

# The Overton Oracle

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## Sunshine for the Fete



It wouldn't be summer without Wimbledon – and I hope by now the community will also feel that it wouldn't be summer without Overton's annual village fete!

We try and adapt year on year to bring you a vibrant event and it's so heartening to see the number of people who come along to support it, meet up with friends and family, and hopefully have a great time! Lots of 'thank you's again this year but believe me the planning and hard work begins



the very day after each fete so I hope you'll join me in sending thanks to all those who helped, supported and organised the day. There are more thanks on Page 3 and more photographs in the Oracle on line

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## Public Consultation on Overton's Speed Review

The long awaited speed review of the roads around Overton is due to go out to public consultation during September. The local Wrexham County Borough Councillor has already had opportunity to respond and when Overton Community Council read the proposals, their response was that it exceeded all expectations.

The recommendations are as follows: -

- The 30mph signs on Wrexham Road will be moved all the way out to Argoed Lane;
- a 40mph limit will be introduced from beyond the turning to Lightwood Green kennels all the way to the current 30mph signs on Station Road;
- a 50mph limit will be introduced from the County border near the Trotting Mare all the way to the current 30mph sign on Salop Road
- and a 20mph zone will be created on School Lane outside St Mary's School.

General consultation (your chance to have your say) will now take place through local advertising, in the press, notices on lampposts etc before the recommendations go to the WCBC. for a final decision.



## OVERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2013

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



**She did it!**

Congratulations to Jenny England who has got to the summit of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, as part of a sponsored climb to raise funds for the charity 'Hope for Children'. Jenny will be describing the details of the expedition in the September Oracle.

**End of term at school**

St Mary's School celebrated end of term with an epic foundation department production of Roald Dahl's Jack and the Beanstalk. The sun shone and the scene was set on our amazing outdoor stage and over 100 budding actors and members of the choir gathered to impress our audience. The children sang and spoke with gusto, amazing their families and staff, having learnt songs and lines in only 3 weeks! Thanks must go to all involved, including the incredibly supportive parents and families and the children for being too fantastic for words!, plus to our trusty mums who made the tea and homemade cakes and to Tim Rouse for the loan of his PA equipments.



The show culminated in a presentation to Mrs Jo Richards who is leaving us on secondment to the LEA foundation team. Children from Year 6, also leaving, presented her with gifts and good luck wishes and performed a poem about Mrs Richards. We bid her and Year 6 'Au Revoir' and good luck.

**Kids Kolumn**

by Kate Jenkinson,  
Robyn Rehbock and  
Charley Middleton

Hey everyone! Having a good summer holidays?



Match up the animals with the name of their group, using the names at the bottom.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of lions. A \_\_\_\_\_ of parrots.



A \_\_\_\_\_ of midges. A \_\_\_\_\_ of porcupines.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of wingbats. A \_\_\_\_\_ of hyenas.

An \_\_\_\_\_ of caterpillars. A \_\_\_\_\_ of dolphins.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of wrens



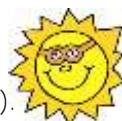
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**Tongue Twisters**

1. Loopy lizards lying lazily aloft a little lane of frogs!
2. The sun shines on the shop signs!
3. Fresh fried fish, fish fresh fried, fried fish fresh, fish fried fresh!
4. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!
5. A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk!

*In case you're feeling bored during the summer holidays here are a few things that you can do:*

- Go swimming at the swimming pool or just use a paddling pool.
- Have a picnic in the park or your garden.
- Have a water fight.
- Go to the park.
- Build a den.
- Ask your parents to have a barbecue.
- Relax in the sun  
(make sure you have sun cream on.).

**August Tae K wando**

 Overton St Mary's school children who have been learning Tae K wando will be carrying on through the Summer Holidays. Classes will be at Ellesmere School Sports Centre on Monday evenings 6pm - 7pm to carry on training ready for their next grading on 15th Sept.

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



There've recently been many articles in the papers about chickens and hens – that they're not 'bird brained' after all. According to researchers they have the capacity to think, empathize, apply logic and plan ahead. Even young chicks can easily count up to five and older chickens have what's called a transitive inference. If for example Annie the chicken has beaten you up, and Annie has lost a fight with Dora - then there's no point in you challenging Dora for access to the grain bowl.

Does this surprise me – No! Some years ago we had some hens. One of them was quite old. She didn't lay any eggs but she seemed quite happy. But then one day we found her collapsed on the lawn. I thought she was going to die but a few hours later she'd managed to get back into the hen house. She lived for another week. The amazing thing was that the other hens never left her. There was always 1 hen with her right up to the time she died and then they left her.

People used to think that one of the differences between humans and animals is that only humans know that one day they will die, but perhaps that isn't the case after all. So what are the differences between humans and animals and are there any? After all chimpanzees and gorillas have been seen to use sticks as tools, and the organization of an ant's nest or a beehive is more sophisticated than many human societies. If you watch wild-life programmes on television, you will have seen examples of mother animals being torn by having to choose between preserving their own life or the life of their offspring. So even emotion and the power of choice are not exclusively human. It all seems to be a matter of degree.

There was again recently an interesting Horizon programme in which Dr. Alice Roberts explained that the main difference between animals and humans is that the behaviour of animals is mainly genetically programmed and to a much lesser extent based on learning. Human behaviour on the other hand is based mainly on learning and experience and to a much lesser extent on our genes. It's all to do with our brains – we have far more connections in our brains than any other animal. It's these 100 trillion connections linking 100 million neurons which allow us to make choices, to 'connect' with other humans, to work and share together. They also allow us to connect with someone or something we call God and to Jesus who gives us a human face to that something which otherwise even we could not possibly imagine. May be that's the difference?

With every blessing  
David

## COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Phil Jones



Unfortunately there has been a house burglary this month in Overton, this was a daylight incident which happened whilst the resident was away for a very short time. Please make sure when you leave your property that it's all secured, we all have our windows open with this hot weather, if you go out take a few minutes to make sure all windows are closed and locked. I have also seen vehicles left parked with their windows open. It takes a few seconds for an opportunist thief to snatch items from within.

PCSO Lynne Maurice and myself were very happy to attend the sunny Overton Village Fete. There was a lot of interest in the Police vehicles that we managed to bring along including colleagues from our Armed Response Team, thanks to them for attending. We had quite a few questions thrown at us and I hope we managed to answer them adequately, remember we can be contacted at the police station on Station Road. If we are out on patrol there is a button on the left of the window. Press that and an operator will make sure that they contact us via our radios and we will pop back to the station if required or they will organise an appointment at your home.

There have been significant speeding offences on the Salop Road and I have received complaints of speeding on Station Road. I will be out and about with the speed camera soon so watch your speed please.

When I was a PCSO in Gwersyllt we ran an event called Operation Cinnamon. This was an event aimed at local residents over the age of 50, a daytime event where we invited our partner agencies including Age Concern, Community Safety, Trading Standards, AVOW, Arson Reduction, & Victim support. The local policing team would do a power-point presentation all about the Policing team and what we do on a daily basis. It also included some top tips on home and vehicle security plus tea & biscuits. I played some melodies on my flute which went down really well and towards the end of the event there was a bingo session. If you are interested in the event or want to help out please contact me using the details below.

I am again pleased to report that anti-social behaviour is non-existent in the village, however, I have had reports of littering on Dark Lane and in the church grounds. Let's keep the village clean please. Remember I'll be out and about so stop me in my tracks, it's good to talk ☺  
Thanks for reading.

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Non urgent calls 101 or in emergency call 999

Overton Police Station covering area's Overton, Penley, Hanmer, Bettisfield & Horseman's Green.

### Thanks for Fete

We invested in banners last year which have proved really eye catching, thank you to Excel for updating them free of charge. Thanks too

\* to Peter Lynch who made frames for the banners and erected them round the village.

\* to 'bp&d' who printed our Lucky programmes free of charge, designed by Steve Dodwell and sponsored by The Corner Shop, Trotting Mare garage, Wildbanks Conservation and the White Horse. The programmes are an important source of funding for us, - so thank you to them.

\*to all the stall holders both from the village groups and charities, as well as local businesses.

\* to both the fire brigade and the police for attending – always a big draw for young and old alike.

\* to the Scout Group for providing excellent teas and for use of their toilets.

\* to our local AM Ken Skates and MP Susan Elan Jones whom we thank for opening the fete, and I know many people took the chance to chat with Susan over a cup of tea.

\* Huge thanks to volunteers on the day, Lucy, Christian, and Laurence Chalk, Pene Cole, Dylan Gallanders, and Pam and Peter Lynch and of course John McCusker whose dulcet tones kept us informed of what was happening during the day.

\* A special thanks to Pat for once again giving us such a well-cared for and beautiful field on which to hold our event, many people commented on how lucky we are to have such a wonderful site.

\* There wouldn't be a fete without our intrepid working party so thanks to Katrina Chalk, Sue England, Peter Lynch and Mike Minihane.

\*Last but not least thank you all for coming – and see you all again next year!

*Joanne Kember*

### Overton August Cricket Fixtures

Saturday 3rd - Hodnet/Peplow - Home

Sunday 11th - Wem - Away

Saturday 17th - Trysull & Seisdon - Home

Saturday 24th - Bridgnorth - Away

Saturday 31st - Newport - Home

*Aug 3rd is 1.30pm start, all others 1.00pm.  
New members welcome*



### Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 14th August at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be a Summer Buffet followed by Fruit Salad and Cream.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

### Your Letters...



Dear 'A Small Minority of Dog Owners',

Why, if you go to the trouble of picking up dog poo and putting it into a plastic bag, do you then leave this bag on the pathway (or hanging in a tree) This is still dog fouling!

*Pene Coles.*

### Twinning News

Watch out for scarecrows near the Village Hall from 3rd August. Everyone is invited to make a scarecrow, any theme, and put it on display.



On Saturday 3rd August, our French visitors from La Murette will be arriving to spend the week in Overton. Here is the schedule of the weeks activities.

We'd love you to join in any of the events. Ring 01978 710486 for further details.

**Sat 3rd** Our La Murette friends arrive in the village. Welcoming drink in the White Horse

**Sun 4th** Chirk, Pontcysyllte & Plas Newydd.

**Mon 5th** Blisits Hill & Ironbridge BBQ at Cath & George Starkey's at 7pm. Bring a dish.

**Tues 6th** Walk to Bangor on footpaths; talk and demo at Johnsons on basketmaking and coracles on the Dee; Crown Bowls in Overton, Fish & Chips in the White Horse at 7pm

**Wed 7th** Shrewsbury, walking tour & shopping.

**Thurs 8th** Climb the church tower. Walking quiz around the village

**Fri 9th** Day in Llanberis with a visit to the Slate Museum

**Sat 10th** Goodbye to our friends at Noon / carpark. Anyone in the village is invited to join any of the events. You will need your own transport (possibility of sharing) and also you'll need a picnic each day.

### Say No to Pylons

Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) is proposing to build a large gas fired power station on the eastern edge of Wrexham Industrial Estate. You may have seen the signs put up by the "Wrexham Residents Against the Power Scheme" to protest about the large pylons which would be erected between Isycoed across Bangor, Marchwiel, Cross Lanes, Sontley to Legacy. If you would like to sign the on line petition against the scheme visit

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/wrexhamresidents-against-power-scheme.html>

### Cycle Race road closures

The Etape Cymru 88 mile Cycle Race will take place this year on Sunday 8th September starting from Bangor Racecourse. This year it will NOT come through Overton parish but there will be restrictions on roads between Bangor and Marchwiel. More info and route on

<http://humanrace.co.uk/events/cycling/etape-cymru>

## Play safe

Following requests from the Sunflowers group and some residents in Overton, it has been agreed and approved that the fence which divides the Wrexham Road play area from the car park will be updated and have a gate installed. The work is due to start at the beginning of August and will be funded by Overton Community Council.

During the month of September 2013 a public consultation will take place regarding new play area equipment. It is hoped that new equipment will enhance the facility and encourage even more members of the public to use the amenities. Look out for the posters and articles in the Oracle to advertise the consultations.

*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*

## More from the fete



## Drop in at Parkside

Overton Community Council invites you to 'drop in' on Monday 2nd Sept. 2.00 - 3.00pm in the Parkside Residents Lounge for tea and chat - an opportunity for Overton residents to come along and speak directly to Community Councillors about any issues or concerns you may have about your village, or to discuss an idea or project you would like to suggest

Your local PCSOs as well as 2 Community Councillors will be available for you to meet and discuss any local matters.

Come in and meet the people who are your voice.

## MP introduces new bill

MP Susan Elan Jones is to introduce a bill in Parliament to toughen the laws against those drivers who drive unlicensed, uninsured or disqualified, and who then kill or seriously injure people on the road. Susan said her inspiration has been the local campaigners who sought justice after the death of 9yr old Robert Gaunt on the outskirts of Overton village.

Susan and AM Ken Skates will be holding a joint public advice surgery on Fri 6th Sept at the Parish Room, Overton 3.30 to 5.30pm. No appointments needed, just turn up and all will be seen.

## Playgroup News

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Overton Fete, it was a great day and Playgroup managed to raise £126. It was not only a great opportunity to raise funds but also a fantastic way to show our community what we do at Playgroup and raise our profile. We are always looking for new committee members to join up, so if you are interested please call playgroup for more information or to speak to one of our current committee members.

For anyone who attended the Ellesmere Regatta you may have seen our "Mums" team (*see below*) taking part in the first race. Everyone had a great afternoon, so a big thank you to Claire, our team captain, and the rest of the girls for a sterling effort....better luck next time!!! Throughout the summer will be planning to attend car boot sales and are looking for donations of any kind to sell; we can sell anything from lawn mowers to toys and clothes. Donations can be left at the Playcentre. Happy holidays. *Angie Atkins.*



## Alaskan visitors to Overton



This July Overton played host to Llangollen International Eisteddfod competitors - the Alaska Children's Choir. The choir is based in south central Alaska and took part in the Senior Children's Choir competition, the under 18 vocal solo and Songs from the Shows competition, enjoying the glorious weather of this year's Eisteddfod.

## Campanologists ring the bell

Something you don't see everyday in Overton's Dark Lane - a London Transport Routemaster bus! It was providing the transport for wedding guests.

But the team of St Mary's bellringers found a moment to escape their duties to have a look at it. Or were they trying to persuade the bus driver to take them for a trip?



*L to R: Keith Overthrow, Peter Furber (BangorOnDee Church), Luke Haynes, Jim Eastop, Mike Marshall & Steve Overthrow.*

## OVERTON PLAYCENTRE

### HOLIDAY CLUB

for children aged 2 to 8 yrs. We are open  
8am - 6pm throughout the summer holidays

**£1.50 PER ½ HOUR**

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All our staff are qualified, CRB checked and  
have many years experience.



Helfa Gelf/Open Art Studios welcomes you to a showcase of "**All things Woolly**" at the Parish Room, Overton 14th & 15th Sept. 11am - 5pm Work by local artist Joyce McLaughlin will be on display

## Keeping the village tidy

A Community Litter Pick recently took place in the village. Classes 6, 3 & 5 from St. Mary's School with their teachers, spent an hour each, assisted by Community Councillors Caroline Rogers & Pene Coles and the Keep Wales Tidy coordinator Shane Hughes who provided litter picking tools and bags. The children loved it and were thanked enthusiastically by Shane. The teachers reported that the event was good and that it could be repeated once a term. Altogether just over 2 sacks of rubbish were collected.



## WHAT'S ON

### August Diary for St Mary's Services

**Sunday Aug 4th** 10.00am Family Village Praise  
**Sunday Aug 11th** 11.30am Holy Communion  
**Sunday Aug 18th** 10.00am Family Communion  
**Sunday Aug 25th** 11.30am Holy Communion

### August Diary for Methodist Chapel Services

**Sunday evenings** 6.30pm

**Every Saturday** 10.30am -12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel

**Every Wednesday** 10.30 - 12noon Weekly Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church in aid of Nightingale House

**Thursday August 1st** 10.30 - 2.30pm Penley Rainbow Craft day - Origami and Lunch Club at 12.30pm

**Saturday August 3rd** Overton Twinning Scarecrow Display near the Village Hall

**Monday August 12th** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

**Monday August 12th** 10.00 - 12.00pm Penley Rainbow Children's activity - making junk flowers

**Wednesday August 14th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.

**Friday August 16th** 9.00pm Live Music at the White Horse. Free admission, All welcome

**Tuesday August 20th** 7.00 for 7.30pm Bingo at Penley Rainbow Centre

**Monday September 2nd** 2.00 - 3.00pm Overton Community Council Drop-In in the Parkside Residents Lounge

**Friday September 6th** 3.30 - 5.30pm MP and AM Surgery at the Parish Room.

## Thank yous

Roy would like to thank all those who turned out for the Overton Recreational Club Treasure Hunt, and took part on a very hot afternoon. Winners were Angela Rodgers and Family. Roy made £55.00 for Cancer Research.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Wednesday afternoon tea in the Parkside Residents Lounge. A donation of £200 has been given to the Macmillan Nurses Fund, Thanks you in advance of your continued support.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. the Red Ensign will be flown on the flag staff of the Church to commemorate the loss of Merchant Seamen during the wars who have no known graves but the Sea. This will be followed by a commemorative Service to the Merchant Navy in St. Mary's Church, Overton, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to The Overton Oracle's Treasurer Rob and his wife Nicole Netzbard-Piggott on the birth of their son, Logan Jett.



**Congratulations** to Rosemary Manley and Brian Horner on their recent wedding at St Mary's Church.

**Congratulations** to Pat and Pauline Lynch on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**Happy August Birthdays** to Daniel Brown, 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, Brian Williams, Chloe Malam, Matt Worsdell, Trena Haynes, Alex Natrass, Charlotte Scott-Davies and Dave Bellis.

Happy 1st Birthday to Ethan Saunders

Happy 50th Birthday to Jackie Tombs and

Happy 60th Birthdays to Gill Evans

Belated Birthday wishes for July to Tracy Leech



**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Freda Jones who has passed away, aged 100.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Noreen Haynes who passed away in July.

## Congratulations



**Congratulations** to Daniel Brown on passing his Bachelor of Arts with Honours, East Asian Studies. I am very proud of you. Love from Mum and families in USA and Australia.

Well done Son XX



### Congratulations to

Claire Hellingman on attaining a 2.1 Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in the first stage of her Architecture degree. With love from Mum, Dad & Sarah-Jane.

## Wanted

Spanish teacher wanted for lessons and / or conversation.  
Tel : 07711 389343

## 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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