

The Overton Oracle



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Overton Village Fete



Saturday 25th June, 2.00pm

on the Playing Field

Attractions on the day



In the arena

Dancing with Dance Addiction

Gymnastics and Tumbling by

Abbey Road Acrobatics Display Team

Maelor School Orchestra

Tug of War for children (u7, u10 and u15)

By Special Invitation

Classic and Vintage Car Display



Also featuring

Local Clubs and Society Stalls, Police Display

Fire Brigade, Fun Fayre Attractions

Football Skills Games, Tombola Stalls

Bric a Brac, Skittles, Hand Made Crafts

Wine Tasting, Local Produce

Refreshments, Local Ice Cream

Hog Roast, Licensed Bar

New fundraising idea

When recently discussing kissing pigs (as you do) Peter Rosselli announced that he would be prepared to kiss one if at least £100 was raised for a good cause. So what better than a kiss on our own makeshift balcony raising money for Overton's "Party in the Park" on the day of the Royal Wedding.

People gave generously, £130 was raised, and Peter embraced the pig (nicknamed Kate and kindly lent by the Home Farm), then serenaded her round the lorry before giving her a heart-warming kiss on the snout. When asked about the experience later, Peter was heard to have muttered that he had kissed worse.

The pig was unavailable for any comment.



Serenading



The Kiss



and it made the pig smile.

Ramblings From the Rectory

by David Lewis



Dear friends,

You have probably been in a restaurant and asked, 'Can I warm up your coffee for you?' The cup may be half-full and cold after sitting on the table for a while. When she pours the new coffee in, she refills and warms up the cup. Life is a very stressful business and even the best of us at times can feel tired and worn out. It is the same with our spiritual lives. In June we celebrate Pentecost. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples with wind and fire. The Spirit transformed a group of frightened men into Apostles: people who were sent out to tell the Good News to the whole world. If we are open to God he will fill and refresh us with his Holy Spirit.

I read this inspirational story the other day. Mitsuo Fuchida was the pilot in charge of a squadron of 360 specially selected pilots. On Dec 7, 1941, his squadron bombed Pearl Harbour and he became one of the most highly decorated pilots in the Japanese air force, and the one most hated by the American forces. That included Jacob DeShazer, a young B-25 bomber pilot who longed for the day when he would be able to pay Japan back for what they had done.

One day that opportunity arose as DeShazer became a part of the very first bombing raids over Japan. But after dropping his bombs on the city of Nagoya, DeShazer lost his way in the heavy fog & was forced to bail out when his plane ran out of fuel. He was quickly taken prisoner, & for almost 2 years, DeShazer suffered from hunger, cold, dysentery, & watching his fellow prisoners die. And the more he experienced this treatment the deeper his hatred of the Japanese grew.

Then, in 1944, someone gave DeShazer a Bible. He started at Genesis and read on and on, barely sleeping. And by the time he had come to the Book of Romans he had surrendered his heart and life to Jesus as his Saviour and his Lord. Immediately Matthew 5:44 became a crucial challenge to him, "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Because of it DeShazer's attitude toward his Japanese guards began to change. His hostility evaporated & every morning he greeted them warmly. He prayed for them & sought to witness to them. Slowly their attitude toward him also changed & some of them even began bringing him extra food & supplies.

Finally, the war was over & DeShazer was free. Returning home he studied for the ministry & decided to return to Japan as a missionary. After establishing a church in Nagoya, the very city he had bombed, he wrote a pamphlet entitled, "I Was a Prisoner of the Japanese." It wasn't long until thousands of Japanese wanted to see & hear the man who could forgive & love his enemies. The transforming work of the Holy Spirit changed that young man's life, bringing love where before there was hatred.

God's spirit working in peoples lives can change and transform situations. Maybe you are spiritually cold and empty. Maybe you are finding it hard to forgive. It doesn't have to stay that way. Quit trying to live in your own power and strength. Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit right now! And you will know peace and love. That is the great message of Pentecost for each one of us.

Rainbow Befriending Project

As a small charity we are delighted to receive £493,875 from the Big Lottery Fund to set up the "Rainbow Befriending Project" and are really excited to get the project up and running.



We know that there are older people in the Sth Maelor community who are sat at home feeling isolated and in need of befriending. This funding will allow us to reach out into the wider community and provide a life line to those who are suffering due to ill health, bereavement or anxiety about their future. The Rainbow Befriending project will provide people in this situation with opportunities for companionship, the chance to develop a new relationship, and opportunities to participate in social activities; making a valued contribution to their lives.

The Penley Rainbow Centre has always been associated with day care within the community. This new befriending project will give us a real opportunity to outreach, extend our service offer, and improve the health and wellbeing of our older community.

Abie Tudor, Rainbow Centre Manager

Thank you



Gwynneth Austin and Cynthia Davies would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Dog Trust Tea Party.

Although we didn't have many, we raised £125.00 which we are quite sure will be very useful to the Dog Trust.



Craft Fair Overton Village Hall

Local handmade crafts,
food, gifts
and much more

4th June 2011

10am - 3pm Free Entry!!

Lunch Club



The May Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday June 8th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Ham, Turkey and Quiche Salad with new Potatoes followed by Fruit Salad and Cream. A guest singer and storyteller has been arranged for after lunch entertainment.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

What's a Mellista?

Overton Scouts entertained themselves and the crowd at the Party in the Park by designing and building a medieval ballista. Designed to fire melons they named it the MELLISTA. It was built from pioneering poles lashed expertly together by the scouts and using bungees to provide the catapult power.

The question was, how far could the Mellista fire a melon? The scouts asked partygoers to guess the distance – anything from one metre to over 136 metres at a cost of a pound. After a couple of practice firings of the Mellista, a honeydew melon was propelled all of 22 metres and the winning guess was made by Lyn Evison who won a £15 voucher for food in the White Horse.

A week later, the Scouts erected the Mellista one more time and managed to propel a football all of 38 metres, before dismantling it completely. We have no fear that the Scouts will pose any threat to any of the Welsh castles.



History Group

The May History Group meeting brought together lots of information, memories, photos and even a model engine of the rolling stock that once travelled the line from Wrexham to Overton from 1885 to 1962.

It is the coming of the railway that changed the name that many people call our village. The problem was that there are many Overtons around the country, and when the railway company's began to publish train timetables they needed to distinguish between them. So our Overton Station became known as Overton on Dee.

OVERTON ON DEE SIGNAL BOX

Kids Kolumn

Hey

Guys,
It's the fete this month; are you all excited we certainly are!!



June Jokes.

Q. How's your job at the banana company?

A. I keep slipping up.

Pupil: Miss - would you tell me off for something I didn't do

Teacher: No of course not

Pupil: Good because I didn't do my homework

School excuse notes:

- Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29,30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
- Please excuse Pedro from being absent yester-

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS



LAMB
LIZARD
ZOO
DOG

FROG
FARM
MOOSE
OWL



day. He had (diahre) (dyrea) (direathe) the runs.

Scarecrow Competition



The Twinning Association is organising a Scarecrow Competition and we need your help! Building a scarecrow is great fun. Have a look on the net for loads of great ideas to add to your own. There's even a video on how to build the basics. Google Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival. Top tip: use a "J cloth" type material decorators all-in-one suit and stuff it with straw (or scrunched-up newspaper) and you're halfway there

The Theme is France. Categories are as follows: Sport; Food; Art and Artists; Historical and La Murette/Scenes of French life. So start thinking about whether it's going to be Allo.Allo, Napoleon, the Can-Can, Cheval the rugby player, an accordion player, Raymond the Mayor from La Murette or anything else your imagination can come up with. We hope to display the finished scarecrows around the village. Now the boring stuff!:

- You can enter as an individual; young person or adult or as a group.
- Entry forms are available in the local businesses and the library. £1 per entry.
- Deadlines: entry forms in by 4th June; completion of scarecrow 18th June. But don't forget you can get on with your planning NOW!
- No scarecrow to be displayed without a Registration Number. Further details are on notices around the village or phone Georgina on 710486 or Cath on 710322

Another Royal Wedding

Well done to this wonderful entry for the Fancy Dress Competition at the Bryn-y-Pys Show on Saturday May 7th.

From left to right: Eliza Rosselli, Heath Rosselli, Felix Barlow, Archie Barlow and Paddy Barlow



From Here To Absurdity

Unfortunately, a scheduled performance in Overton Village Hall by *From Here To Absurdity* – a touring sketch show from the Edinburgh Fringe – had to be cancelled on the day of the show, the 7th May. This was due to a family bereavement suffered by one of the cast. *From Here To Absurdity* apologises for any disappointment or inconvenience and promises to be back at the Village Hall on Saturday 26th November."

Wrexham Carers Service, based at AVOW, will be holding a week of events to highlight and celebrate the dedication of Carers living in Wrexham County Borough from **13th - 17th June**. Look out for info stands in Queens Square on 13th & 16th June, & at Maelor Hospital on Friday 17th June. We will also have an information event at Maesgwyn Hall on Tuesday 14th June from 4pm- 7pm.

Medical News

As we have over 5600 patients, we are processing a very large numbers of prescription requests on a daily basis. As a result of the immense volume, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you give us 48 hours, i.e. 2 working days, to process your request, resolve any queries, print the prescription, allow time for review by a clinician and to obtain an authorising signature. You should allow the pharmacy a **FURTHER** 24 hours, i.e. one working day, to dispense the medication.

Samples handed into reception need to be received by 12:15pm at the very latest. Do not bring urine samples into the surgery during the afternoon unless expressly told to do so by the Doctor, as it is too late to send them off to the lab for testing.

As part of our continued effort to improve the care of our patients, we are taking part in the Welsh Clinical Communication Gateway (WCCG) initiative to electronically transmit some referrals directly to the Wrexham Maelor Hospital. The process has been operating in Scotland and Sth Wales for a couple of years and will be rolled out to other Nth Wales' hospitals and Medical Practices later this year. Benefits include improvements in patient safety, speed and the consistency of data being sent by all practices.

We have also joined the Individual Health Record (IHR) project. During this summer, all patients will receive a leaflet from the Local Health Board explaining that a summary of your medical records will be uploaded to a secure central computer that can be accessed by the Out of Hours service, (and at some point in the future, by A&E). When you need to attend the Out of Hours service, you will then be asked for permission to access a summary of your medical record to aid the clinicians in your treatment. More information to follow.

Thanks for a great party



Overton Party in the Park committee would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you who joined in the Royal Wedding celebrations and to our local businesses for their support. Without you the day would have been nothing.

Ego Xcentric provided the bungee run, Forecast marquees erected the beautiful main marquee, Matthew Pritchard made the maypole, Home Farm and Mike Ford provided their tasty sausages and The White Horse and The Oracle have supported us right from the beginning! St Mary's School, their pupils and Scout and Beaver groups must be thanked for creating the beautiful, unique bunting. We would like to thank them all.



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So many people were involved on the day also; too many to mention - but all your help was truly appreciated too. Adrian Lloyd and David Pugh, I can never thank you enough! On a personal note may I thank my committee who

joined together and worked tirelessly to create this very memorable day. Joanne, Angie, Jenna, Margaret, Rachel, Rafela and Harold, I salute you!

Till next time.....

Alice Murray



Editor: And on behalf of all to those who attended, thanks to the Party in the Park Committee for a wonderful event. And can we remind them - there's a Jubilee Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5th June 2012. Maybe ? ?

Last Tango in Overton Village Hall



Cynthia Davies, Roxanne Haynes, Alan Farley & Stephen Sorfleet

Overton Amdrams raised the roof with their two comedy productions 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' & 'Last Panto in Little Grimley'. The 2 one-act plays were directed by Alan Edwards and concerned the decline of the amateur dramatic society in Little Grimley. The pacy script and good timing highlighted the humour in the bureaucracy of committees. In order to increase attendance at their plays the cast decided that "sex sells". Director Gordon (Stephen Sorfleet) had written a play full of innuendo and leaked the fact that "sex" would feature highly in their next play to the village gossip, ensuring a packed house. Margaret (Cynthia Davies) was horrified that she would have to reveal more than usual. Her expression was priceless, and her wiggles at the end had the audience

bursting their sides! In the second play (same characters - different actors) the team were putting on a panto but couldn't agree times for rehearsal. Margaret (Cathy Eve) was injured on opening night but gamely performed on crutches leading to a hilarious climax with most of the cast in a tangled heap of pantomime horse, crutches and actors leaving Joyce (Sarah Hellingman) centre stage singing off-key. Great evening!



Catherine Eve, Mervyn Haynes, Sarah Hellingman & David Bennett

Playgroup News

A few dates for your diaries for this month. June 4th we are hosting a craft fair in the Village Hall. There will be lots of stalls selling local handmade crafts and giftware. Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Danielle via playgroup.

Holiday club will run from Tuesday 31st May - Friday 3rd June. We can accommodate children aged 2-8years from 8am - 6pm. Please call or speak to staff to book your place. Costs are £1.50 per half hour and £3.00 per hour. There will be lots of crafts, games, baking and all kinds of fun activities to keep your children entertained through the half term.

We are still collecting unwanted printer cartridges and mobile phones, either drop them at the library or into playgroup.

There has been a competition running in the Leader called 'Pounds for Playgroup'. Anyone who has any old copies of the Leader from the last couple of weeks, please cut out the tokens and leave either in the corner shop or again drop off at playgroup.

We will be having an 'open day' for all new starters. The date to be confirmed, look out for a poster at playgroup entrance.

The Playgroup Annual General Meeting will be held on 10th June at 7pm at the Playgroup. We need as many parents as possible to attend, so please come along.

Finally we would like to thank the parents on Bramblewood close who kindly donated furniture and equipment for our new office.

Garden help required

Could somebody please lend a hand with a bit of gardening at St Mary's School?

If you can offer a helping hand, please be aware you will need a C.R.B check. If you can help please get in touch with the school.

Tel: 710370

Thank you. Pat Clark.

WI Handicraft Show

The WI Handicraft Show will be held in conjunction with the Village Produce Show on

Saturday September 3rd 2011.

Everyone is welcome to enter the 2 OPEN CLASSES

1. A knitted 5" square in garter (plain) stitch

- a) Adults section
- b) Children (under 12)

2. A Photograph

- Subject - Water scene
- Size of photograph 6" x 4" or 7" x 5"
- Mounted on card no larger than 8" x 6"

Entries should be brought to the Village Hall on the day of the show 9am to 11am or contact Jean Hughes on 710388. Entries should not have been entered in a previous Overton WI Handicraft Show.

Vacancies

Part time Playgroup assistant wanted

Qualified or working towards a level 2 certificate. Must be flexible to work between 8am -6pm. 7 hours per week, with possibility to work more hours. Pay £6 per hour. Closing date for applications 10th June. Send applications to Overton Playgroup, The Play centre, School Lane, Overton, LL13 0ES. Any further enquires please contact Margaret Davies 01978 710688.

Enthusiastic and reliable person sought to run After School Club, Bangor-on-Dee. Starting immediately. 16 hours per week (negotiable). Must be qualified to NVQ 3 or equivalent. Assistant playworker also sought for 6 hours per week. Additional hours for both roles may be available with linked organization from September. To apply please forward cv and covering letter to BODsafterschool@gmail.com

ONE vacancy exists for a Co-opted Councillor for the Community of Overton. If you are interested in applying for this voluntary position, please send a short CV and a brief covering letter with your interests, hobbies, qualities etc. to Clerk of OCC, the Village Hall by 30th June or ring Katrina on 01978710055 with any queries.

WHAT'S ON**June Diary for St Mary's Services**

Thursday June 2nd 7.30pm Ascension Day Eucharist in Bettisfield

Sunday June 5th 11:30am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday June 7th 2.30pm St Mary's School Service in Church. All welcome

Sunday June 12th 11:00am Sunday Praise & coffee

Sunday June 19th 11:30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday June 26th 11:30am Family Eucharist

Sunday July 3rd 11:30am Holy Eucharist

Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings 6.30pm

Saturday coffee mornings at the Methodist Chapel 10.30am till 12.00pm

Saturday June 4th 10am - 3pm Craft Fair Overton Village Hall. Local handmade crafts, food, gifts and much more. Free Entry

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

Friday June 10th 7.00pm Playgroup Annual General Meeting will be held at the Playgroup.

Friday June 10th 7.30pm Overton Recreational Football Club Presentation Night present "An Evening with Kevin Ratcliffe" plus Comedian, at Overton Village Hall. Tickets £20 including hotpot supper.

Tuesday June 14th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 - 7.30pm.

Thursday June 16th 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker, Mr Islwyn Parry on "Amusing Incidents as a Teacher". Competition: A one-line Anecdote

Monday June 20th 7.30pm Overton Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting in the Parish Room

Monday June 20th Churches Together meeting in the Methodist Church

Saturday June 25th 2pm Overton Village Fete on the playing fields, Wrexham Road.

Monday June 27th 7.30pm Monthly meeting of the Overton Branch of the British Legion. in the Recreational Club, All welcome.

Wednesday June 29th Maelor Music Society Summer Supper Evening. For membership contact Bob Evers 01948 770633

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, Nicole Netzband and to Millie Davies.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Enid Rolfe on working at Overton pharmacy for 50 years! Enid started work on May 11th 1961 and it is the only place she has ever worked. Head Office of the Rowlands Pharmacy has presented her with a certificate as she is the only member of the whole company ever to achieve 50 years service.



A letter sent to the Oracle asks us to "say a big thank you to Enid for all the kindness and help she has shown us all, always with a friendly smile and word. **THANK YOU**".

And Enid will continue to do just that and she will still be working in the Overton pharmacy for 3 days a week.

Overton Village Hall

Management Committee and Trustees
Annual General Meeting .
Monday June 20th 2011 at 7:30pm
in the Village Hall Foyer.
All Welcome to attend.

For Sale

Wooden Farm Gate - 9 foot 6 inches wide. £25.

Tel. 01978 710246

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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