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Farewell to the Rector

by June Owen



There was a full church for David's final service, held on Sunday 11th September. This was followed by a farewell lunch at the Village Hall hosted by the 3 churches of the joint benefice, bringing together the congregations of Erbistock, Penley and Overton. Everyone sat down to the delicious meal to mark the occasion. We have great respect and affection for David as a person and for his ministry amongst us. It was a privilege to welcome him and Sue as honoured guests. We were also joined by Rev'd David Child and by the Rural Dean of Llangollen, Rev'd Una Mclean the Methodist minister, plus members of the Churches Together Committee.

Presentations were made to David and Sue by representatives of each of the three churches, speaking for us all in expressing their tributes and offering wholehearted appreciation and thanks for David's work, for the strength of his commitment and his warmth for people. In wishing him well for the next stage of his ministry in Hawarden it became very clear to us that he will be greatly missed.

The children of St Mary's Sunday School were delighted when David asked to have his picture taken with them (see *picture to right*) I hope it will bring back many happy memories to him. He has always made his work with the children and the schools his priority and what he has achieved is a credit to him. It will be strange not to see David around and about in Overton, walking the dog in the early morning, in the Corner Shop, going to St Mary's School and of course in church for Sunday Worship. As he leaves us he has our deep gratitude and many good wishes for every success and happiness in his new appointment.



The Blues Band comes to Overton

Following on in the great series of gigs at Overton Village Hall is on Friday December 16th - **The Blues Band** whose members will need no introduction to those people who remember the great popular music of the 60s and 70s. This band has gone on to be at the forefront of British blues music for over 30 years and we are incredibly lucky that they have agreed to play for us in Overton.

The Blues Band was formed in 1978 by Paul Jones, actor, BBC Radio presenter and legendary lead singer of R'n'B and pop group Manfred Mann and Dave Kelly, arguably Britain's finest blues guitarist who had played with blues legends Howlin' Wolf and John Lee Hooker amongst others.



Guitarist Tom McGuinness, whose first band was The Roosters which he formed with Eric Clapton, also joined Manfred Mann. He then formed the successful group McGuinness Flint, with John Mayall drummer Hughie Flint and Benny Gallagher and Graham Lyle. Completing the line-up is the rhythm section of Gary Fletcher on bass guitar and drummer Rob Townsend formerly of rock bands, Family and Medicine Head.

The event will undoubtedly be a sell out and tickets will be available at The Corner Shop and Wason's Garage from October 15th and are priced at £20. There may also be a support act so the timings will be on the tickets and posters.

Ramblings From the Rectory

From the Curate, the Rev'd David Child



On Sunday September 11th we said goodbye to David and Sue. We held a special joint service at St Mary's together with the congregations of Erbistock and Penley and followed this with a buffet lunch in the village hall. David was presented with gifts from the three parishes - a Kindle from Overton, a Vacuum Cleaner from Penley and a Silver Picture Frame from Erbistock. Sue was presented with a Digital Photo Frame, a bouquet of flowers and perfume. David has been for us a very caring and thoughtful parish priest and he will be remembered for his pastoral care and for the enthusiasm he showed in the school and family services. And I shall miss him as a friend.

Some others were leaving at the same time – swallows! Around Easter time this year three returned to our garden. After some weeks there were seven and then in at the beginning of September over thirty – I think our telephone wires act as sort of swallows departure lounge for the whole of our village but now they've flown. How do they do it – fly all the way down to Africa only to return to exactly the same spot about six months later?

Well, it seems they do have a compass. Swallows like other migrating birds have in the retina at the back of their eyes receptors not only for light but also for the earth's magnetic field. These photo pigments are called cryptochromes. They are able to detect subtle changes in the earth's magnetic field by the way it affects the spin and orbit of the electrons in the atoms of these cryptochrome molecules and in that way the chemistry of their cells.

So it seems that swallows as well as 'seeing' what we see, 'see' also the earth's magnetic field probably as a shifting pattern, such as an array of lights and colours. When they are on the right flight path they 'see' a familiar pattern. If they divert from that path the pattern changes only for it to return to the familiar pattern when they get back on the right track.

Amazing isn't it? The more we learn about our universe the more amazing it seems to be. For me it's like a modern day parable. Because what are we as Christians asked to do? We are asked to fix our eyes on Jesus and follow his teaching, to love God and to love and respect our neighbour, to follow his pattern day by day so that he can guide us through this life to our final destination.

With every blessing,

David

Annual FLU Clinics

October 2011



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KIDNEY or LIVER Disease

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A Neurological condition (e.g. MS)

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If you are aged 65 or over

If you are PREGNANT

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Overton Medical Practice 01978 710666

Cringe & Cry with our
Overton Film Club



Overton Film Club is up running once again. They will have a season of 5 screenings in the Overton Village Hall, from October to March. In these times of hardship and with a need to watch the pennies, joining the club provides great value and quality. It's half the price of the nearest cine-complex, doesn't entail the cost of travelling to Wrexham and back and means you're guaranteed to watch a hand picked film of high quality. The fact that you can enjoy a pint or a glass of wine at the same time caps the experience.

Shown during the Winter when mid week entertainment is limited, enjoying a film locally definitely cheered the dark nights for me. I cringed watching John Lennon in 'Nowhere Man' as his relationship with his mother took on near incestuous overtones and laughed till I cried when Monty Python was screened. Who knows what we'll be watching this Winter but I can't wait for the screenings to start.

The club needs to book the films now so please drop off a cheque to *Overton Film Club* (£20, or £15 for OAPs) at the Corner Shop: the usual box is behind the counter, Membership (£20/£15) gets FREE entry to all films, plus a guest at the reduced entry of £2.50. Non-members pay £5 on the door.

First film 7.30pm Tuesday October 25th

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Barker family on their fundraising for the Smith-Magenis Syndrome Foundation, a charity which provides support and has helped them learn about the condition that their 3 yr old son Toby has. They took part in a Teddy Bear Relay round the UK. Dad Evan and brother 9 yr old Danny took the bear up Ben Nevis as part of the Three Peaks Challenge and mum Clare completed a 10 km run from Eastwick Nurseries to Ruabon.

Thank you

Overton WI would like to thank all those who entered their open photography class at the recent Produce and Handicraft show. They had a very satisfactory number of entries and the winner was Graham Millington with David Burton coming 2nd and Alan Farley 3rd. Thanks to everyone once again and looking forward to seeing some of you again next year.

Playgroup News

October 29th is our Halloween party! There will be all the usual fun and more! Also this month we are collecting unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding etc, this is a great way for you to have a clear out and help your local Play Centre raise much needed funds. Bags are available to collect from the Play Centre.

We have lots of fantastic events planned for the coming months, including our Christmas craft fair on 19th November.

Don't forget we are open from 8am till 6pm for children from the age of 2 years. As we are a charity we are able to keep our fees competitive!! So call and have a chat with Margaret or any committee member for further details.

We are running our Parents & Toddlers group on Tuesday mornings 9 - 11.30am, it offers parents an ideal opportunity to relax with a coffee and children a chance to use our resources and make new friends. Baby group is Monday afternoons 1.30-3pm, a great chance to sit and chat with other parents.

Anyone interested in joining the committee please come along to any of the meetings. Look out for posters advertising the dates on the entrance to play centre and around the village.

Scout Camp



This summer Overton Scout Groups annual camp was at Pradoe Hall, West Felton. The Scouts camped for five nights, the cubs for two nights and the Beavers joined everyone for a Fun Day on the Saturday. Activities for the fun day included golf, fire lighting, sumo wrestling and a bouncy castle.

The camp was organised by Assistant Scout Leader Stuart Williams as part of his training for his "nights away" permit. Everyone agreed it was a great camp with plenty of food and plenty to do.

Other leaders on camp were Scout Leader Tony "Tiger" Grice, Akela Rachel Harris, Beaver Scout Leader David Harris, Assistant Explorer Scout Leader Peter Griffiths, Young Leaders - Explorer Scouts Luca Murphy and Mark Griffiths and Group Scout Leader David Burton.

Many thanks to Andrew and Rachel Kenyon for allowing us the use of the beautiful parkland of the Pradoe estate for this year's camp.

Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster, Lydia Biggs and Lottie Blake and help from Lois



Hi everyone, its nearly Halloween!

Jokes.

Q. What happens when a tap, a dog and a tomato run a race?

A. Well the dog is in the lead, the tap is running and the tomato is trying to catch up.

Q. What did the talking weighing machine say when a fat lady stepped on it?

A. One at a time please.

Riddles.

Take one out and scratch my head, I am now black but once was red.

A Match

Halloween Word search

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BLACK CAT	GOODIES	PUMPKIN												
BLOOD	GRAVES	SCARECROW												
BREW	HAB	SCARY												
BROOM	HAUNTED HOUSE	SKELETON												
CANDY	HAY	SPOOKS												
CARNIVAL	JACK O LANTERN	TOMBSTONES												
CEMETERY	MASK	TRICK OR TREAT												
COSTUME	MONSTER	VAMPIRE												
FUN	PARTY	WITCH												
GHOST														

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday October 12th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Roast pork with stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and cauliflower cheese followed by rhubarb crumble and custard. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

Local talent shines on the Mic

16 year old, Hannah Scott-Davies from Overton-on-Dee has been given the big thumbs up by judges at the Open Mic auditions. Along with other impressive acts, Hannah has been selected to perform at the national singing competition, Open Mic UK at Birmingham's NEC, Saturday 29th October. Open Mic UK 2011 is the exciting national talent competition which searches for the UK's best singers of all genres who perform either known or original material.

Hannah's achievements include performing in school productions, shows and pantomimes at the William Aston Hall and the Stiwt Theatre with Wrexham's Tip Top Productions. She has also been support act for Lloyd Daniels (X Factor finalist) and artists at Border area venues.



Success in the NEC on the last Saturday of October at 1.15pm can take this talented and ambitious young singer a stage further towards her goal of singing at London's O2. We wish Hannah the best of luck. You can find out more information about the competition on the website www.openmicuk.co.uk

Charity Golf Day Presentation



On September 8th a Golf Team from Overton made a presentation on behalf of the Moore Foundation of a wheelchair to 18 year old Christopher Howgate.

The Moore Foundation is a charitable trust established to provide financial and practical relief to local children's' charities and worthy causes. This year they held their Charity Golf Day at Helsby Golf Club where all proceeds from the day were very kindly donated to the Powered Wheelchair Appeal.

The new tailored powered wheelchair was presented to Christopher who is from Birkenhead and attends the 6th form at Dee Bank School, Chester. A keen Everton supporter, Christopher also enjoys watching wrestling and comedy.

The Overton Golf Team are pictured (left) with Christopher. From the left - John Firth, Alan Foulkes, Duncan Rennie and Colin Davies.

O.C.C. COMMUNITY CHEST

Closing date for applications is 31st October 2011. Grants may be made by the Overton Community Council towards capital expenditure by local organisations within the area administered by the Community Council. Grants will not be made towards general maintenance or running costs. An application shall be made on a form obtainable from the Clerk to the Community Council.

The Community Council reserves the right to request detailed particulars of an applicant's financial position. Any information will be treated in confidence. Funds available for grants are limited and there can be no guarantee of a grant being offered in any particular case. Grants may be made towards the setting-up of a new local organisation, providing the Community Council is satisfied that a proper constitution exists and that the organisation has adopted a programme of fund-raising events for at least one year.

For further information or an application form and notes please contact the clerk on 01978 710 055 or email: occ.clerk@btinternet.com or visit the office on a Mon. or Wed. between 9.30am – 1.30pm

School Mural Unveiled

At the start of term St. Mary's School unveiled a mural to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the school. Every pupil and member of staff made an enamel tile, many containing the exact same words as those used at the opening of the school 25th years ago.



Thank you

Carol Dyke would like to thank all friends and family for their kind gifts and presents for her 65th birthday.

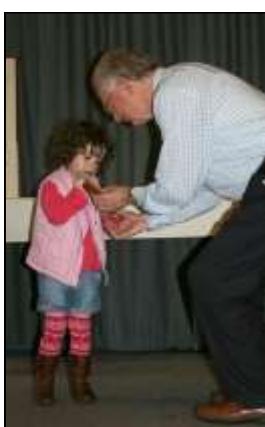
OVERTON 2011 PRODUCE SHOW



This years Overton Produce Show was well supported. There were 39 adult exhibitors with 280 exhibits. Seven children entered with 8 exhibits. Most entries were in class 10 'Three tomatoes' which had 15 entries. There were 12 entries in each of the following classes - 19 'Three Cooking Apples', 22 'Five Damsons' and 33 'Specimen Rose'. Only four classes were not entered.



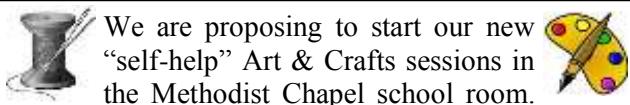
The judges were very complimentary about the high standard of the exhibits and expressed their pleasure in being asked to come to Overton to judge.



CUP/TROPHY	AWARDED TO	CATEGORY
British Legion Cup	Jim Parry	Exhibitor with Most Points
Tradesmen's Cup	Mary Lewis	Runner-up
Lowther Cup	Mary Lewis	Overton WI Member with most points
Trotting Mare Cup	Mary Lewis	Best in Class 2 – 3 onions from seeds
Fitzhugh Goblet	Mary Lewis	Best in Class 12 – Pair of marrows
September Plate	Menna Rowlands	Best in Class 20 – Three pears
Farmer's Cup	Jim Parry	Best in Veg Section – Classes 1 to 17
W I Cup	Vic Roberts	Best in Fruit section 18 - 23
Healey Salver	Jim Parry	Best in Blooms Section 24 - 35
Pam Upton Memorial Bowl	Josie Ralphs	Best in Class 33 - Specimen Rose
Rosselli Cup	Sue Foulkes	Best in Pot Plant Section 36 - 38
Kath Hamlington Memorial	Jean Williams	Best in Flower Arranging 39 - 44
Mrs Wrights Cup	Josie Ralphs	Best in class 45 Flower Arrangement
Mrs Bransbys Cup	Nia & Sasha	Best in Class 46 - Flowers (Novice)
Mrs Sumsions' Tray	Susan Thomas	Best in Cookery Section 47 - 54
Mrs Woodhouse's Bowl	Doreen Walker	Best in Preserves Section 55 - 61
Haynes Wine Cooler	Beaty Roberts	Best in Wine Section 62 - 68
Mrs Robert's Shield	Maggie Williams	Best in Class 69 (5yrs & under)
Mrs Watt's Shield	Eliza Rosselli	Best in Class 70 - 76 (6-9yrs)
Mrs Price Jones's Shield	Heath Rosselli	Best in Class 71 - 76 (6-9yrs)
21st Anniversary Shield	Susan Thomas	
Best in Class 73 (13-16 yrs)		



Needlecraft & Art News



We are proposing to start our new "self-help" Art & Crafts sessions in the Methodist Chapel school room.

They will start on Thursday 6th October, from 1 to 3.00pm, £2 per session (towards heating and lighting in the room). If you sew, knit, make cards, paint, do croquet, or want to learn any of these skills, we all help one another and if we don't know how, we will find someone who does know and invite them to come and demonstrate. If you enjoy a cuppa and a chat as well as creating something, this is for you. Contact 710493 or 710139 and look forward to seeing you there.

Footballers Wanted

Would any keen footballers be interested in joining the five-a-side football team at the Queensway sports centre in Wrexham which is run by the VIVA! Mind Body Project. It starts at 2 till 4pm every Friday and the admission is 50p. Players will also be able to enjoy the Motiv8 tournament at Glyndwr Uni which takes place every summer.

Forget the boring gym. Choose a team name and climb the table; join hundreds already playing. Great way to keep fit, great prizes to be won. Players needed desperately. Adult leagues for all standards. Any one will be made very welcome.

Thank you Nicolas Russell or contact 01978 364777

**OVERTON PLAY CENTRE
HALLOWEEN PARTY
29TH OCTOBER 3-5PM**

There will be games, crafts, pumpkin carving, party food, a disco and much more !!!

**PRIZES TO BE WON FOR
BEST COSTUME!!!**

WHAT'S ON

October Diary for St Mary's Services
Sunday October 2nd 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday October 9th 10:00am Sunday Praise & coffee
Sunday October 16th 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday October 23rd 10:00am Family Communion
Sunday October 30th 10.30am Group Eucharist in Erbistock
 Methodist Chapel Services
Sunday evenings 6.30pm
Friday 30th September 7.00pm Mrs Grace Parry, Glyn Ceiriog
Sunday 2nd October 6.30pm Rev. Una McLean
Saturday October 1st 7pm Overton School reunion for those who attended in the 60's, 70's or 80's at the White Horse.
Monday October 3rd 6.30pm Methodist Chapel Harvest Supper, £4 per ticket
Thursday October 6th 1.00pm Arts & Crafts weekly sessions start in the Methodist Chapel School room. All welcome
Thursday October 6th 7.30 Overton Recreational Club AGM
Friday October 7th 7.00pm Overton Scout Group AGM
Tuesday October 11th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
Wednesday October 12th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.
Saturday October 15th 2.00 St Mary's Autumn Fayre in the Village Hall
Wednesday October 19th 7.30pm Maelor Music Society "The Square on the Hippopotamus" Trumpet & Piano - in the Maelor School Hall
Thursday October 20th 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker, Mr Trevor Wilford on "Vron Choir". Competition: A Local Postcard
Saturday & Sunday October 22nd & 23rd Food, Ale and Family Fun Festival at the Boat at Erbistock & the 2011 Wrexham Champion Sausage Competition
Monday October 24th 6pm Overton Practice Patient Participation Group meeting. All welcome
Tuesday October 25th 7.30pm Overton Film Club -Village Hall
Saturday October 29th 3 - 5pm Halloween Party at the Play Centre.

**St Mary's Church
Autumn Fayre
Saturday October 15th
2pm to 4pm
in the Village Hall**

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy October Birthdays to Flora Williams, Kathleen Dorey, Thomas Dorey, Charlotte Clarke and Barbara Watkin, Clare Edwards, Mary Perrin, Mark Whittall, Rebecca Overthrow, Jean Edwards & Stephen Sorfleet who is 60.

Belated 1st Birthday wishes to Maisie Edwards.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Hilda Evison on the very sudden death of Den Evison

Congratulations

Congratulations to Oracle committee members, Rob & Nicole on their September wedding.



Food, Ale & Fun at the Boat

Local residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the exciting re-launch of the stunning Boat pub situated on the banks of the River Dee at a Food, Ale and Family Fun Festival to be held over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd October, in aid of the Nightingale House Hospice. During the festival The Boat will be hosting the 2011 Wrexham Champion Sausage Competition. Judging will take place at 12 noon and awards will be presented at 1.30pm on Saturday 22nd October. Visitors can sample Wrexham's finest traditional pork and speciality sausages, meet the butchers who made them and discover who will win. See www.boatondee.com

For Sale

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Copy deadline 20th of the month. Get your events & news to us early to avoid disappointment
THIS INCLUDES ADVERTISEMENTS

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