

# The Overton Oracle



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## April is Community Pubs Month



"Community Pubs Month" is a nationwide initiative organised by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) to champion the importance of local pubs. With 16 pubs closing every week across Britain the future of the Great British Pub is at stake. "Community Pubs Month" is a new campaign to help raise the profile of pub going and increase the awareness of pubs as an invaluable community asset.

During the month of April, Jane and Steve at the White Horse Inn in Overton, have arranged a programme of events for all to take part in, from local charity fundraising events, music nights, and traditional pub games plus an evening with the brewer from Joules Brewery, Adam Goodall. The first events will be a skittles evening and race night for local charities and organisations. Also planned are a tour of other local community pubs, a darts domino and shove Ha'penny challenge and some music nights.

The 4<sup>th</sup> April will see the launch of a mid week Carvery on a Wednesday from 6.00pm until it's all gone or 9.00pm whichever comes first. And throughout the month of April the Sunday Carvery will be available at a special price for a table of four. Come and try it - lots of people do. See the notice boards for up to date list of events and come along and join in. For further information on Community Pubs Month please go to [www.communitypubsmonth.org.uk](http://www.communitypubsmonth.org.uk)



## Jubilee update

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Overton Scouts are planning to build and light an **Overton Jubilee Beacon**. This has been registered as part of the Jubilee Chain of over 3000 beacons **on the evening of Monday June 4th**. The Scouts will be notified nearer the date of the exact time to light Overton's

Beacon. The chain of beacons will travel across the country and the last will be lit by Her Majesty the Queen outside Buckingham Palace at 10.30pm. There will be a hog roast and a bar, see the May Oracle for more details.



The Overton Oracle is also sponsoring a **Best Decorated Shop** - and a **Best Decorated House** competition, look for details in the May Oracle and start planning!

**Is your organisation planning a Diamond Jubilee event or is your street planning a street party?**

If so, please send details ASAP to the Overton Oracle, leave details in the Corner Shop or email [overtonoracle@gmail.com](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com) and we will publish an Overton programme of Diamond Jubilee events for the village.

## Singing Workshop



Don't forget to get your tickets for  
**The Singing Workshop**  
**Wednesday April 25th 7.30 - 9.00pm £5**

at The White Horse, Overton  
Songs from the UK and around the world, all taught by ear.  
Session led by Kate Allen (enthusiastic and encouraging)  
This will be a totally non threatening jolly evening.  
It doesn't matter if you think you can't sing, you'll still enjoy it.  
Have fun AND help raise money for Nightingale House.  
Tickets on sale in the Corner Shop!

## Overton's Got More Talent!

Have you got talent? A party piece up your sleeve?  
You Have? Then don't be shy!  
Come and perform at the 'Overton's Got More Talent!' evening on

**Friday 11th May in St Mary's Church**

We are looking for singers, musicians, poets, actors, performers of all kinds and all ages  
Simply contact [overtontalent@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:overtontalent@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07956 527 309 for information or an application form  
The event will be fundraising for the Church as well as a social evening.

## Ramblings From the Reverend

by Rev'd David Child



During recent months I have for obvious reasons been standing on the grating over the heating duct at the back of the church when shaking hands with people as they leave. And maybe because of that I was reminded a few Sundays ago of a story to do with gratings and heating ducts.

It was about what happened in a large city church one Easter Sunday. The choir was processing down the aisle when one of the ladies who was wearing new fancy shoes with very slender high heels got one stuck in such a grating. She tried to wriggle it free but to no avail and so as not to upset the procession she stepped out of her shoe and carried on leaving it behind stuck in the grating. The gentleman following her tried to pull it free but only succeeded in pulling out the grating. So he too, not to hold up the procession continued down the aisle now carrying both the shoe and the grating, only for the man behind him to fall in the hole. When all the procession had passed a voice was heard from under the church, *'I hope all of you are out of the way because I'm coming out now.'* A little girl close to the aisle shouted out so that all could hear, *'Come on Jesus! We'll stay out of the way!'*

Some of you may believe that story, some of you may believe only part of it but when it comes to the real Easter story it has to be all or none – you have to believe all of it or none of it.

As you'd expect I don't have a problem with it. There is after all more historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead than the death of Augustus in AD 14 or the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70. And it does make sense – scientists tell us that matter can't be destroyed - it can only be transformed or changed. So surely 'what matters' can't be destroyed either. And think of all the lives that Jesus' resurrection has changed.

Easter isn't only about going to heaven when we die. It's also about God beginning to put this world to right. It's about refusing to accept this world as it is. If you believe that Jesus rose from the dead it should change not only how you see the world but how you live in it – you've just got to believe it! So join us in church on Easter morning – you're all welcome  
Happy Easter,  
David



Join our Donkey led procession on Palm Sunday, **April 1st**. Meet at 10 am outside the school gates and walk in procession to St Mary's Church for our half hour Palm Sunday Praise Service.



## COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Stuart Roberts



The Oracle welcomes Overton's new PCSO, Stuart Roberts to Country Beat. Some of you may have spotted Stuart already in action with the Speed gun in Overton High Street.



Firstly I would like to say hello and introduce myself, I am PCSO 2940 Stuart Roberts the new PCSO for Overton. As you may be aware PCSO Bethan Large has moved on and I would like to wish Bethan good luck in her new ward.

I have been employed by North Wales Police for nearly 5 years, I have previously been stationed at Rhos police station covering the Johnstown ward. I'm really looking forward to meeting the community of Overton and look forward to working with you all to ensure Overton is a safe and great place to live. For me it's a new challenge and I'm really looking forward to working here.

With the introductions out of the way I wish to bring SPEEDING to your attention. I have been advised by members of the community that there is an issue with vehicles speeding through Overton, this is not acceptable and must stop. I have completed speed checks in Overton and will continue to do so. The Arrive Alive van has also been asked to assist with random checks. SPEEDING is an issue that drivers can prevent easily by ensuring they concentrate whilst driving. There are factors that may prevent drivers from being able to concentrate whilst in control of a vehicle. They are loud music, talking to passengers, eating, and the BIG ONE - MOBILE PHONES. Please don't hurt yourself or others by using a phone whilst driving, that simple text is not worth a life.

Also it has been brought to my attention there has been an increase of dog fouling around the streets of Overton, I believe its only a few dog owners who feel they don't need to pick up their dog's mess and have total disregard for the cleanliness of the village and youngsters who play in the vicinity of the Village parks/schools. I have reported this issue to the Wrexham Council Dog wardens who will increase patrols in the area, both the wardens and myself will not hesitate to issue appropriate fines to the offenders who let our village down. Thank you to the responsible dog owners keep up the good work. If you wish to contact the dog warden direct please call Martin Jones on (07753771711).

If you wish to contact me please email me on [stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk) or phone my mobile 07791278740 or Overton station 01978-348425.

Many thanks  
Stu.

PCSO 2940 Stuart Roberts.

### Maelor School

Author Laura Jarratt held a Creative Writing Workshop at the Maelor School on Thursday 15 March 2012. The author is better known to our pupils as Miss Jane O'Brien, one of two Deputy Heads at the school. She was celebrating the launch of her first novel, "Skin Deep", which is aimed at young adults.



Author Laura Jarratt with pupils from Years 8 and 10

### Elections - May 3rd

Elections are to be held in Wrexham and Overton for the County and Community Council. The elections will be held on **Thursday May 3rd**. If you are interested in standing as a councillor either for Wrexham County Borough Council or Overton Community Council your nomination papers need to be delivered to the Guildhall in Wrexham no later than 12 noon on **Wednesday April 4th**. The Nomination Paper Pack can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Katrina Chalk, (tel:- 01978 710055).

### Film review

The Overton film committee must be congratulated. Their knack to choose films well in advance of the award season which then go on to scoop the most prestigious of awards is quite extraordinary.

Most recently they showed **A Separation** (PG) directed and written by Asghar Farhadi. It won 'best foreign language film' Oscar and the large Overton audience, not put off by subtitles, were not disappointed. 'A Separation,' an Iranian Film is certainly intense. With a small cast we follow the sad story of a couple in the early stages of marital separation, whilst their daughter is given the impossible task of deciding, whether she is to reside with her Mother or Father. Needless to say matters are far more complicated than just this. Nader's Father suffers with Alzheimer's, the employment of a desperate caretaker with a temperamental husband and an accident (or was it) which all adds up to a gripping film. The insight into the Tehran legal system is in itself fascinating. When the video is released it is certainly one to watch (but be prepared to concentrate)! **4 out of 5.**

The next film, which your critic is terribly excited about will be Oscar Winner **'The Artist.'** on April 3rd, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Doors open 7.00pm O....FEC

# Kids Kolumn

from Lily Simon and Jasmine Greenwood



Happy Easter everyone. Here are some Easter treats we want to share with you

### SWEET QUIZ

All the answers are sweets so can you find out what they are???

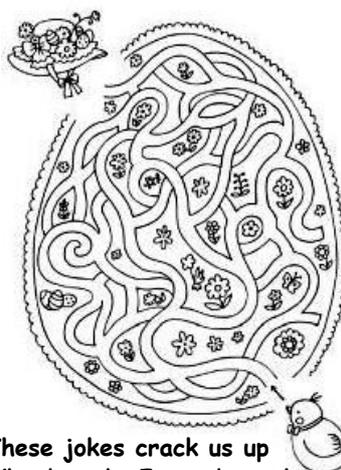
- Wobbly infants? .....
- Nine, ten, eleven? .....
- Fallen fruit? .....
- Turn around? .....
- All sorts of girls? .....



### EASTER MAZE

Can you solve this maze puzzle?

Try to get the Easter chick to the Easter bonnet?



### These jokes crack us up

**Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?**  
*His powder puff is on the wrong end.*

**Is it true that bunnies have good eyesight?**  
*Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?*

**What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?**  
*One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny!*

**Why did the Easter egg hide?**  
*He was a little chicken!*

### Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 11th April at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Fish Pie with Carrots and Broccoli followed by Fruit Salad and Cream.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

## Memory Cafe

Penley Rainbow Centre is working in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society to provide a monthly Memory Café. A Memory Cafe is a place where any person whose life is touched by a diagnosis of dementia can get advice, information and support in a friendly relaxed setting. The sessions are fun with quizzes, music and trips down "memory lane" and they are a chance to meet other families living with dementia.

If someone in your family has dementia or you are a carer or family member then come along together for a cup of tea and a chat. The first session will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30pm till 3pm.

Further dates for your diary are:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

If you would like more information or have any questions then please contact: Geraldine (Penley Rainbow Centre) on 01948 830730 or Chris (Alzheimer's Society, Wrexham) on 01978 364859

## Wine tasting

When someone suggested having an evening tasting wine as a fund-raising idea there was instant agreement that it would be a good thing to do. The idea was tried and tested. We'd buy wine from 6 different regions of France, write up a description of each one, make lots of homemade French-themed food and sell tickets to anyone who was willing (or not!) to have their arm twisted! Friends, family and neighbours were rounded up, paid their money and turned up on the night. Things were looking good!

On the night the Village Hall was full to capacity and what a buzz there was all evening as everyone had a most convivial time! I think it is safe to say that a good night was had by all. Everyone "tasted" all 6 wines and pitted their expertise against everyone else. The wine was twirled, sniffed and only then sipped, it all looked very professional. Though it is safe to say, that there was not too much spitting out in evidence! Judgements were made. It seemed easy. But then came the next wine, and the next, and suddenly it seemed impossible to identify which was which. Out of the 90+ people there, just 6 got all the answers right. But it wasn't the winning that mattered, however satisfying that was, it was the trying that made the evening for everyone!

A huge thanks to you our supporters for your enthusiastic participation. Thanks too, of course, to the trusty band of willing helpers, without whom none of this would have been possible. If you enjoyed the wine tasting do come along to our other events which are run throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you again in the future. For further information about the Twinning get in touch with Cath on 710322 or Georgina on 710486.

## Save the Date . . . .



**Grand National Race Night**  
in aid of Overton Cricket Club  
at the White Horse on  
April 14th 2012. First race  
starts at 8.30pm.

Come and enjoy a race night with a difference... Horses on their own tracks  
Be an owner or just place bets  
**ALL WELCOME - FREE ENTRY**

Overton Cricket Club always welcomes new players. If you are interested come and meet us to find out more about joining the team.



## Overton W I



Overton WI has started 2012 with a new President Sue Foulkes and 4 new members. We have an interesting programme for the year .

In March we will have our anniversary lunch at the Rendezvous Bistro at Yale College. April will hopefully bring good weather and Lady Janet Jones to tell us about her time as High Sherriff of Clwyd. June will take us on a visit to Stonyford Cottage Garden, close to Delamere. Later in the year we hope to spend an afternoon cruising down the River Severn on Sabrina in celebration of the Royal Jubilee. We will be entering competitions at Oswestry Show in August.

At county level we have members going on a visit to the Lady Lever Gallery at Port Sunlight, walking at Sherriff-hales, Brockton and Lee Brockhurst.

In previous years members have enjoyed outings to the ballet at Birmingham, to see Gilbert and Sullivan at Buxton, visited Buckingham Palace and Clarence House and much more.

If you are interested in joining our WI please come to any of our meetings. The next date is on the back page of the Oracle.

## Date for the diary



Dave Knight, international comedy hypnotist welcomes you to a night of hypnosis at Overton Village Hall.

Are you brave enough to face the pendant, or just watch your friends or loved ones make complete fools of themselves? The choice is yours! The funniest thing to grace Overton this year! You will laugh till you cry! Licence bar and food available. Also a local band to start the night.

The evening is on Saturday 16th June at the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm, and close at 12pm. Tickets are £10. All proceeds will go to the charity 'CLIC Sargent for Children & Young People with Cancer' so please show your support.

For more information call Christian on 07738194892.

## Playgroup News

Dates for your diary are

\* **14th April** is our **Spring Party**, held in the Village Hall, 11am - 1pm, there will be a Kids DJ, party food and prizes!

\* We are also hosting a **Skittles Night** in the White Horse Pub on **21st April**. The evening will be in two parts, 4pm-6pm kids Skittles and 7pm-late Adults Skittles. There will be prizes to win through the evening and a cash prize for the best scores at the end of the night. Come and join in, it promises to be a great evening out.

\* Our **AGM** will be held in Upstairs room in the White Horse on Thursday **26th April** 7pm- 9pm. All are welcome so please come along and have your say! All our fundraising goes directly to Playcentre to fund ongoing projects and vital improvements.

I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone involved in our Nearly New Sale. A special thank you to Jane for stepping in and keeping us all organised! (Best wishes to Emma and we wish you a speedy recovery.) The support of our local shops, pub and community is a great source of pride for us and we want to thank everyone for all the help and support they continue to offer us.

*Angie*

## New Steps

New Steps Club - Life after stroke, is affiliated with the Stroke Club. New Steps meets every Wednesday morning 10.00am till 1.00pm at the Maesgwyn Community Centre, Lilac Way, Wrexham (opposite the Football stadium) with easy parking outside. A morning of friendship, support, advice and laughter. Drop in or ring Arthur on 01978 366943.

## Comedy Night



**An Evening of Comedy  
at Overton Village Hall  
Saturday 21st April  
8pm**



Starring "Chimes Two" - world famous comedy duo & winners of Opportunity Knocks  
plus Top Liverpool legends and stars of TVs  
The Comedians - Hal Nolan & Mickey Finn

**Tickets £10 from the Corner Shop  
or Overton Recreational Club  
or John 710875**

## Medical Practice

Dr Bowdler has been promoted to Clinical Director for the South Wrexham locality (covering medical practices from Llangollen to Hanmer). He will fit in this extra work alongside his sessions here in the Practice. There are 14 localities spread across North Wales, each coordinated by a GP. The concept is supported by the Welsh Government and local health board, with the aim of improving community-based healthcare, through multi disciplinary teams.

We wish Dr Fallows well as she will be leaving to go on Maternity Leave on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Dr Elinor Cooper will join us as cover for 6 months.

Recently, we were hosts for a half day inspection by members of the Community Health Council. A copy of their report concerning the Overton Surgery site will soon be placed in each waiting room. If you have any comments, please contact the reception team.

## Overton Community Council Precept/Budget 2012/2013

The Overton Community Council budget for 2012 / 2013 will be £43,294.72. This money will be spent on: Street light electricity; Playingfields; Cenotaph; Cemetery maintenance; Insurances; Subscriptions; Millennium Meadow maintenance; Rent; Public conveniences; Community Chest, and grants given to local organisations; Christmas lights equipment; Traffic calming upkeep; General administration and various other village activities.

The rural grant which Overton Community Council applied for Street light maintenance in the last financial year was not successful, but the need to replace street lighting is an on going expenditure and for that reason an increase of £1,500 has been made within that section. Every street lantern and post that is replaced costs approximately £1,500. There has been a small percentage increase to the cost of maintenance work at the Playingfields, Cenotaph and Cemetery. The increase covers rates (where payable), fuel costs, equipment, play equipment inspection and repairs, dustbin hire and collection in relation to the one used at the Playingfields.

Overton Community Council have allocated money for the past two financial years for the repainting of the 'Dragon's teeth' on the four entry roads into Overton. This is costly maintenance expenditure; consequently £900 has been allocated this financial year. Additional money has been set aside for the running and maintenance of the public toilets in Overton, as it appears that Wrexham County Borough Council will decide to pass this service on to the Community Council. However, should the Local Authority continue with the running and maintenance, the money allocated will not be repeated in next year's Precept.

A saving of £1,000.00 has been made on the Community Council's insurance policy and there have been a number of smaller savings made overall. The Clerk to the Community Council has had to increase the number of hours worked from 12 to 15 commencing January 2012. The Clerk also receives an annual increase of 1%. 2012 is an election year for all councillors and we are obliged to precept £1,100 to cover costs for materials etc. that are required to hold these elections. Should any member of the public wish to view the Precept, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to make an appointment. Overton Community Council will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 8th May 2012 starting at 7.20pm, in the Parish Room. All members of the public are welcome.

*Jacqueline Maskall, Chairman of Overton Community Council*

## Oracle plans



The Overton Oracle team were delighted to hear that their bid for office accommodation and a social enterprise had been approved and awarded the highest Lottery amount available of £62.5 Million pounds.

The award is set to transform the village with the building of the Oracle Tower which will be sited on land reclaimed using a compulsory purchase order. Comments or objections should be forwarded by 12 noon on 01.04.12.

*Commercial adverts are not included in the on-line version of the Oracle.*

*Business adverts can be viewed in the Business section of the Overton-on-Dee website page*

*To advertise on the website please click on link on Business page*

## Recipe of the Month

“Recipe of the Month” aims to offer a recipe suggestion that can be made from ingredients that can be bought in the village.

### **Good Friday Noodles with Chilli Salmon**

*Pack instant egg noodles  
750ml chicken or vegetable stock  
2 salmon fillets  
1 red chilli sliced  
2 spring onions  
soy sauce  
½ bunch coriander  
1 lime or lemon quartered*

Cook noodles following pack instructions and divide between two bowls. Heat stock in a deep frying pan to simmering point, add salmon. Cook for 2 mins, add chilli and spring onions and a dash of soy sauce. Cook for 3 mins or until salmon cooked.

Place salmon on top of noodles and divide broth between them. Add some coriander and squeeze over some lemon or lime juice.

Serves 2

*Thanks to Julie Done of Woodlands Deli*



## **Maelor School PTA Fashion Extravaganza**

**Fashion Show & Accessory Stalls**

**Friday 27th April 2012 @ 7pm**

£5/person, £3/pupils

include a glass of wine or soft drink on entry

Tickets available from school on

**01948 830291**

## WHAT'S ON

### April Diary for St Mary's Services

- Palm Sunday April 1st** 10.00am Family Village Praise Service begins at School Gates with Donkey led procession to Church.
- Good Friday April 6th** 2.00pm Stations of the Cross
- Easter Sunday April 8th** 11:30am Holy Communion with blessing of Easter Eggs
- Sunday April 15th** 10.00am Family Communion & Coffee
- Sunday April 22nd** 11:30am Holy Communion
- Sunday April 29th** 10.00 Holy Communion Joint Service with Erbistock

### April Diary for Methodist Chapel Services

- Good Friday April 6th** 7.00pm Service with Mr Tim Guy
- Easter Sunday April 8th** 9.15am Holy Communion with Rev Una Mclean  
6.30pm Evening Service with Rev Bob Howells
- Tuesday April 3rd** 7.30pm Overton Film Club at the Village Hall. **Oscar Winning "The Artist"**
- Tuesday April 3rd** 7.30pm Easter Bingo at the Rainbow Centre. All Welcome.
- Saturday April 7th** Weekly coffee mornings start at the Methodist Chapel 10.30am till 12.00pm
- Saturday April 7th** 10am-12pm Messy Church
- Tuesday April 10th** Overton Community Council meet in the Parish Room. Members of the public wish to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
- Wednesday April 11th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required
- Saturday April 14th** 11am -1pm Playcentre Spring Party
- Saturday April 14th** 8.30pm Grand National Race Night at the White Horse in aid of Overton C.C.
- Monday April 16th** 10.30am Overton British Legion will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli
- Monday April 16th** 7.30pm Overton/La Murette Twinning AGM in the Parish Room
- Thursday April 19th** 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker: Lady Janet Jones on "My time as High Sheriff of Clwyd" Competition: A cup & saucer
- Saturday April 21st** 4 to 6pm & 7pm till late. Skittles night at the White Horse. All welcome
- Tuesday April 24th** from 1.30pm till 3pm. First session of the Memory Café at Penley Rainbow Centre
- Thursday April 26th** 7pm Playcentre AGM upstairs at White Horse.
- Friday April 27th** 7pm Maelor School PTA Fashion Show
- Monday April 30th** 6pm Practice Patient Participation Group meeting at the Surgery.

## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to Kayle Leech and partner Danny Rodgers on the birth of their son Casey James, a great grandson for Mary Perrin & 1st grandson for Tracey & Tony Leech.

**Happy April birthdays** to Gerry Owen, Grace Johnson, Lottie Blake, Courtney Pugh, Iory Evans, Sarah Smith, Hayden Austin, Derek Edwards, Geoff Hodgson, Mervyn Haynes, & Mike Dorey. Belated Birthday greetings to Pat Lynch.

Belated **Happy 18th Birthday** wishes to James Morrison on 23rd March. Love from Mum and Ross

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Brian Manley who passed away in March.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Flora Williams and Alice Parks who have passed away recently.

Sincere condolences to St Marys School Headmaster, Gary Wyn Jones and family on the sudden death of his mother .

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Gertie Osbourne of Parkside on her 100th Birthday in April**



## History group

Thanks to John Davies for an excellent talk at the last meeting, on War Graves. If you have a family member who is buried abroad or remembered on a memorial, it is easy to find details on [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

## For Sale

### PLEASE REMEMBER

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

**Leave your contributions, & announcements at the Corner Shop.**

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