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Overton celebrates in style!

The children at school started off the celebration with a day of great excitement looking resplendent in the red, white and blue costumes and hats they had made. The next day Saturday the older members of the community enjoyed a cup of tea at the Village Hall for the British Legion Coffee morning the spirit of the weekend was captured by the flying banners in the High Street and the theme carried through into the Village Hall. Cakes galore on the WI stall soon disappeared and other stalls gave a chance to spend, as friends chatted over a cup of coffee.



See pic right

Street parties seemed to be spread over the weekend. The weather for the party at the White Horse proved disappointing but undaunted, folks carried on with celebrations inside. Steve and Jane held a BBQ supplying food to those who hadn't picnicked in the marquee provided. Is it any wonder that we Brits talk about the weather?



Springfield Park street party

In extreme contrast the parties planned for Monday enjoyed brilliant sunshine. We forgot all about austerity and just enjoyed the day. Children, parents and grandparents whooping it up.



White Horse street party

Monday evening was a night to remember with admiration for scouts and helpers who had built such a tremendous beacon on the Bryn y Pys Park. We enjoyed cake and teas provided by the parents and a great hog roast in aid of St Marys Church, plus the Bar from the White Horse.



As we toasted ourselves in the warmth of the beacon and village companionship, there was yet more to come. The huge full moon and soft moon light were suddenly enhanced by the thousand sparks of

fireworks bursting through the air. A truly memorable night which made us all feel part of the national Jubilee celebrations.

Many thanks to all who made it so.



Thanks to Margaret Evison for her comments on the Jubilee Weekend

Many thanks to all those householders and businesses who put up wonderful decorations and made the village look so festive.

To Dilys Parkinson, Beaty Roberts and Jean Hughes for repairing the High Street Banners, plus Gary, Grant and Nathan for putting up and taking down the Banners with David Hughes and David Burton.

To Neil Woolley, Morton & Jones, and JCB for donating the wood for the beacon, the Scouts, leaders and parents who helped build it, M E Evans and Woodlands for donating food, the Lawrenson family for the fireworks and Tim Rosselli for providing the perfect venue.

The Overton Oracle is always in colour (this month with extra photos of the Jubilee) on the Oracle page of the village website www.overton-on-dee.co.uk

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



It won't be long now before the start of the Olympic Games. Thousands of people have cheered the torch on its journey around the country and we've been given an idea of what the opening ceremony will be like. Many are hoping that our sports people will win lots of medals.

But it's not all about winning medals. The most heart warming and memorable moment of the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona came when somebody didn't win a medal. You might have seen it on TV or in the several repeats. It happened in the semi-finals of the men's 400 metres. Derek Redmond the British 400 metre record holder started well but in the back straight 250 metres from the finishing line went down with a snapped hamstring muscle. He struggled to his feet and in spite of the severe pain, signalled to the stretcher bearers who had rushed to help him that he didn't want them, and started to hop on one leg determined to finish the race.

When he reached the home stretch he was near to collapse. A middle-aged man ran out from the stand, barged past security, ran to him and hugged him. It was his father. 'You don't have to do this' he said, 'Yes I do', 'OK we'll finish it together'.

And so they did, the two of them, they stayed in Derek's lane and with Derek's head sometimes buried in his father's shoulders they crossed the finishing line together. The crowd of 65,000 rose, cheered, many cried.

And his father Jim, well, he was chosen as one of this year's torch bearers. We can't make it on our own can we? This race that we all run. When we're down and out and even when things are going well for us, we all need help from someone, somebody. By the way lots of clergy tell this story around Christmas time.

With every blessing,
David

Summer Wednesday Coffee Mornings

St. Mary's church are again holding coffee mornings every Wednesday, from 10.30am to 12.00pm, from 27th June to 22nd August.



The mornings raise funds for Nightingale House. Last year £600 was raised for this most worthy of charities, due to the generosity of the people of Overton. We are sure that the Overton people will again be supportive and drop in for a coffee, a cake and a chat.

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Stuart Roberts



At the present time we have seen an increase in vehicle crime in Wrexham rural, this month I will pass some valuable information to assist and prevent you becoming a victim of crime.

1. Never leave anything on display in your vehicle.
2. Remove all belongings, lock them in the boot.
3. Always remove your portable sat nav systems including support cradles and suction pads that are fitted to the windscreen. If you can't take them with you please lock them away in the boot.
4. When you leave your car, close all windows and doors including sunroofs and ensure your car has been locked.
5. Never leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment and don't leave your vehicle documents in the car.

Use security devices to deter a thief

1. If your vehicle doesn't have electronic immobilizers, install a steering lock; these are inexpensive and very easy to fit.
2. If you don't have an alarm, get one fitted by a professional.
3. Get a lockable petrol cap.

Keep your keys safe

1. When you leave your car always remove your keys from the ignition and lock all doors – it only takes seconds for a thief to jump in and drive away.
2. At home, never leave your keys near a door or window.

Parking

When parking if you have a garage please lock your car away and lock the garage door, if you do not have a garage, park your car on your drive way or well lit street. Please avoid parking in places that are concealed from public view.

If you witness suspicious activity call the police on 999 or 101.

Many thanks
Stu

Stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Contact – 07791278740.

PCSO2940 Stuart Roberts, Overton Police Station

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 & broccoli followed by fruit salad and cream.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

Playgroup News

As we head towards the summer holidays I would like to wish everyone a happy summer break. The Playcentre will, as always, remain open for business throughout the summer holidays. Check out the community notice boards for our opening hours etc.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Overton Village fete, we had a great day and hope you all enjoyed it too.

Fundraising news: Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions, we had to cancel our sponsored Snowdon walk at the start of June. We will arrange a new date, so if anyone would like to join us please speak to anyone involved in Playgroup.

Thanks to all those who helped with our bag packing day, I will let you know the final figure raised in next month's issue.
Happy Holidays, Angie

OVERTON PLAYCENTRE HOLIDAY CLUB For children aged 2-8 years



**We are open between 8am – 6pm
throughout the summer holidays
£1.50 per ½ hour**

Phone or just call in 01978 710688

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

In 1897 - - -

Overton celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 in style. The Wrexham Advertiser for the time writes -

"Proceedings commenced with an excellent tea for the children followed by a knife and fork tea for the adult portion of the parishioners. Great credit for the success of the arrangements goes to the Misses Peel, Mrs Wybergh, Mrs Child, Miss Maude and their committee. The evening was spent in sports and dancing. Before departing for home the children were presented with toys by the Misses Peel and with medals by Mrs Maude."

"The ladies who had charge of the Jubilee festivities managed so economically that there is a balance left of £10. This will be used to erect a lamp over the door of the Cocoa House"

and it's still there,

although at present missing its Jubilee crown!

I wonder if someone in a hundred years time will read an old copy of the Oracle to see how we celebrated the 2012 Jubilee?



Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
Robyn Rehbock and
Charley Middleton



Hiya readers of the
kid's kolumn!!!

Are you looking forward to your summer hols!!!

As it's the Olympics coming up this month, we thought we should give you all the gossip on team GB so you can support our country!

Here are some athlete's personal profiles:

Tom Daley Beth Tweddle Rebecca Adlington



DOB: 21.05.1994
Born: Plymouth
Club: Plymouth
Diving
Coach: Andy Banks and Peng Li

Started diving at age of 7, specializing in 10m platform event. At age 14 represented GB at the 2008 Olympics, the youngest to compete in a final.



DOB: 01.04.1985
Born: Johannesburg
Club: City of L'pool
Gymnastics Club
Coach: Amanda Reddin

English gymnast, 3 x World Champion & 7 X British Champion, having won the title every year between 2001 and 2007.



DOB: 17.02.1989
Born: Mansfield
Club:
Nova Centurion
Coach: Bill Furniss

Swimming

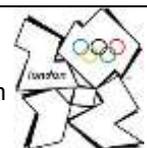
Awarded OBE by in New Years Honours of 2009. Came 3rd in the Sports Personality of the Year .

We have got a competition for you!!!!!!!

In the theme of the Olympics, you can to design your very own modern Olympic stadium and send it to the address below.

It can be sketched as 2D or 3D but please can it just be on a piece of paper without sticking anything on. The rules are that it has to be your own individual work, you can't print anything off the internet, and it has to be your own drawing.

On the back of your A4 piece of paper, please write your full name, address, and contact number so we can tell you if you've won. We will announce the winners for everyone to see in August's edition of the Oracle. Entries can be given from 13th. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes so get your entry in on time!!!!!!! Send to this address: 3 Springfield Park, Overton, Wrexham LL13 0EX



Overton bell ringers will join the national event of bell ringing to celebrate the start of the Olympics on July 27th. They also took part in the Jubilee bellringing on June 4th. The latest recruit is 15 years old, but anyone of any age is most welcome to join.



Best Decorated in the Village

The Overton Oracle congratulates the whole village on entering into the spirit of the Jubilee. Comments were received from far and wide on how wonderful it was to drive through the village streets. The combination of the banners, the decorated houses and businesses combined with the Royal Scarecrow competition created a fantastic festive image.

It was extremely hard to decide on the eventual winners but the Best Dressed Business was Woodlands Deli.



And the Best Dressed Houses were

1. 16 Maelor Court
2. 4 Millwood Rise
3. Pili Pala Childminding

Congratulations to everyone and more pictures on the Oracle page of the village website.



School News

At the end of this academic year, staff, pupils and parents from Saint Mary's School will all be saying goodbye to Mr Daniel Richards.

During the past eight years, Mr Richards has worked at the school and is a well thought of and popular member of the teaching staff. He will be greatly missed, although everybody who knows Mr Richards are also very excited for him as he has decided to accept a teaching position as a class teacher at ABC, International School in Vietnam. Everybody associated with the School would like to wish him all the best as he embarks on the next exciting stage of his career.

Medical Practise

Doctor Fallows and baby daughter Lucy are doing quite well and we hope to see them both visiting the surgery in the near future.

There has been some concern of late with regard to patients being given medical information from a non clinical member of staff, Given the immense volume of their workload, it is not always possible for a Doctor to contact every patient concerning routine test results. This task is often delegated to a Medical Secretary acting upon precise instructions from a Doctor. It is to be hoped that patients understand that this should not be seen as being dismissive of the patient's illness, merely an efficient use of the Doctor's time.

Free Dance Classes



12 WEEK COURSE

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Learn all the TV's Strictly Dances and more at

"STRICTLY DANCING"

AT PENLEY RAINBOW CENTRE

Weekly starting 26th July 2012

Over 50's class 7pm till 8pm

Adult (16 – 50) class 8pm till 9pm

with Denise Sides

Experienced professional dance teacher, IDTA, UKA and
LDTA qualified CRB Checked / First Aider

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL Jane on **01948 830730**

Notice of Co-Option

Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL intends to Co-opt **2** members to fill the vacancies that exist in the office of Councillor for the Overton Community following insufficient nominations at the Elections held on 3rd May 2012.

Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council. You must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or a European Union citizen and be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Registered as a local government elector for the area named above;
- or during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above;
- or your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above;
- or you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the community or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seats or want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact the Proper Officer,

Clerk to the Community Council on/at **Overton Village Hall, Penyllan Street, Overton, LL13 0EX,**
telephone 01978 710 055 by Friday 6th July 2012.

W e l c o m e t o o u r F r e n c h v i s i t o r



Didn't the village look marvellous for the jubilee weekend? The banners, first flown in 1992 for the visit of the Queen, added an appropriately festive and joyful touch. The Twinning Association would like to thank all those who added scarecrows to the scene, one or two of them could have given any unsuspecting revellers a bit of a fright!

There are commemorative medals for the three best scarecrows as follows:

First: Park View's Queen on Wrexham Road. **Second:** Salop Road's Queen Victoria. **Third:** Sex Pistols at The Brow, Wrexham Road.

The medals will be presented at our Cake Stall at the Village Fete on 30th June. Listen for the announcement.



This August there will not be a group coming from La Murette. Instead, Maryse Calame-Schmidt, the Chair of COJOM, the Twinning group will be spending the last week of July with us. She is an English teacher and speaks very good English so if you see us wandering around the village do come and help her to practise! It will be Maryse's first time in Overton so we are looking forward to showing her the sights.

If you have ever thought it might be interesting to be part of our exchanges with La Murette come and see us at the Fete and get the answers to those questions you always wanted to ask. Everyone who lives within the Parish (not just the village itself) is eligible. There is no joining fee; everyone is very friendly and welcoming. If you have children who may be about to start learning French or perhaps have already started, involvement in the Twinning and meeting real live French people could be just what's needed to give that extra motivation. We run events throughout the year. Keep an eye on the Forthcoming events in the Oracle to find out what we're up to. Phone Georgina on 710486 or Catherine on 710322 **More colour photos on website**

I n m e m o r y o f O l w e n

Olwen Barclay née Hughes was born in Overton in 1929. She attended Overton VP school, passed the 11+ and went on to Grove Park Grammar School. After she left school she cycled in all weathers to her job at the Manweb Offices in Rhostyllen. She met her husband Sid Barclay at one of the Village Hall dances and they wrote to each other when he was away in the Forces and married in 1953.

About 1960 the couple moved to Criftings and had 3 daughters and subsequently 9 grandchildren. Olwen was an ardent fan of the Oracle and kept up with Overton news, even managing to get in touch with an old school friend now in Canada via the Oracle.

Olwen was very involved in Criftings village life, being school secretary, church warden, active in many organisations and last year being presented with an award for services to the community. Her family were amazed by how many people attended her funeral, so many people showing their respect for a lovely person I am proud to call my sister. *From Myra Worthington*



V i l l a g e s p i r i t

It is when your back's against the wall that the true village spirit shows through. When the Jubilee celebrations looked like the weather was going to do it's dirtiest, to the rescue came the village people (not the band from the 70's) but Tom and Debbie Jones. Despite the weather they erected large gazebos to cover the White Horse garden so that the Street party could go ahead. They then engaged the help of Andrew & Brian Malam who weighed in with some large marquees. Steve and Jane at the White Horse would like to thank them all for the true village spirit they demonstrated that allowed over 100 people to enjoy a street party to remember. On behalf of all those who attended our Street Party thank you Tom, Debbie, Andrew and Brian. Thank you also to Les Jennison who loaned the Gazebos.

D i a m o n d J u b i l e e
S o u v e n i r C o i n

There is still an opportunity to order a permanent reminder of this years historic event. Overton British Legion are selling a Queen's Diamond Jubilee souvenir coin. The coin is being sold to schools, WIs and British Legions across the country.

Ideal as a present for children and grandchildren these attractive high quality nickel-plated coins come in a black medal case and are available for only £8.00 each. If you are interested please contact Jean Williams on 710423 by 31st July at the latest to order your coin.



T h a n k y o u

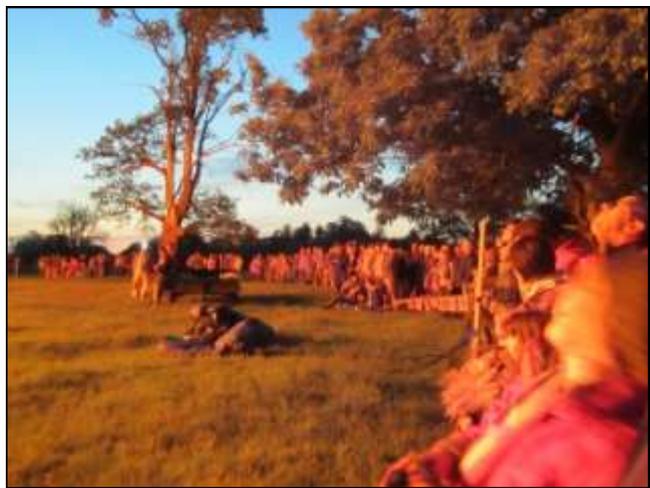
We would like to thank those people who turned out on a very wet day, to support Blue Crosses "Paws for Tea" on the 6th June. Also to those who helped, donated raffle prizes and gave donations. A cheque for £80.00 has been sent to the Blue Cross. *G. Austin*

O v e r t o n J u l y C r i c k e t F i x t u r e s

- 8th Frankton (SUNDAY) Away
- 14th Newport - Home
- 21st Hinstock - Away
- 28th Guilsfield - Away



Overton's Official Jubilee Beacon - lit at 10.10pm June 4th 2012



Jubilee decorated houses



Jubilee decorated businesses



Congratulations to all those who made the wonderful Royal scarecrows



WHAT'S ON

July Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday July 1st 10:00am Family Village Praise
Sunday July 8th 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 15th 10:00am Family Communion
Sunday July 22nd 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 29th 10.00am Group Communion at Erbistock

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

Saturday July 7th 2pm Garden fete at Holly Cottage, Knolton Bryn in aid of Methodist Chapel funds

Saturday July 7th 11.30am to 4pm Companion Dog Show & Fun Day at the Maelor School

Monday July 9th 10.30am Overton British Legion will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

Tuesday July 10th 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public may speak between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

Wednesday July 11th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday July 19th 7.30pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker: Jenny O'Leary on "Tie Dyeing"

Monday July 30th 6pm Practice Patient Participation Group meeting at the Surgery. All welcome

For Sale

WI Produce & Handicraft Show

The Show is on Saturday September 1st in the Village Hall. This year the open classes will be **Photography** Subject 'Churches' Size 6"x 4" or 7"x 5" mounted on card no larger than 8"x 6" and **Doorstop** in any medium (wood, metal, sewing, knitting etc) Base no larger than 9"x 9".

The May prize for the 'Friends of St Marys' 100 Club Draw was won by Barbara & Gwyn James

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Emily Simon & Ryan Evans on the birth of Tristan Noah, a first grandchild for Russell & Davina Simon & a first great grandchild for Clarence and Anne Rogers.

Congratulations to Melaina Bell and Sam Hassall on their marriage that took place on June 22nd.

Congratulations to Luke Pritchard and Angela Hunt on their marriage that took place on June 23rd.

Congratulations to Jonny Bell and Janene Davies for their forthcoming marriage on July 28th.

Happy July Birthdays to Alice Foster, Philippa Whitley, Jasmine Grindley, Dave (coal) Jones, Miranda Austin, Matthew Lawrenson, Colin Davies, Mike Pritchard, Paul Edwards and Davina Pritchard.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Linda Povah who passed away after a short illness.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mike Wynne who lost his son Andrew (Fred) Wynne very suddenly.

Thank you

Mike, John, Sam, Ruth and Alice would like to express their sincere thanks for the support shown to the family by the people of Overton on the sad loss of Andrew (Fred) Wynne. It would be impossible to thank each and every person individually but heartfelt thanks from the family go out to the people of Overton at this sad time.

Mike Wynne and family.

For Donation

Wanted - a good home for a **Wooden children's playshed** which my kids have grown out of.

It is approx 3m x 3m and has a small upstairs and a veranda. It needs a new felt roof, re-painting and a bit of restoration in certain places but otherwise in pretty good nick. I don't want any money for it but I'm sure someone in the village would be able to make good use out of it.

It needs dismantling and the first person to pledge £50 for an Overton based charity (School PTA, Scouts or Cubs, Church etc) can have it.

Anyone interested contact Andy on 07785 340731.

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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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