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Overton's longest serving councillor retires



After 36 years as a Community Councillor for Overton, former Chairman, Josie Ralphs bid farewell to the Community Council she has served on since it was first set up in 1974 following the local government reorganisation.

Josie has served on many of the Council's committees, chairing many of them at one time or another. Her sterling work over the last 36 years has been of great help to the community she has lived in, as she said "For a very long time!"

A bouquet of flowers was presented to her by new incoming Chairman, Councillor Jacky Maskall at the council's AGM on Tuesday 13th May. Councillor Maskall acknowledged Councillor Ralphs huge contribution and that her wisdom would be much missed.

Councillor Maskall also thanked outgoing Chairman Joanne Kember who had led the OCC for the last two years and welcomed Councillor David Burton as the new Vice Chairman.

Football Club Reunion

by Dave Austin

The Reunion of the Overton Football Club was held in the White Horse to celebrate its formation 40 years ago. Prior to 1970 many of the lads in the village were travelling each Saturday to play for different teams in the area. It was Paul Stant's dad who said why don't we start a team of our own. When it was mentioned to Major McNally he said if we went ahead he would buy the first kit.

To start the funds going each member and player donated 2/6d a week to the club and over the next few years we held very successful fancy dress dances, pram races to Ellesmere and back (having a half a pint of beer in every pub in Ellesmere), and a thriving hundred club. See Page 7 for pictures of the pram race!

In the 1970s the club joined the Whitchurch league, and we rewrote the record book of the Welsh National League being the 1st team ever to score 100 goals before Christmas and amass 199 goals by the end of the season, averaging 6-1 wins every game. I think the record of 243 league and cup goals in one season still stands. Over the next few years we enjoyed even more success.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Lynn Evans who washed all the kit, made the teas and gave so much support. Many thanks to everyone who took time out to join the reunion on 14th May and in doing so making it an enjoyable and very successful night. Also a big thanks to Pam and Keith for providing the music and Steve, Jane and Staff at the White Horse.



L-R Olive Roberts, Mrs Evans, Dave Austin



L-R Gareth Edwards, Paul Stant, Dave Austin, Ricky Davies, Derek Edwards and Keith Fowles



L-R Simon Edwards, Alex Williams, Andy Roberts, Keith Roberts & Nigel Denton

Wrexham Local Development Plan

Wrexham Council is preparing a Local Development Plan to guide development in the County Borough until 2021. A consultation period starts on June 4th until July 16th 2010. A drop-in session has been arranged for Thursday 10th June from 10 am to 8 pm in the Parish Rooms at Overton Village Hall.

You will be able to view the plan and make representations to the Council. Staff from Wrexham planning department will be on hand to help you understand the plan and Overton Community Councillors will be available to help you make representations. You can also view the plan online at www.wrexham.gov.uk.

Lunch Club

The next Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday June 9th at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be ham, leek and chicken pie followed by lemon tart.

To book a seat please ring
Gwynneth Austin

British Legion

Thank you to all who helped and supported the British Legion at their coffee morning on Saturday 15th May.

Approx £250 was raised which will go to the British Legion Benevolent Fund to be used to support the families of those who have lost their lives in conflicts since World War II and to help and support those who have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you feel that you can support our work we are looking for new members whether you have been in the forces or not. Contact Gerry Owen on 710792.

Overton's Gold Award

Overton has its own "Gold Award" sausage producer on its door step. The small family run business started by Mike Ford has moved into the village. You can pop down and put your monthly orders in at Fairleigh, Station Road, Overton or by tel. 01978 710006.

Mike is trying to get a greater understanding of where everyday food such as sausages and bacon come from, and how animal welfare plays a prominent part in all of this. He is trying to encourage children to get out more and have increased integration between the local communities and agriculture.

Very soon Mike will be doing small tours with the aid of family and friends around the pigs, and possibly holding school visits which will be finished off with either a sausage / bacon sandwich from his rare breed of pigs. Contact Mike for further details, he would also be interested in what you think!!!

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Please bring as much as you can, and everyone is welcome to buy, buy, buy!

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History Group

The next History Group meeting will be Tuesday June 15th upstairs in the White Horse at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be checking notes made at the last meeting on Penyllan Street and recording memories of Turning Street and Bangor Road. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday



Overton Women's Institute recently celebrated the 85th anniversary of its inauguration with a Birthday Lunch held at Plas Warren. Members enjoyed a very pleasant meal with all our members and some partners too -- good food, good wine, and good company.

The WIs 85th birthday cake is shown in the photo with the youngest and oldest members, Catherine Starkey and Betty Williams.



Ramblings From the Rectory

by David Lewis



Dear friends,

A devout Muslim carries his prayer mat around with him and prays a fixed number of times each day. At the fixed times he will unroll his mat and turn to God, a wonderful way of keeping constantly in touch with his creator as he goes through the day and through life.

When we were on holiday in Northern Cyprus last year, you could but not admire the dedication many Muslim people showed to their faith. From the mosque you would hear the call to prayer and it was very powerful.

However there was a certain Muslim who had great anger in his heart. He was in hot pursuit of a man whom he wanted to kill. He had a dagger and was intent on murder. Suddenly the call to prayer rang out from the mosque. The man stopped for a moment, rushed his prayers and then continued on with his murderous chase.

The prayer was part of his daily ritual, but sadly he did not let it touch his heart.

That story is relevant not only to the Muslim community but to the Christian community as well. For those of us who go regularly to church, it is so easy to fall into the routine of going to church, saying the set prayers, having communion and not let it really touch your heart or daily life. In our country as a whole, so many of us call ourselves Christian, and yet we hardly set foot in a church and never truly think of how our faith should affect our daily lives.

I have a lot of sympathy with the following quotation by Erasmus in 1516:

'Do not think that Christ is found in ceremonies, in doctrines kept after a fashion, and in constitutions of the church. Who is truly a Christian? Not he who is baptised or anointed or who attends church. It is rather the person who has embraced Christ in the innermost feelings of his heart and who follows him by his holy deeds'

In other words just saying prayers, going to church, repeating set words in a liturgy, does not make you a Christian. It is having a personal relationship with Jesus, and accepting him into our hearts, that is the crunch of what a Christian is. Truly knowing the lord Jesus will make the prayers and services of the church truly come alive, because we actually believe what we say and try to put it into practice day by day.

C.H Spurgeon, an English Baptist preacher in the 1800's said this:

*"Little faith will bring your souls to Heaven,
But great faith will bring heaven to your souls."*

May we know the joy and hope of knowing Jesus for ourselves and may that knowledge bring heaven to our souls.

Your Friend and Rector
David

COUNTRY BEAT

by Constable Stephen Evans

Hello again,

Having been in post now for a full 4 months I have carried out a quick review of criminal offences which have been reported during the period 1st of January 2010 up to the 1st of May 2010.



We have had a range of offences reported from criminal damage to theft. Although this figure is still too high in my eyes, when you compare it to the same period last year when there were 14 offences reported, it shows a reduction of about 30%. I believe this is due to a number of reasons. I think we are being more responsible for our own property, taking up security measures etc and also being more vigilant. Thank you.

Overton still suffers from anti-social incidents which range from problems caused by youths to nuisance driving. We are actively trying to combat these problems and would encourage residents to report any problems they encounter.

Over the next couple of months we are going to pursue a number of initiatives which we have planned for the community of Overton. This will hopefully make your local police team even more accessible. If anybody would like to be involved in the way we carry out our duties then please get in touch. We are always open to suggestions.

On behalf of the Overton neighbourhood policing team may I thank you for your continuing support and as ever if you have any concerns then please contact us. Thank you,

Steve - PC 1885.

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jemma.white@nthwales.pnn.police.uk or be-than.large@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

To see the Queen

Mervyn & Diane Rodenhurst from Church Road were invited with their Morris Post Office van to be part of the display of classic vehicles that greeted the Queen and Prince Philip on their arrival in Llandudno in April.

Diane said the Queen was a vision in pink and waved to everyone from the windows of Venue Cymru.



Overton on Dee Speed Campaign

Calling all young budding 5 to 18 yr old artists,
Here is a competition to design a poster which
can be displayed along our roads in the village.
The theme of the poster is

Slow Down in our Village

The poster must not be larger than A3 in size,
and the competition will be judged by Susan
Jones MP at the village fete on 26 June. En-
tries must be received by 21 June 2010. Hand
your entry in at The Corner Shop.

Winners will receive a small prize.

Overton Playgroup

If you have walked passed the Playgroup recently
you will have seen great changes happening to the
outside! After much fundraising the Outdoor Space
Project has finally come to fruition! The grand open-
ing on the afternoon on Sunday May 23rd saw fun-
ders, families, close local residents, past and pre-
sent committee and many who have helped the pro-
ject to reach this stage, gather together to cele-
brate!

The children love the road, the outdoor musical in-
struments, the water features as well as listening to
stories in the outdoor story circle. The outdoor cover
gives greater flexibility in the use of space in all
weathers! Many thanks to our funders - AVOW and
the Wrexham Rural Project, plus the Dame Jeffries
fund and thanks as well to all of you that helped to
raise matched funding. Our next project is in the
pipeline so watch this space.....!! Talking of which
here's how to help us with our next fundraising ini-
tiative!

- **Bags4School** - End Of June - get those bags
to us full of unwanted clothes, soft furnishings,
handbags, shoes! Yes it's that time of year
again - sort out those wardrobes and help us to
fundraise for the children! We will collect and
store them for you so do phone us 710688 and
leave details - or bring the bags to playgroup!
- **Open Day** - July 8th - Come and see us in ac-
tion! Talk to the staff and committee members!
It will be lovely to see you!
- **Holiday Club** - don't forget that during the
school holidays we now take 0-8yrs old from
8am - 6pm Mondays to Fridays! Cost is £1.50
per half hour. If you've never used us before or
don't know where we are - give us a ring 01978
710041! We look forward to hearing from you!

And finally - don't miss our

- **Open Day** on 8th July - Come and see us in
action! Talk to the staff and committee mem-
bers! Details to follow in July Oracle.

Thanks in anticipation of all your support!

Kids Kolumn

written by
Alice Foster Lydia Biggs & Lottie Blake

Hey everyone, it's June which means it's
nearly Fathers Day.

Did you know?

Phronemophobia is a fear of thinking.

Lepidopterophobia is a fear of butterflies.

Phobophobia is a fear of fears.

Top 3 tips that you would never hear
your dad say:

- Here's a credit card and the keys to my new
car - GO CRAZY
- Your Mother and I are going away for the
weekend - you might want to consider throwing a
party.
- I noticed that all your friends have a
certain "up yours" attitude ... I like that.

Jokes:

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To get the daily mail.

Do you get it?

No

Neither do I, I get the Overton Oracle.

I knew a girl that was so stupid:

- She spent 20 minutes looking at the orange juice
box because it said 'concentrate.'
- When she heard that 90% of all crimes occur
around the home, she moved.
- When she missed the 44 bus, she took the 22 bus
twice instead.
- When she took you to the airport and saw a sign
that said 'Airport Left' she turned around and
went home.

Fathers Day Word Search

FATHER
JUNE
REWARD
KISS
SURPRISE
FRIEND
LISTENER
TEACHER
MAN
TIE
PAPA
WORKER
CARD
HAPPY
PARENT



FATHERS DAY, CARING, HELPER, JOB, REST
CUDDLE, DADDY, GARDENER, GENEROUS
HUG, PRESENT, READ

Three Peaks Challenge

Starting on Friday 23rd of July Darren Morris, Deputy Head Teacher plus three other intrepid explorers will attempt to conquer the three highest peaks in the three counties of Great Britain, Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England and Snowdon in Wales.

The challenge is to complete 3 peaks in 3 days, quite a feat when you consider this involves walking 26 miles and ascending 3400 metres, or 11,178 feet plus driving over 900 miles. Money raised through sponsorship will go to the children's diabetic department at the Maelor Hospital in Wrexham (Acute Children's Community Service Fund). If you would like to sponsor Darren please contact him or Cynthia Davies at St Mary's School before the end of term.

Village Hall AGM

The Overton Village Hall Management Committee and the Charity Trustees will hold their AGM on Monday 28th June at 7:30pm in the Parish Room.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to representatives from all the user groups and to anyone who would like to join the Management Committee.

The invitation extends to everyone who would be interested to be part of the day to day running of our Village Hall.

Family History Request?



Dear Editor, My Great Grandfather was Henry Milner Hughes who was the Chemist at the Chemist Shop in High Street, Overton from 1880 to 30 October 1883 when he died of TB aged only 27 years, leaving 2 young children and a widow who gave birth to their 4th daughter at 11:59 pm on the 24 December 1883.

I am interested to know from anyone who reads the Oracle if anyone knows

1) Where the burial plans for Peel Cemetery, Wrexham Road, Overton are now kept please. The burial register shows my Great Grand Father is buried at Peel Cemetery but I need to see the plans to locate the grave.

2) Does anyone have any copies of the 19th century editions of 'The Overton Parish Magazines'? I have found the editions for 1896 and 1897, bound in a red cardboard cover and containing local

news and local advertisements. I have scanned these two editions and I would like to scan the missing years and can then make the copies available for the library and local History Group. I often pass through Overton and could visit any holder of these magazines in their home and not rely on items being sent in the post etc.

If you can assist in any way please contact me at 3, Darnford Lane, Boley Park, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9RW or telephone me on 01543 268087 or e-mail me at derek@jonesrew.freeserve.co.uk I look forward to hearing from anyone who can help, before the above important local records are permanently lost or thrown out.

Many thanks,

Derek Jones

OVERTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Martine Zonca is the new partner at Overton Surgery. She has worked in practices around Chester, the Wirral and Ellesmere Port as a locum or salaried doctor. We have to say 'well done' to Zoë Scott and Brigitte Price, two of the District Nurses based here who ran the London Marathon. They have raised over £4,500 for the R.N.L.I. Their next venture is the Long Mynd in October which is a 24 hr hike, we'll tell you about that later in the year.

Can we please ask our patients to make sure they either park in the front car park or use the council car park to the rear with access through the gate to the front of the building. Parking on the main road causes problems with access and clear vision when exiting the car park. Parking very near to the pharmacy is irresponsible and causes problems for traffic travelling in both directions round the blind bend, so please make the village safer by using the car parks provided.

Fit Notes replaced Sick Notes from April 2010. Many of these notes fall outside our contract with the NHS and therefore you will be charged a small fee. We will still of course provide Fit Notes for 'bona fida' time off work through certified illness and for patients requesting letters in support of housing applications. Please do not make an appointment with a doctor if all you need is a form filling in. Bring the form into the surgery for us to register and then allow up to 20 working days for it to be completed.

WINE TASTING EVENING

Overton Amateur Dramatics and Overton Cricket Club are organising a joint venture, a Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday July 3rd at Overton Village Hall. Tickets £10

1970s FOOTBALL CLUB PRAM RACE



Do you recognise yourself?



WHAT'S ON

June Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday June 6th	11.30am Holy Eucharist
Tuesday June 8th	2.30pm St Mary's School Service in Church. All welcome
Sunday June 13th	11.00am Coffee & Sunday Praise
Sunday June 20th	11.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday June 27th	11.30am Family Eucharist
Sunday July 4th	11.30am Holy Eucharist

June Diary for Methodist Church Services

Sunday Evenings 6.30pm
Weekly coffee mornings every Saturday at the Methodist Chapel 10.30am till 12.00pm

Monday June 7th Cytun meeting 7.15 in Methodist School Room

Tuesday June 8th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

Wednesday June 9th 12.30pm Lunch Club at the White Horse. Ham, leek & chicken pie followed by lemon tart. Booking required

Thursday June 10th 10am-8pm Wrexham Local Development Plan public consultation in Parish Rooms

Saturday June 12th 7.00 – 11.30pm VILLEGEST II in the Village Hall. Live music with the Overtonians and the finest local bands. Tickets £10

Monday June 14th 7pm Traffic Calming meeting in the Parish Room

Tuesday June 15th 7.30pm History Group meeting upstairs at White Horse. All welcome

Thursday June 17th WI meeting in the Parish Room. Speakers: Eve Evans & Hilary Lewis with a "Cookery Demonstration" Competition 'An apron'

Sunday June 20th 6pm Village Songs of Praise at St Mary's

Saturday June 26th 2pm Overton Village Fete on the playing fields

Monday June 28th 7.30pm AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee and Charity Trustees in the Parish Room

Wednesday June 30th Maelor Music Society Summer Supper Evening

Saturday July 3rd Wine tasting evening at Overton Village Hall with Overton Amateur Dramatics and Overton Cricket Club. Tickets £10

Saturday July 3rd 1.30-5.30pm & 6.00-11.30pm The 6th Worthenbury Blues & Roots Festival Bowling Bank Farm, Worthenbury

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy June Birthdays to Marlene Williams, Katharine Crockford, Jill Burton, Sandra Jones, Jenny England, Ken Roberts, Bob Davies, Andrew Brookfield, Graham Manley, Olivia Phillips and to Millie Davies.
And belated birthday wishes to Maddie Rouse.

Sincere condolences to Dilys Parkinson, family and friends on the very sudden and sad loss of Ivor.

Tributes have been paid to the former head teacher of the Maelor School, Hugh Johnes who passed away aged 91. Mr Johnes was the first head teacher of the Maelor School from its opening in 1957. He then went on to be head teacher of Ysgol Dinas Bran in Llangollen and Penarth Grammar School.

T H A N K S

On behalf of St. Mary's Church, Keith and Joan Overthrow would like to say **"Thank you"** to everyone who supported the coffee morning held on Saturday May 8th.

The sum of £544 was raised for the Overton Senior Citizens Christmas party.

Once again, many thanks.

Dilys Parkinson and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for the many kind messages of sympathy received following their recent bereavement and the support given to Dilys during Ivor's time in hospital.

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