

# The Overton Oracle



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## All aboard for first prize

Congratulations to Overton Playcentre. They entered Wrexham Council's Early Education team's "Grow with Me" Competition. Approximately 900 Early Education Funded 3 yr olds took part in this year's competition to design and build an Olympic themed project.

Overton children decided to design a London double decker bus filled with plants and numerous craft projects depicting many aspects of the games. Out of all the entrants we are proud to announce that Overton Playcentre received the first prize!! A well deserved win, and a massive acknowledgement of Margaret and the team's excellence in providing environmental education.



So, from the Playcentre committee and all the parents: "Congratulations to Margaret, Angela, Nicky, Louisa and Charlotte". Even though the summer term has ended the Playcentre will be open 8am – 6pm all through the holidays as usual for children aged 2–8 years.

## Jubilee Tree

Following the felling of a tree along the edge of the Playing Fields last year, Overton Community Council, who has the responsibility of maintaining the trees on the playing fields has replanted. The new tree was donated by Eastwick Nurseries and planted by Ian Atkinson of 'All Things Trees'. The tree is a Liquidambar styraciflua, which will grow to 65–115 ft, and can live for up to 400 years. The rich dark green, glossy leaves generally turn brilliant orange, red, and purple colors in the autumn.

As the tree was planted in the Diamond Jubilee year, the Council commemorated the event by placing a plaque in front. Ian Atkinson unveiled the plaque in the presence of OCC Chairman David Burton, and Cllr David Hughes. The Council have sent their congratulations to Her Majesty, on the occasion of her Jubilee and the reply is on the right



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

5th July, 2012.

*Dear Mr. Burton,*

I have been asked to thank you and the community of Overton-on-Dee for your kind letter containing a message of congratulations to The Queen, sent on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of her Accession to the Throne.

Her Majesty was most interested to learn of your celebrations which were reported in the issues of the Overton Oracle which you sent and was pleased to be reminded of her visit to your village in 1992. The Queen appreciates your kind words and sends her best wishes to all concerned.

*Yours sincerely,*

*David Ryan*

David Ryan  
Director, Private Secretary's Office



## OVERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW Saturday 1st September

Exhibits need to be brought to the Village Hall before 11.00am on the morning of the Show. Doors open at 2.30 pm for viewing. Presentation of Prizes at 4pm



## Jubilee Fancy Dress Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of St Mary's School Diamond Jubilee Fancy Dress Competition.

- Nursery - Matthew Dean
- Reception - Clarrie McDonald-Brown
- Year 1 - George Holmes & Zoe Mitchell
- Year 2 - Finn Clark & Lilley Middleton
- Year 3 - Alexandra Goff
- Year 4 - Olivia Hollingsworth
- Year 5 - Maddie Rouse
- Year 6 - Kate Jenkinson



Prizes were sponsored by Overton Community Council and presented at the Overton Fete by Cllr. David Hughes.

# Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,  
Robyn Rehbock and  
Charley Middleton



Hiya people!

Schools over, so have a brilliant summer holiday!! Hope you like

### this month's Kids Kolumn!

#### Here are some foodie jokes!!!

What kind of jam cannot be spread on toast?  
*A traffic jam!!!*

Waiter, waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?  
*I think it's the backstroke, sir.*

What does Dr. Who eat with his pizza?  
*Dalek bread!*



Can you work out this riddle?

#### THOMAS A TATTAMUS

Thomas a Tattamus Took Two Ts,  
To tie two tups to two tall trees,  
To frighten the terrible Thomas a Tattamus.  
Tell me how many Ts there are in THAT.



#### Word ladder.

Change 1 letter in the words below using the clues given to make a different word.

- Mad  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the opposite of woman  
 \_\_\_\_\_ cola comes in it  
 \_\_\_\_\_ an animal  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a baby sleeps in it  
 Hot

What is special about the list of words below?  
(Clue: look at the beginning and end of each word.)

- Fluff
- Iraqi
- Robin
- Santa
- Total

We were disappointed to find that no one had entered our Olympic stadium design competition, so we have decided to extend our deadline to 15<sup>th</sup> August which means hopefully some people can win some prizes!



## Celebration of Creativity

The Needlework and Art Group based in the Methodist Schoolroom who meet on Tues-

day afternoons, are holding an Exhibition of their work and skills, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Refreshments are available at a small charge. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a Special Service of Celebration from 6.00 to 7.00pm Do come and see and see what can be achieved and perhaps you will consider joining us. A big welcome is given to all.



## Ramblings From the Reverend **by Rev'd David Child**



Last month I had what best can be described as an interesting experience. I was locked in church! I'd gone there late one afternoon to do some work in the vestry on some church documents. It took longer than I expected but then eventually it was 'job done' and time to go home. But when I got to the main door – it was locked! The person who had locked up had done all the right things; he'd walked around, shouted and checked that there was no one there. But I, in the quiet of the vestry had been quite oblivious to it all.

'No problem' I thought, because I had the key to the main door with me. But it's a dead lock – the key only works from the outside. And whoops, my mobile was in the car and I hadn't told anyone where I was going. I had visions of spending the night there. So what did I do? People asked me if I prayed. Yes, I uttered a prayer and to be honest I uttered more than a prayer. Most people do in those sort of circumstances. It's fortunate that when we don't know what we should pray for or how we should pray that the Bible tells us that God unscrambles our prayers for us. It was then that I remembered an article that I wrote some years ago for our Deanery Church Magazine. And here, from my files, is what I wrote in November 2008:-

*The Church Times, the weekly newspaper of the Church of England also includes reports and articles relating to the Church in Wales. The back page as you might suspect is not a 'Sports Page' but rather an interview with some interesting person with a religious bent. Recent people who've been interviewed include musicians, business people, writers, and chairpersons of national institutions. The last question always is, 'Who would you choose to be locked in a church with?' Answers have included Bach, Osama bin Laden, John Newton and Charles Wesley. So what would my reply be? Who would I choose to be locked in a church with? I suppose in all honesty, it would be anyone as long as they had a mobile phone, or saving that – a bell ringer. But to play the game properly, I think my reply would be St Luke, whose feast day was October 18<sup>th</sup> .....*

I wasn't locked in with anyone but hey! I could ring the bells. I hope people in the village didn't think World War 3 had broken out because I rang frantically. Fortunately people soon came running and I was free.

It's funny how past experiences can help you deal with today's problems. And prayer is a strange thing too. William Temple a former Archbishop of Canterbury said 'When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.' Scientists who are Christians don't have any problems with this. In quantum terms observing something changes the balance of probability in a particular direction. And prayer is after all the way we learn to think like God. With every blessing,  
David.



Summer Wednesday Coffee Mornings in St. Mary's Church every Wednesday until August, 22nd from 10.30-12, in aid of Nightingale House.

## COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Stuart Roberts



Firstly a quick thanks to everyone who came to see us during the Village Fete. It was especially nice to see the youths enjoying the police car being there and to have a sit in the driver's seat, trying the lights plus trying on the Police uniform whilst putting the handcuffs on Mum's and Dads.

Over the past month the vast majority of crime in our village has been to outbuildings, sheds & garages, an easy target for criminals as they may contain expensive gardening equipment, bikes etc, and that they're not always locked. Please ensure you lock all outbuildings with a strong secure padlock/chain, don't make it easy for them!

There has also been a burglary in Bangor-on-Dee where an expensive sports car was stolen from the victims drive. The criminal forced entry to the house and took the car keys. If you have a garage please put your car in it, also make sure it's locked and alarmed at all times. With car keys make sure that they're out of sight and placed in a safe location. I always try to advise people to invest in some CCTV cameras and good outside lighting. If you wish to know more please contact the Police Station on 01978 348425, or contact Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch on 01352 708118 website [WWW.FNWA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FNWA.ORG.UK). As always if you need me please call the station on 01978348425 or email [stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)  
Hope you have a nice summer.  
Stu.

## Sad news

It is with deep regret that we learn of the sad death of Joan Vernon (Miss Joan Pearce). Joan was the last surviving teacher of Overton V. P. school during the late 40's and 50's, extremely popular with many of her pupils. Even though she was regarded as being quite strict she was always there to offer a comforting arm or a shoulder to cry on for any child in distress. In 1960 she moved from Overton V.P. to Madras School in her home village of Penley where she remained until retirement. Following her marriage she moved to St Martins where she became extremely popular for her tireless and sterling Community work, for which she will be sorely missed.

## Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 8th August at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be fish pie with peas followed by lemon tarte and cream.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

## Medical News

Dr Samantha Burton finishes her one year posting with us as a GP Registrar on 31<sup>st</sup> July. She will continue her training with the surgery in Chirk. Dr Helen Treharne will join us on 1<sup>st</sup> August and we hope she enjoys her 12 months with us.

We have started our planning for this year's FLU campaign. Last year we provided well over 1,250 patients in the high risk categories, with this vital protection. Please keep your eye out for more news and get your appointment booked early!

## Sad News

All those who enjoyed the memorable gigs at Overton Village Hall in November 2010 and September last year with 'The Iron Man', Michael Burks, the wonderful American guitarist, will be sad to hear that he passed away a few weeks ago. He suffered a heart attack at Atlanta airport after flying back from Europe after a short tour. On the two nights he played in Overton he made a lot of friends in the village and spoke very fondly of the wonderful welcome he had received. He'll be greatly missed.

## Collecting the memories

The History Group meeting on **Tuesday September 4th** will be collecting records of the Queen's visit on July 10th 1992. We are concerned that there is no accessible public archive of the day which in the future will be looked on as a historic occasion in the village's history. The intention is to lodge a collection at the Wrexham Museum with a copy at the Overton Library.

There should be a record of the planning for the day as well as photographs and memories. So if you have, for example, letters of the work that went into the preparation, the scripts and list of participants in the pageant, the lists of flower arrangements and arrangers for the Flower Festival, the lists of who the Queen was presented to, the liaison with the other bodies and individuals involved such as the Royal Welsh Fusiliers - as well as the individual memories and photographs that made the day so special - then bring them along. Items can be copied so that you retain the original if you wish.

Upstairs at the White Horse on Tuesday September 4th - or contact the Oracle via email or envelope in the Corner Shop if you have items but cannot be there.



### Guess the Flag Competition (for under 16 yr olds)

Can you name all the countries of the 50 flags in the window of Woodlands Deli?

No entry fee. Closing date 20th August



### Overton Bowling Club Coffee Morning

at Overton Village Hall on  
Saturday 8th September at 10.30am  
Entrance 50p



## Can we help?



Northern Marches Cymru is recognised by Wrexham County Borough Council as the delivery body for rural regeneration programmes in rural Wrexham. We administer the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 funded by the Welsh Government & the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, bringing with it projects, such as

**Rural Environmental Project** helping communities discover renewable energy, look at how to reduce their carbon footprint, energy use and access the natural environment. It can offer you or your community advice plus a grant scheme for community groups to help with environmental projects.

**Youth Engagement Project/Launch Grant Scheme** looks at getting young people involved in their communities, have their say on issues important to them and help them improve the quality of life for young people in rural Wrexham. If you're looking to start your own business, are 16-30 and live in rural Wrexham, then you may be eligible for a Grant of between £500 and £1500 to get your business idea up and running.

**Wrexham's Heritage & Culture** offers Grant assistance for schemes that allow communities and community groups to celebrate, conserve and protect their own heritage.

**Local Food First Wrexham** The project has funding available for launching new products, accessing new markets, developing co-operation initiatives, marketing, promotion and events. Visit [www.localfoodfirstwrexham.co.uk](http://www.localfoodfirstwrexham.co.uk)

**Rural Business Support, Rural Business Grants, & Bilingualism in Business** is support and funding for small businesses to raise economic activity in the rural areas of Wrexham. Two grants are available, Business Grants up to £5000 and Bilingual in Business up to £1,600.

For information on the projects listed above please get in touch on 01978 298381 email [nmc@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:nmc@wrexham.gov.uk) or visit our website [www.northernmarchescymru.co.uk](http://www.northernmarchescymru.co.uk).

## Your local Probus

The closest Probus Club to Overton is the Ellesmere Branch and they welcome new members. Probus Clubs are social clubs for retired men, reasonably formal - a chance to put a tie on! - and very friendly, just arrive and introduce yourself. The name derives from Professional and Business but these are very vague concepts and essentially, if you feel you want to join, then you will be very welcome.

The Ellesmere Club meets at 1015 for 1030 for coffee and a talk at the Comrades' Club. We meet once a month in summer, twice in winter and there is a lunch and two outings each year.

In recent months we've had talks, usually illustrated, about holidays, the Civil War, Shropshire, silk, the legal system, Bomber Command, stained glass windows, shipping navigational aids, model engineering. The next meetings are August 2nd when the speaker will be senior BBC journalist John Shone, whose subject will be "On the Right Wavelength". and September 6th with a talk on WWI with artefacts. Why not give us a try? We're a friendly bunch and there's no obligation or for further information ring Ant on 01691 624232.

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

**Overton Community Council - Notice of Co-option**

**OCC intends to co-opt 2 members** to fill vacancies that exist in the office of councillor for the Overton Community.

If you wish to be considered for cooption for the vacant seats and want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact

**Katrina Chalk, Clerk to Overton Community Council, Overton Village Hall, 5 Penyllan Street, Overton, Wrexham LL13 0EE**

**Telephone: 01978 710 055**

**by Wednesday 29th August 2012**

More photos from the fete



Myra Worthington with her winning scarecrow medal



Abbey Acro Gymnasts



Overton Scout Group serve tea & cakes



The Overton WI stall



6 More photos from the fete



## Sunshine at Fete



Great fun was had by all who attended the Village Fete on 30th June. The weather may have been against us on and off during the day, but the support that was shown from visitors, residents and stall holders was wonderful. Mrs Gertie Osborne, who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday opened the fete and as she made the opening speech, the sun came out. There was plenty of time to sample

goodies from the many food stalls, local meat produce, homemade cakes or a hot pork sandwich, washed down with a pint of beer. The coconut shy, skittles and tombola stands proved to be very popular as were the craft and charity stalls and the fun-fair; the Scouts did a roaring trade with teas, coffees and cakes and Abbey Acro put on an excellent gymnastic and showed commitment even through the drizzle!

Thanks must go to the following for helping to make the day a success:- John McCusker for his 'PA' duties, Mike & Matthew Done and Craig Cager for the ferrying back & forth of the tables and chairs and to the Bowling Club and Village Hall for their loan, Pat Loughlin for preparing the field and Mervyn Haynes for the sign outside the village hall. Thank you to Car park attendants, Lucy Chalk, Holly Dickenson, Michael Roberts & Sophie Williams, Pete Atkins and Christian Chalk who ran the coconut shy, Clare & Mick for helping to clear up, the Football club for giving us permission to use the pitch area, all the stallholders, the working party who organised the fete and especially to all of you for coming.

**Thank you Overton for your support!**

More colour photos of the fete are on the website [www.overton-on-dee.co.uk](http://www.overton-on-dee.co.uk) on 'Oracle' dropdown menu

## Recipe of the month

Here is a really easy summer starter or BBQ accompaniment (if we get any summer !)

### *Brushetta*

Just slice some ciabatta bread or any small loaf. Rub with the cut end of a clove of garlic. Toast both sides under the grill. Spread with either chopped tomatoes (tinned or fresh) or some passata or even pasta sauce!! Then sprinkle a little parmesan cheese over the top, flash back under a hot grill and you have a plate full of deliciousness that will not last the length of time that it takes you to make some more!



*Thanks to Julie Done of Woodlands Deli*

## Music at school

Last month, St Mary's School had a visit from an American choir, the Langsford Men's Chorus all the way from Detroit. It was very enjoyable and some of



the songs they sang were: the Welsh National Anthem, (which we all agreed was absolutely amazing), Dry Bones, Goodnight Sweetheart and Happy Birthday to a school pupil whose birthday was the day before. Overton School choir sang for them as well, singing let the Trumpets Sound and Rhythm of Life accompanied by Mrs. Jones, the year 2 teacher, also a very talented piano player. We really enjoyed it and were very sad to see them go. They visited us as they were competing at the Llangollen Eisteddfod, and we really hope that they did very well.

*From our Kids Kolumn reporters*

## School prom night

Congratulations to Year 6 of St Mary's School, Overton who left school at the end of the summer term. They celebrated with a Prom Night in the Function Room of the White Horse in High Street.



## Bank Holiday Sunday Fun Day

August 26th 1.30pm till late

at Overton Recreational Club

*Bouncy Castle BBQ*

*Pool Tournament*

Free entry Everyone welcome

## Overton August Cricket Fixtures

4th Hodnet/Peplow - Home  
 11th Harcourt - Away. 1pm start  
 18th Church Aston - Home. 1pm start  
 25th Bridgnorth - Away. 1pm start



## WHAT'S ON

### August Diary for St Mary's Services

**Sunday August 5th** 10:00am Family Village Praise

**Sunday August 12th** 11:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday August 19th** 10:00am Family Communion

**Sunday August 26th** 11.30am Holy Communion

**Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings** 6.30pm

**Every Saturday** 10.00am till 12.00pm Coffee mornings at the Methodist Chapel

**Every Wednesday** 10.30am to 12noon St Mary's Coffee Morning in Church, in aid of Nightingales House

**Tuesday August 7th** Doors open 6.30 for 7.00pm start Bingo at the Rainbow Centre, Penley

**Wednesday August 8th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

**Monday August 13th** 10.30am Overton British Legion will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

**August 24th to 27th** Exhibition - 'A Celebration of Creativity' at the Methodist Schoolroom.

**Sunday August 26th** 1.30pm till late. Funday Sunday at Overton Recreational Club, Bouncy Castle, BBQ & Pool Tournament. All welcome

**Saturday September 1st** The Village Produce Show & Handicraft Show. Exhibits before 11.00am Doors Open at 2.30 pm Presentation of Prizes at 4.00pm

## For Sale

B&Q BBQ gas grill and hob. VGC - like new. £30 o.n.o.  
Wikes electric lawn mower, ideal for small garden,  
Little used £20  
Quantity sandstone walling blocks. Offers Tel: 710450

1 Lazy Boy Recliner £50  
2 Cottage Style Fireside Chairs £50  
Buyer collects Tel: 710736

Sledgehammer £5.00, Axe £5.00, Pick Axe £5.00  
48inch Spirit Level £3.00, 12inch Chain Saw £10.00  
14inch Chain Saw £10.00, Set of 5 Drainage Rods £5.00  
Heavy duty blue plastic approx. 20 x 9 feet £10.00  
Blue nylon rope (large amount) reasonable offers please  
Tel: 710328

Gas Fire on wheels with 11kg Calor gas bottle, in excellent working condition. Make an offer. Tel: 710312

The June prize for the 'Friends of St Marys' 100 Club Draw was won by Pat Brown.

## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to Steve & Jane Dodwell on the birth of a new granddaughter.

**Congratulations to Freda Jones on her 100th birthday on August 2nd.**

**Happy August Birthdays** to Alan Stubbert, Tara Stubbert, Francis Glynne Jones, Belinda Matthews, Seanie Clarke, Jackie Grindley, Gemma Purcell, Doreen Hamlington, Gladys Evans, Gill Rogers, Carol Dykes, Lewis Evison, Jackie Tombs, Brian Williams, Gill Evans, Chloe Malam, Matt Worsdell, Alex Natrass, Charlotte Scott-Davies, Dave Bellis and Trena Haynes. Belated birthday wishes for July to Stephen Reid.



**Congratulations** to Lewis Evison on winning the Victor Ludorum for the 3rd consecutive year. From friends and family.

**Congratulations** to Stephanie Harris of Lightwood Green on qualifying as a doctor - an MBBS to add to her BSc degree.

**Congratulations** to Sue & Paul England, to Linda & Mike Done and to Lola & Dave Evans on their Silver Wedding Anniversaries

## YOUR St MARY'S

### Bonanza 2012

Saturday 15th September 12 - 4pm

**"Free Entry"** Fun for all ages

Puppet Theatre ~ Pony rides  
Bingo ~ Bouncy Castle ~ Face Painting  
Jo Jingles ~ Craft Making ~ Archery  
The Stocks ~ Storytelling  
Vegetable & Sunflower competition  
Hula Hoop & Tae Kwan-Do demos  
Shopping stalls \_Coconut shy  
Scrumptious tea, cakes & snacks  
All day BBQ, ice creams

**Please join us for lunch**

### PLEASE REMEMBER

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

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