert	Fire service	'You can't be certain – you can be ready'. Join your local auxiliary fire service. 'Civil defence is self defence'.
	Advert	James Walker, Bas	Engagement rings – 3 diamonds in half loop and diamond set shoulders £31/10/-; half loop of five diamonds £42/10/-; engraved gold wedding ring £4/4/-.
	Politics	Cons Assoc	Whist drive with M/C Mrs Mellues; prize turkey went to Whitchurch Pay Corps; Messrs Hurley, K Phillimore and

			Mrs Oliver won a goose, chicken, and brace of pheasants respectively; Mrs Lutring won a bottle of whisky.
	Sport	Football	Overton 3 Whitchurch 2 in appalling weather with D Watts, T Phillimore and Holmes each scoring 1.
	Advert	Wilts & Dorset	Trips: Southampton 4/-, Portsmouth 5/9 with pick up in Overton.
	Weather	November	Very wet and Guy Fawkes celebrations a wash out with 2" rain that day; total rainfall 6.98" (Bournemouth had 10"), max temp 60°F and min 27°F.
	Advert	Timothy White and Taylors	Christmas tree lighting set 19/11 for 12 lamps.
21 Dec	Church	New Rector	Instituted by Bishop of Winchester in St Mary's on 15 Dec, having left Hook and neighbouring parishes. Reception in SMH. He will reside in The Mount, Whitchurch (made available by Lady Portal) until Rectory modifications completed. He is married with 3 children. He is also licensed as Priest in Charge at L'stoke with Freefolk due to clergy shortage.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Alice in Wonderland' by Walt Disney.
	Court	Whitchurch	Mrs Evans Thomas, Dellands House, summoned for driving without due care and attention in Whitchurch. Fined £2 with £1/0/9 costs.
28 Dec	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'The lady with the lamp' with Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding.
	Org'n	Oddfellows	Pride of Oakley Lodge held annual meeting at Three Horseshoes in Winchester St.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	55 council houses for 1952 of which Overton to have 10; discussed Overton reservoir costing £32,000.

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4 Jan	Advert	Lansing Bagnall	Recruiting fitters, welders for 4 night week.
	Press	1951 review	<p><u>Jan</u>: B'stoke Infectious Diseases Hospital taken over by Winchester Group Hospitals.</p> <p><u>Feb</u>: Vine Hunt ball held at L'stoke House.</p> <p><u>Mar</u>: County rate raised to 14/- in £</p> <p><u>Apr</u>: Mrs G Shaw severed 100 year family link with Overton post office when she retired as postmistress.</p> <p><u>June</u>: Overton Methodist church reopens after repair and restoration. Very successful Festival of Britain week</p> <p><u>July</u>: Rev Sanders appointed new Rector of Overton.</p> <p><u>Aug</u>: Sonia Iles from Overton spent summer in Germany with pen friend.</p> <p><u>Sept</u>: profit of £110 on Festival Week.</p> <p><u>Oct</u>: Canon E Wells presented with cheque for £140 after 17 years as Rector.</p>
	Advert	Railways	Waterloo return off peak 10/-, Southampton 4/6.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Truth behind the Desert Fox - Rommel' with James Mason.
	National	Fuel cuts (local)	Station Rd, Quidhampton, Station bungalows on Weds and maybe Fridays; all but those areas on Fridays and maybe Tues.
	Event	Christmas in village	Festivities much quieter than used to be - boisterous activities, with shouting in the street, a thing of the past. Churches well attended. many whist drives.
	Sport	Football	Club whist drive in SMH with M/C Ron Locke; Mrs Basil Porter presented prizes. Raised £20 for club funds.
	Advert	Angell & Son, B'stoke	Man's shop with suits from £17/19/-, shirts 15/11.
	Personal	Deaths	Mrs H Locke, 92, Battens Ave; Mrs Rebecca Cowmeadow, High St; Three year old son of Mr and Mrs Berry.
11 Jan	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Laughter in paradise' with Alastair Sim and Joyce Grenfell.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Sixty over 70s entertained in SMH for the first time, led by Mrs Sanders.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Showboat' with Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner.
	Advert	Giles, bakers, Basingstoke	Old style bread, cakes, made with unbleached flour and with no chemical treatment or addition.
25 Jan	Advert	Pianos	Upright Strauss 79gns.
	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Edward Smith, Polhampton Cottages, fined 10/- for no front light on motor cycle and 15/- for no rear light.

	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Canon Wells resigns from council.
	Court	Committed to Andover Quarter Sessions.	Terence Roberts, 17, Station Rd charged with larceny of bike, breaking and entering lock up café in Overton and stealing goods. Bail of £10 allowed.
1 Feb	Advert	K Reed, chemist, Bas	Rubber hot water bottles 4/11.
	Event	Portal's	240 years of papermaking celebrated. Mr Francis Portal, chairman, entertained 1200 people at the Mill to a concert and dance. Read two letters; from Miss Elmes, 92, the oldest pensioner, and from Sir Spencer Portal, the oldest male pensioner. Article gives a detailed history of the firm. Entertainment by Peter Cavanagh and Douglas Robinson.
	Advert	Gifford's, Bas	Sale of motor cycles: BSA 500cc Star Turn £222/6/8
	Meeting	St Luke's Hall's future	Called by parish council as Overton Youth Club had disbanded. Consider use as parish hall with third party use. £400 needed to be spent on chairs and a stage funded through a loan over 8 years. 30 votes for, 1 against.
8 Feb	Advert	Lansing Bagnall, Bas	Fitters wanted.
	National	Royalty	Death of HM The King on 6 Feb. Mayor of B'stoke sent telegram: 'The inhabitants of B'stoke learned with the most profound sorry of the passing of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI and humbly and respectfully tender deepest sympathy with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and all members of the Royal Family.' Proclamation of the new monarch will be on 8 Feb at the Town Hall, to be read from the portico.
	Enter'nt	Regal at Whitchurch	Closed.
15 Feb	Court	Andover Quarter Sessions	Terence Roberts, Overton, sent to Borstal 'you need discipline' by Recorder McGoughan for breaking and entering and two cases of theft. He stole lead to value of £4/2/6 from G Hide of Overton, breaking and entering the Car Park Café in Overton stealing food and cigarettes to value of £5/18/-. Defence stated client was thoroughly ill disciplined.
	Advert	Railways	Excursions from B'stoke: Bournemouth 12/6, Reading 1/9 to 3/3, London 7/- to 10/-.
	Royalty	HM The King's Funeral	Taking place today with shops closing between 1-3pm and all football matches observing one minute's silence.
	Advert	Curry's	Triang Trikes £7/3/5
	Church	Former Rector	Canon Wells now living at Woking, is very poorly and confined to bed.
22 Feb	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Lady Godiva Rides Again' with Stanley Holloway.

	Church	Memorial Service for late King.	Held in St Mary's on 15 Feb in the evening attended by a large congregation.
	Court		William Tilbury of Red Lion Lane ordered to pay 30/- per week towards maintenance of a child in a home. William Froome of White Hill Cottages summoned for failing to keep dog under control.
	Personal	Death	George Rose, lifelong resident, aged 81.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Meeting in SLH presided over by Mr J Mason, chairman. Members stood in silence in memory of late King. Letter of condolence to Queen Elizabeth from the people of Overton and Ashe was approved. Head Post Master refuses new pillar box at Pound Rd as less than ½mile from the nearest one. Mrs Freemantle of Winchester St approved as new caretaker of SLH.
	Property	Tomlin and Tomlin	Notice of intended sale (14 Mar) of whole home bred Guernsey herd from Woodlands Farm, Overton – 11 milk cows, 1 pedigree bull, 4 in calf heifers. 6 yearling heifers, 8 store heifers, 500 poultry, 2 Gascoigne milking machines. Mr Ravenscroft is converting to arable farming.
29 Feb	Advert	Ideal Home Exhibition	Olympia open from 9.30am to 9.30pm with admission of 3/-. Coach trips from B'stoke for 7/-.
	Crime	Robbery	Highclere Castle raided by entering through French windows.
	Royalty	Coronation seats for June 1953	Order seats on processional route – 2gns to 25gns through Keith Prowse agency.
7 Mar	Org'n	Mothers Union	Meeting in Rectory and notice of Diocesan meeting on 25 March in Winchester.
	Org'n	British Legion	Party for 400 children in SMH on 23 Feb. each child presented with two bags of tasty things to eat; entertainment for 1½ hours with uncle Ted, uncle Eddie and Silly Simon. Followed by evening dance with Novelty Quartet.
	Church	Annual church meeting	Held in SMH with new Rector chairing for the first time. Rev Sanders, Col Hoare and C Drinkwater re-elected churchwardens, last retiring after 25 years as Lay Reader. Union of the benefices of Overton and Laverstoke nearing completion. Prayed for God's blessing on new young Queen.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC County Council	Inviting tenders for provision of new sewers and water supply to Sapley Lane and for the painting of 12 properties in Pound Rd and 8 in Waltham Rd. Rate unchanged at 14/- in the £.
	Personal	Shopkeeper Whitchurch	Oldest tradesman dies, Mr Charles Pengilly, purveyor of groceries and provisions in London

			St for 60 years.
14 Mar	Advert	Agriculture	Phenovis, from ICI, gives maximum protection from worms.
	Advert	Property Woolley and Wallis	Ashe Warren Farm with 655 acres, with farmhouse, 7 cottages, mains electric, valuable shooting, tithe free – auction on 2 Apr.
21 Mar	Personal	Wedding	Overton football captain Philip Watts, Station Rd, to Janet Joyce, Woking, at St Mary's with honeymoon in Bournemouth.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Lullaby of Broadway' with Doris Day and Gene Nelson.
	Advert	Wilts and Dorset Buses	Many season tickets abolished, only weekly now.
	National	Emigration	Thinking of Canada? Settlement Officer of Canadian Immigration Svcs in B'stoke 7 and 8 April.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Rate up 10p in the £ to 19/6 in £.
	Personal	Death of former Rector	Canon Wells' ashes to be interred at Overton.
28 Mar	Personal/church	Funeral of former Rector	Large congregation in St Mary's and his ashes were interred in the grave which contains his daughter.
	Advert	Timothy Whites & Taylors	Suitcases 24" long for 27/6.
4 Apr	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Scrooge' with Alastair Sim and Jack Warner.
	Media	Radio	Richard Dimpleby recording 'Down your Way' in B'stoke.
	Weather	Snowfall	Heavy fall with 9' drifts and roads to Kingsclere and B'stoke blocked stranding a mail van.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Meeting at the Rectory reported on the Diocesan meeting attended by a coach load from Overton.
	Sport	Football	Final Park Albion v Portal's Athletic in Winchester Rd ground in B'stoke; entry 1/-.
	Education	PTA	Running for 3 years. Held meeting at which talk on Child Welfare was given.
	Org'n	Memorial Institute	AGM at which Mr Francis Portal presided. Bush Room had been redecorated with new tables and chairs.
10 Apr	Org'n	Women's Institute	Membership expanding rapidly. Discussion on 'What do you hate doing most?'.
	Advert	Phone book delivery.	New edition imminent so have the old one ready to hand to postman.
	Loc Gov't	HCC Election - Whitchurch	Labour wins Whitchurch seat; Mrs Sheila Ravenscroft from Overton had majority of 77. HCC now has 40 Independents, 19 Conservatives, 10 Labour and 1 Liberal.
	National	Ration books	New editions available from Bush Room 7 May from 10am to 5.30pm.
18 Apr	Enter'nt	Haymarket, Bas	'The Gondoliers' by Thornycroft and Bas Amateur Dramatic Soc; entry 2/- to 5/-.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Elections for 35 seats to be held 9 May.

25 Apr	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	24 candidates seeking election to 16 vacant seats. Overton has 4 seats – standing: R Colville (Lab), R Denning, G Hodgson, V Isaacs (Lab), John Mason, H Robinson (Lab), Stacey Walsh (Lab), Mrs M Wiggin with their full CV given in the 2 May edition.
	Personal	Golden Wedding	Mr and Mrs John Hobbs celebrated with daughter and two sons and their families on 19 Apr in Vine Cottage, Winchester St.
2 May	Church	Catholics	Overton Catholics had St George's Day 'social' and dance. M/C was Mr Laws.
	Advert	Burton's	Half page ad – Harris Tweed 3 piece made to measure suit for £9/15/-.
	Advert	Timothy Whites and Taylors	Deck chairs for 24/11.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Candidates for Overton seats: Colville, 33, works for Portals; Denning, a farmer in Ashe; Hodgson, 31, commercial artist and life long resident; Isaacs, 35, clerk in Portals; Mason, Independent, and a papermaker; Robinson, 36, clerk at Portals; Walsh, 35, formerly with Anglo American Oil Co; Wiggin of Ashe Warren House.
9 May	Politics	Independents	Notice about how Independents can belong to a political party in another context.
	Religion	New Bishop of Winchester	Enthronement of Rt Rev Alwyn Williams to take place on 27 May. Apply for tickets.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Last meeting attended by Mr T Hide after representing Overton for 25 years.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Fox who had recently moved to Worthing.
	Sport	Football	Team's ability and success not deterred by staggered hours at Mill.
	Fire	Ashe Park House	Cmdr P Boyle congratulated B'stoke and Overton fire services as exemplary; major damage to ground floor and one bedroom on first floor.
	Advert	Petrol	4/3 a gallon. (Equivalent of 5p a litre.)
16 May	Advert	Boots	Halibut Liver Oil tablets – 25 for 1/4½; saccharin tablets 200 for 6d.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'African Queen' with Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.
	Sport	Horse racing	King's Stables sold to Capt Hastings for £37,000; 154 winners since 1946.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC elections	Messrs Mason (556), Wiggin (477), Denning (467), Walsh (461) elected for Overton.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Elected: Dr Zorab 598, J Mason 548, C Mitchell (Lab) 500, C Wiltshire (Lab) 485, E Mansell (Lab) 475, S Walsh (Lab) 469, Miss Malphus (Lab) 467, H Robinson (Lab) 462, Col Wiggin 460, C Drinkwater 448, F Ashfield (Lab) 437; ten not elected with votes ranging from 431 to 339.
	Advert	Timothy Whites and	Ironing boards 24/11, clothes baskets 14/6.

		Taylors	
23 May	Advert	Aga	Cookers from £90 to £123.
	Advert	Gifford's, Bas	New HMV Highlight TV £69gns.
	Advert	Kingdon & Co Bas	Fruit preserving bottles : 1lb 6/- per dozen, 2lbs 8/- per dozen.
	Advert	Wilts & Dorset Buses	Tours to Wye Valley 15/-, Weymouth 11/3.
	Weather	Severe thunderstorm	Serious flooding in B'stoke with fire siren in Overton put out of action by rain.
	Church	Social Club	Outing to East Meon with supper party on lawn of current Rector there.
	Personal	Birthdays	Mrs Beckingham, 97, never ill in her life and has 'never lessened her desire to be ever helpful to all'. Mrs C Hoy, 92, crippled by arthritis.
30 May	Religion	New Bishop	Enthronement of new Bishop of Winchester took place 27 May.
6 June	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Only the valiant' with Gregory Peck and Gig Young.
	Highways	Sapley Lane closure	For one month from 17 June in order to lay water mains and sewers.
	Advert	Gifford's of Bas	James 98cc motor cycle £83/1/1.
13 June	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	New council meeting – Mr Mitchell elected chairman by 6 votes to 3. Public conveniences: Ministry of Housing & Loc Gov't has refused permission for wcs in Winchester St. Permission given for telegraph pole in grounds of SLH. KWRDC wants parish council to recruit part time street cleaner. Complaints about filthy state of sandpit in recreation ground. Meetings to be on last Wed in future. Second meeting: MP asked to take up matter of public conveniences. HCC has approved loan of £400 to equip SLH. extra light needed in Pound Rd. School crossing at Bridge St/High St junction impasse. Council against NALC proposal to allow increase of 1/6 rate without a public meeting.
	Politics	Patrick Donner MP	To retire at next election on medical advice.
	Personal	Death	Sudden death of Mr J Holmes of Dellands.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Visited East Knowle Children's Home.
	Personal	Wedding	Stanley Riddle, Southampton, and Margery Oates, Station Rd with honeymoon in Penzance.
20 June	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Asked to step up anti pollution action for river Test. Shortage of over 200 people for Civil Defence.
27 June	Personal	Funeral	Mr Holmes, 48, life long resident who worked at Portal's.
	Advert	Railways	Buffet car excursion to Birmingham 14/- and Wolverhampton 15/6 on 13 July.
4 July	Advert	Food	Delicious Dutch cheese – unrationed and

			reasonably priced.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	KWRDC negotiating for house and public conveniences in Winchester St but some concern it was too close to houses. Street cleaner to be employed at 2/6 per hour working three times a week collecting paper only, totalling 30/- per week. Council wanted work for 24 hours per week and for KWRDC to supply wheelbarrow and tools. Cyril Wiltshire reported on the Blackpool conference of parish councils. Post box had been refused at Ashe Warren despite it being 1½miles from nearest one. Untidy environs of SLH noted and caretaker of recreation ground to be asked to clear it up. Dr Zorab supported a committee for Coronation matters 'to give a lead to the village'.
	Advert	D Roper Ltd, Overton	Self drive cars now available.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Held meeting at Rectory.
	Planning	Hampshire Devp Plan	Submitted to Min of Housing & Loc Gov't for approval; can be viewed at KWRDC offices.
	Education	Primary School outing	To Cowes with Miss Jackson in charge; no mishaps.
	Org'n	Women's Institute	Trip to Bourneville – had tea, film show and chocolates from Cadbury's.
	Personal	Wedding	Barbara Smith, The Pound, and Robert May, Polhampton Lodge; honeymoon in Torquay.
	Advert	Webber's, Bas	Morris Minor – 40 mpg and within-wheelbase seating
	Advert	Burberry's, Bas	Summer shoe sale.
11 July	Weather	Severe thunderstorm	On 6 July with flooding and loss of electricity with Overton one of the worst areas affected.
	Advert	Lanham's of Bas	Biggest sale since war started begins 16 July.
	Advert	Wilts & Dorset Buses	Tours: Lyme Regis 12/-, Shakespeare Country 11/9.
	Church	Laverstoke	Chapel in the Park to close; it was the mortuary chapel for Portal family and final services to be held on 13 July.
18 July	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Council authorised to build as many properties as it can subject to labour and materials being available; 27 expected in Overton in 1953.
	Planning	B'stoke Development Plan	Goes on show and paper has a map of development sites at Winklebury, South Ham and South View.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Had an afternoon gathering welcoming people from the new Rector's former parishes.
	Personal	Wedding	George Akehurst, Dellands, and Betty Smith, London Road with honeymoon in Herne Bay.
	Military	Cadet Corps	Held a farewell event for Capt Corneby at the Red Lion Hotel who had held the position for 10 years.
	Court	Whitchurch M'strates	Wilfred Phillimore, 26, Pound Rd found guilty of

			poaching and fined £2.
	Church	Garden fete	Held at Southington House courtesy of Col and Mrs Hoare. £145 raised for church funds. Nelson Smith won a pig and cockerel (donated by Mr Crosbie Dawson), R Stubbington won goose and Mr Stovell a hen.
1 Aug	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'High Noon' with Gary Cooper.
	Church	Social Club	Outing to Eversley, the home of Charles Kingsley.
	Education	School prizes for 1951/52	Boys: 1st Stephen Ford, 2nd David Turnbull, 3rd Brian Goodall. Girls: 1st Jill Brown, 2nd Sadie Lister, 3rd Valerie White.
	Music	Examination results	London College of Music awarded Derek Davis 1st class certificate in Junior Section.
	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Housing list up from 682 to 1180 and Overton needed more than 100 properties.
8 Aug	Personal	Wedding	In L'stoke Eddie Male, East Yorks, to Phyllis Smith, L'stoke with honeymoon in Richmond.
	Planning	Hants Development Plan	B'stoke to expand from 17,000 to 35,000 inhabitants; to build new road from Emsworth to Bournemouth (now M27/A31); new road from London to Popham (now M3).
15 Aug	Agriculture	Agricultural Wages Act	Male over 21: 113/- per week, women 81/- pw
22 Aug	National	Disaster	Lynmouth (Devon) flooding disaster reported.
	Advert	Railways	Excursions Reading 2/3, London 10/- from Bas.
	Advert	Government Surplus	Sale: Wellingtons 34/6, Army boots 35/-.
29 Aug	Advert	Battersea Park Pleasure Grounds, London	Half price from 1 Sept 1/, child 6d.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Min of Hsng and Loc Gov't approved £400 spend on SLH equipment and Lordsfield Am Dram Soc donating £13/4/7 for new stage. Decides a playing field is needed in Overton. Requesting again for a Halt sign at Bridge St/B3400 junction. Mr Stevens allowed to keep chickens at back of SLH. poor state of roads on new estates at The Green and Sapley Lane reported.
	Personal	Wedding	At Aigburth: Ronnie Locke, Dellands, to Elizabeth Dixon, Liverpool, with honeymoon in Cornwall.
	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'On Moonlight Bay' with Doris Day and Gordon McRae.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'Dumbo' by Walt Disney
	Sport	Cricket	Portals to play Hants County CC at L'stoke Park on 7 Sep at 2pm.
	Sport	Football	Season restarted with friendly, ended in draw.
	Advert	Wilts & Dorset buses	Agents for Canadian Pacific Line's Empress of Scotland's Caribbean cruise, 18 Dec to 19 Jan.
	Advert	Clark's shoes	Back to school with 'Junior' upwards from 25/9.
5 Sept	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Agrees that in future estate roads would be

			built to high standard before the houses.
	Education	Overseas trip	Overton children from Whitchurch school return from trip to Switzerland.
12 Sept	Politics	Labour Party	On 19 Sep meeting in SLH with prospective Parliamentary candidate as speaker.
	Church	Sunday school outing	Children and choir boys go to Littlehampton.
	Weather	August	Two records: lowest max of 60°F and highest min also 60°F.
19 Sept	Court	Whitchurch Magistrates	Lorry driver fined £10 plus £4/12/11 costs and licence suspended for 3 months for cutting in and causing accident at Southington.
	Personal	Wedding	Pamela Light, The Avenue and John Sims, Ross on Wye, both in Metropolitan Police; honeymoon in Ventnor.
26 Sept	Property	For sale	Steventon: 2 bedroom bungalow with 1¾ acres on gentle slope for £1750 freehold.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	AGM at the Rectory; Mrs Cowmeadow presented accounts.
3 Oct	Military	Overton platoon	Held jumble sale and raised £18.
	Advert	K Reed, Bas	Rubber hot water bottles from 6/3.
	Notice	Bus fares to rise	Rise approved: those over 6d to rise by 1d in the shilling.
	Politics	Cons Association	Social gathering at SLH with MP and prospective candidate there
	Church	Harvest Thanksgiving	Good attendance at St Mary's.
	Personal	Death	Mr Barton, 74, late of Greyhound pub.
	Advert	Lanham's	Parker Knoll chairs £8/18/4 to £23/10/-.
10 Oct	Press	Politics	Letter to paper against Conservative candidate from Roy Ravenscroft, Woodlands Farm, Overton and chairman of Overton Labour Party.
	Personal	Death	Mrs Elizabeth Allan, 82.
17 Oct	Advert	Surf washing powder	'Cleanest wash and whitest boil' – family size packet for 1/11.
	Event	Coronation	Meeting on 8 Oct in SLH to discuss celebration in 1953 and all organisations represented. Main meeting presided over by Mr J Mason. Decided to celebrate on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Coronation week with Old Tyme Dance Club event on the Thursday. Events in the coming months will raise funds to pay for the celebration.
24 Oct	Advert	Wilts & Dorset buses	Bus from B'stoke to London for Earl's Court Motor Show – 7/- and for Newbury races – 3/6
31 Oct	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Gift Horse' with Richard Attenborough and Trevor Howard.
	Event	Whitchurch Church Hall	On 31 Oct meeting entitled 'The Important Challenge – The colour bar, South Africa and Dr Malan' plus 'The trouble In Kenya'.
7 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'Ivanhoe' with Joan Fontaine, Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Taylor.
	Event	Festival of Britain	Committee met 29 Oct reporting that £90

			surplus would go to Old People's Fund, £50, improving recreation ground facilities, £40. There were inadequate funds to pay for a netball pitch which had been costed at £469.
	Personal	Death	Miss A Readings of Waltham Rd, 76.
	Loc Gov't	Parish Council	Noted that dotted lines, not a Halt sign, would be put on Bridge St and Red Lion Lane at their junction with High St. There was much criticism about the way traffic travelled through the village. G Akehurst quote accepted of £30/7/- for gate at Ed Kersley Playing Field. Extra lighting need on The Green and Sapley Lane estates. Southern Electricity Board had quoted for all year round lighting in village but not proceeded with. Six fire buckets purchased for SLH but deferred purchase of fire extinguishers. Mr I Rimmer appointed a Governor at Whitchurch County Secondary School. Rev Sanders, Dr Zorab and OPC chairman to be trustees of Budes coal charity, Jago's clothing charity and Streatwell Speed charity.
14 Nov	Enter'nt	Waldorf, Bas	'I'll see you in my dreams' with Doris Day and Danny Thomas.
	Church	Remembrance Day	Observed in the customary manner.
	Fire	Whitchurch	Extensive damage at jam factory attended by Overton crews.
	Crime	Burglary	14 Station Rd broken into and thought it may have been an escaped prisoner; Thomas Toon subsequently charged.
21 Nov	Org'n	British Legion	The Overton and L'stoke branch decides to join the B'stoke group at their AGM.
28 Nov	Advert	Property for sale	Gribble Booth and Shepherd; Field Lodge Steventon Rd, Deane with 2 sitting rooms, 2 bedrooms, ½ acre for £1975
	Advert	Curry's	Child's trike Gresham Flying Rocket for £9/19/-.
	Politics	Cons Association	Meeting at SLH with MP and prospective candidate.
	Org'n	Mothers Union	Meeting at Rectory with an address on 'Christianity in the Home'.
	Church	Meeting	To consider deteriorating finances, chaired by Rev Sanders. Decided to try envelope scheme for collections in 1953.
	Weather	Early wintry spell	Caused many road accidents.
	Advert	Mary June Roper	Specialist in upholstery, loose covers, curtains – phone 206
5 Dec	Press	Cover price	Still 3d
	Event	Coronation	Festivities plan: Viscountess Portal joins committee. Proposals are to have church services on Sunday 31 May, on 1 June to elect mayor of Overton in open air, on 2 June to have Coronation Ball in SMH, on 3 June to hold

			children's fancy dress, on 4 June to have Old Tyme Dance Club, on 5 June hold a grand concert by Choral Society with a visit by Gerald Frazi and on Saturday, final day, a barbecue, fair and fireworks. One afternoon Ashe Warren House (Col Wiggin) would host and entertain the elderly. Mr Cyril Wiltshire would be collecting funds for the events so there was no charge to the ratepayer.
	Church	Missionary Day	Sale of Work and talk on Kashmir; £45/13/3 raised.
12 Dec	Org'n	Women's Institute	AGM held 2 Dec with a talk on window dressing.
	Org'n	Choral Society	Concert on 30 November was first class entertainment with not a single dull moment.
	Enter'nt	Savoy, Bas	'You're only young twice' with Laurel and Hardy.
	Advert	Burgess, Church St, Bas	Oilskins 17/11, sheepskin jackets 120/-.
	National	Car taxation changes	New tax rate for 2½million cars in GB. No 'renewal' at Post Office on this occasion. Cars up to 6 horsepower £9, others £12/10/-
19 Dec	Org'n	Women's Institute	Christmas party on 11 December attended by 60. B Wake the pianist. Play performed.
24 Dec	Loc Gov't	KWRDC	Approved the sale of council houses and known that 7 tenants were interested so far. Approved installation of electricity in pre war council houses.. Advised councils could spend 4d in the £ rate to celebrate the coronation. Intended to invite tenders for public conveniences in Overton.
	Advert	Wilts & Dorset buses	Coach trips to Wembley 7/-, Kempton Park races 7/-.