

The Overton Oracle



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Overton offers congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on her Diamond Jubilee

Saturday June 2nd 10.00am British Legion Jubilee Coffee Morning in Village Hall. 50p. Tea & coffee.

Sunday June 3rd from 3pm Street Party at the White Horse. All welcome.

MONDAY JUNE 4th - **Overton Scout Group's VILLAGE JUBILEE BEACON** on Bryn y Pys Park, Argoed Lane (by kind permission of Tim Rosselli) Parking in the Millennium Meadow, entrance from Village Lodge, Wrexham Road.

From 8.30pm - Bar by the White Horse and Hog Roast by Syd Hodgkins of Ellesmere, Teas & Coffees by Scouts. Also supported by Mike Evans Butchers and Woodlands Deli. Proceeds to Overton Scout Group & **Friends of St Mary's Church**. Official Lighting time for the Overton Beacon is 10.10pm.

Bring your own deckchair if you wish. Appropriate footwear recommended!

Tuesday June 5th Judging the Best Decorated House, and the Best Decorated Shop window or display.

And look out for all the "Royal Scarecrows", the Overton Scarecrow Festival is sponsored by the Twinning Association.

20 years since Overton's Royal Day



Who can believe it is 20 years since Her Majesty the Queen walked up Overton High Street! Every picture taken of her that day in Overton shows her smiling and the letters received after the visit say how much she enjoyed the visit.

"The Queen took enormous pleasure from her visit to Overton"

"It seemed like the whole population was involved in the events - the perfect reflection of village life in the late 20th century"

"The whole scene at Overton was brilliant and we are still astonished at the standard of the pageant. At the airport the Queen told me she had very much enjoyed the day but made particular reference to her visit to Overton."

The yew tree the Queen planted in the church yard that day is thriving and is now over 16 feet tall !



THE DEANERY QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE
at St Hilary's Church, Erbistock on Sunday June 3rd at 6.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Royal birthday wishes

Gertie Osborne of Parkside celebrated her 100th birthday with a tea party and sing-along with her friends at the bingo club on Parkside, all organised by Pat Edwards.



Birthday cards including one from the Queen, the Secretary of State for Pensions, the Secretary of State for Wales and the First Minister for Wales. Gertie Oliver was born at Bryn Hovah, and in 1933 married Tom Osborne, moving to the small holding next to Bryn Hovah. She moved to Parkside in 1999.

Gertie wishes to thank family, friends, neighbours, the Lunch Club and the Bingo Club who donated £200 in lieu of gifts - to be shared by MIND and the Rainbow Centres Memory Café.

Kids Kolumn

Hiya gang!

It's Jubilee time (and half-term!)

Here's some Jubilee brain-teasers

1. Who were the Queens parents?
2. Who was the Queen's great great grandmother?
3. What is the Queen's full name?
4. Who is the Queens husband?
5. How many children does she have?

Colour the Queen



Royal Word Search
Can you find the words in the word search below -



- Andrew
- Anne
- Catherine
- Charles
- Edward
- Elizabeth
- Harry
- Philip
- William



OVERTON ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE
Celebrate your village and Community!

Saturday 30th June

2pm to 5pm

on Overton Recreation & Football Field

Attractions: *Vintage Cars, Coconut Shy, Bouncy Ball, Bungee Run, Fair Rides, Football, Fire Engine, Police Cars, Speed Cage, Craft Stalls, BricaBrac, Bottle Stall/Tombola & more.*

Refreshments: *Licensed Bar, Hog Roast, Barbeque, Teas, Sweet and Cake Stalls.*

Entertainment: *Abbey Road Acro, Dance Addiction, St Mary's School Royal Jubilee Competition Winners Parade, Zumba.*

Enquiries for stall holders- show case your Club, Charity or Business! Contact Katrina Chalk on 710055 occ.clerk@btinternet.com

Overton marked Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee by erecting the Jubilee Pump (next to the Old Police Station) in 1887.

Do you know what object in Overton was put up to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 - it's still there!

Answer in next months Oracle

Two brothers from Overton have achieved high success in martial arts.

Frazer (12) and Alex (10) Kokic train with Ellesmere Tae Kwon-do Club enthusiasts and have now gained their black belts after grading at the Bristol Academy.



Ramblings From the Reverend by Rev'd David Child



Last month the theme for one of our Sunday Services was Friendship. Friendship the dictionary tells us is a relationship between friends, a friendly feeling or attitude. Friends care for one another and look out for each other. They're honest with each other, share sympathy and empathy with each other. They enjoy each other's company, they want what's best for each other and they trust each other.

When I was thinking how I could illustrate this I remembered what happened to me one night when I was working as a Junior Doctor in the Heart unit of Birmingham Children's hospital. I worked for the senior heart specialist, Dr Parsons. He was very much of the old school; his hair was white and balding, he wore half-moon spectacles, a pin-striped suit, a bow tie, a flower in his lapel and a white handkerchief in his pocket. You get the picture.

So it's night time and I'm on duty, I seem to be always on duty. I'm called out of bed in the middle of the night by Casualty. They have a little girl of 8. She has a severe heart defect, she's known to the unit, she's unlikely to live beyond her teens and now she's seriously ill. I tell them to send her to the unit, pull my pullover and trousers on over my pyjamas, grab my white coat and shuffle down to the ward in my slippers. It's the way you did things in those days – no shift system! The ward is in darkness apart from a little bed, lit by an angle poise lamp. And there's this little girl all alone with the night sister. Her parents weren't able to come with her. They have other children and no transport. So I talk to her, I examine her; I listen to her heart and her chest. She has pneumonia. I sort out her treatment with the night sister. And just as I'm about to go back to bed, this little girl calls me back. She asks me, 'Do you know Doctor Parsons?' 'Yes, you'll see him in the morning, he's my boss'. Her reply, I'll never forget, 'He's my friend'. And I go back to bed a much wiser doctor.

That little girl from one of the poorest parts of Birmingham counted one of the most eminent heart specialists in the country as her friend. Friendship, that's what made it possible for her to leave her parents in the middle of the night, to go in an ambulance, to be processed through casualty, to end up on a dark hospital ward. She knew her friend would see her through. A friend is someone you can trust, someone who you know will always be there for you. And that, to finish what I wanted to say, is why Jesus tells he is our friend. And he tells us he is our friend so that we can be friends with each other.

With every blessing,
David

COUNTRY BEAT by PCSO Stephen O'Connell



Hello All,
Crime in the village this past month has been very low with no serious crime reported. Whilst we would like to take credit for this; it is also down to everyone in the village looking after each other and letting us know of any suspicious people or cars. Let's keep crime in the village down by staying vigilant and letting your Local Policing Team know of anything suspicious.

Speeding has been an issue this past month. I have been approached by those with concerns on speeding in School Lane and Church Road in particular, plus along the High Street. Speed checks will be carried out in the coming weeks on various days so please be aware that if anyone is found breaking the speed limit, fixed penalty tickets may be issued.

Parking issues have also a concern particularly in the vicinity of St Mary's School at the beginning of school and home time. Parking is not allowed at any time on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school. In addition, please be mindful of parking on the corner of School Lane as continued parking along here is likely to cause an accident or the possibility of a child being knocked down and seriously injured. I would like to remind anyone taking their kids to school that there is a public car park less than five minutes down the road free to use by all people. I also encourage anyone who lives in the village and drives their child to school to please walk. We will be in attendance near the school to move on anyone who continues to park irresponsibly.

As always, please feel free to contact any of us at Overton by popping into the station or call 01978 348 425. You can also contact NWP on 0300 330 0101 or 101.

Many thanks,
PCSO Stephen O'Connell

June Recipe - Jubilee Cake!

Sponge	Filling
200g caster sugar	1 jar good quality raspberry jam
200g softened butter	300ml double cream
4 eggs beaten	2tbsp icing sugar
200g self raising flour (sifted)	½ tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp baking powder	200g blueberries
2 tbsp milk	

Pre heat oven to 190°C / 170°C fan, gas 5, and line 2 20cm cake tins. Place all ingredients in a bowl and beat until smooth. Divide between two tins. Bake for 20 mins until golden and springy to touch. Transfer to a wire rack to cool & spread one sponge with some raspberry jam. Whip cream with icing sugar & vanilla extract and spread on sponge. Scatter with blueberries. Spread underside of other cake with jam and place on top of blueberries. Dust top with icing sugar and wow them at your street party!!!

Thanks to Julie Done of Woodlands Deli

Singing Workshop

Through the wind, cold and rain they came. Brave souls bringing with them good humour, determined to enjoy a night of singing and relaxation. Kate soon warmed us up with seemingly silly exercises to loosen our vocal chords. Some of us can blow better raspberries than me! Then on to singing about "drunken sailors" and "sweet chariots" and the song that appealed to us all had the lyrics "Fill the room with joy and harmony". It is amazing how quickly we blended our voices into making a very acceptable sound.

Someone suggested we could be as good as The Military Wives Choir with a little more practice. Kate is so good at what she does, bringing out the best in us and is so encouraging. She has said she will come again next year and I hope to see you all there again, probably in March. We have been able to send Nightingale House Hospice a cheque for £252. Grateful thanks must go to, Kate who gave her time freely, to Jane and Steve of the White Horse who allowed us to use the room with no charge, and to M E Evans Butchers, Mick Pinder Corner Shop and to Richard Done, Woodlands Cafe and Delicatessen, for the raffle prizes they donated and to various others who gave raffle prizes. What a fun way to raise money for a worthwhile cause. Many thanks to one and all.

Village Hall Management Committee

The Trustees of the Village Hall Registered Charity cordially invite residents of Overton and representatives from all the user groups to attend the AGM on June 18th at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity to meet the individuals who work voluntarily to maintain the fabric of the building and upgrade and authorise repairs on an ongoing basis. The Trustees carry the responsibility for Health and Safety, licensing, insurances, Fire Regulations, heating & lighting, in fact ensuring the overall safety and comfort for the users of the premises. In addition there are specific roles for the Treasurer and the Secretary/Booking Clerk and the Chairperson. We have a caretaker who works on an hourly basis and who also is responsible for the cleaning and for opening the building for users and locking up after use. We now have 140 new chairs for everyone's comfort. Our thanks to those organisations and individuals who kindly donated towards the cost of the new chairs. We look forward to sharing our annual report and details of what has been achieved during the last year.

Medical Practice

The huge increase in postal charges will add £1,500 to the Practice's costs during the year, and we have found that the post has not always been as reliable as we would have wished. Therefore we would like your permission to be able to leave appropriate messages on answer phones. As ever, our major concern is for your Confidentiality, if there is a possibility that some other person in your household could access this message. Please contact reception if you are happy for us to leave messages on your answerphone.

The surgery will be closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June for the Bank Holiday and for the extended celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cover will be provided by the Out-of-Hours service on 0300 123 55 66.

We are pleased to announce that Dr Fallows gave birth to a baby daughter on Thursday 3rd May.

Playgroup News

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who took part in last month's recycling fundraiser: Bags 2 School. With your help we managed to raise a fantastic £240!

We have recently had our AGM and I would like to thank everyone for their support as I take on the role of Chair for a second year. Changes to the committee are as follows: Cora Suckley has stepped down as Treasurer and Claire Jowitt has taken the role on. Cora has very kindly stayed on as Vice to continue to offer her support to Claire. Sam Bateman has stepped down as Vice Fundraiser, Nicola Pimperell has taken this role on. I want to thank Cora and Sam for all the hard work and time they have so generously given to Playgroup over the years and for their continued support on the committee.

Julie Done has after many years, stepped down as one of our Trustees. Julie, can I offer a heartfelt thank you from all of us! We will of course need to appoint another Trustee, so if anyone is interested please contact me via Playgroup for further information.

Coming up in June:

Sponsored Walk to the Peak of Snowdon on 3rd June. All welcome to join in so please pick up a Sponsor Form from Playgroup or sponsor someone who is taking part. (See list on the notice board at the entrance)

We will be at Overton Fete on 30th June, so see you there!

Many thanks
Angie Atkins

Calling all Knitters of all Ages and Abilities

Whether you are an expert knitter of just keen to learn come along to the **NEW**

"Rainbow Knit and Natter" Group



**1st Wednesday of every month (Starting June 6th)
10am – 12pm**

**at the Penley Rainbow Centre, Penley
£1.50 for Tea/Coffee and Cake**

Knit something for our various chosen charities as well as helping to raise funds for the Penley Rainbow Centre through your knitting!!

Call 01948 830730 or just pop in.

More photos from 'Overton's Got Talent'



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Overton's Got Talent - & Heart

Overton certainly does have more talent, this time in the form of the magnificent performances by Eleanor McCusker and Kate Williams singing beautifully as well as Jonathan Vibhishanan playing a spine tingling Clair de Lune by Debussy and his sister, Sophie, and her Prelude in C by Bach. St Mary's School choir were spectacular as ever with their 'Rhythm of Life' and a new song, 'Let the Earth Resound' (thanks to the excellent conducting of Mr Williams and Mrs Jones as accompanist). There is also notable new talent emerging with Anna Karlakki, Alex Kokic and Alfie Macdonald-Brown taking part. Other performances included Helen Belton and Joanne Kember singing Rossini's Cat Duet (Meow!) and Cuckoo Dream on their debut performance. Nonna Woodward completed the tale of 'Albert'. Simon Rosselli came from London to cut up a member of the audience, make his head expand, then shrink, and other magic feats. The event ended with John Buttress playing Jerusalem. Thank you to all the performers for their effort. The event was held together by the wonderful compering of John McCusker and the positive comments of the Judges, Nonna Woodward, Peter Rosselli, Ruth Overthrow and Gary Wyn-Jones.

The event raised £750 for the Church thanks to generous donations as well as a raffle supported by prizes from every establishment in the village (how lucky are we living in Overton?). However, Mick in the Corner Shop also deserves a huge thanks for buying everything we needed at cost, ensuring as much went to support the Church as possible.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike Evans and Ben Roberts, Overton butchers who won 3 Gold and 5 Silver awards at the 2012 Welsh Excellence in Meat products Awards. Their chicken, leek and sweetcorn pie plus the hot and spicy "dragon egg" won a special mention.



School News

The Early Years Department of St. Mary's School has been on an investigative mission to St. Mary's Church in our village. The children explored the churchyard and the different parts of the church, eager and eagle-eyed with their spotting sheets. As part of our topic to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we have been learning about the Queen and the different jobs that she does and found out that she is in charge of our Church too. We spent time exploring but also had time for reflection where we developed a prayer that even thanked God for chocolate biscuits and jammy dodgers as well as for our family and friends.



Council News

At the Overton Community Council AGM on Tuesday 8th May the following councillors were returned, Edward Broad, David Burton, David Hughes, Joanne Kember, Rob Lawrenson, Peter Lynch, Jacqueline Maskall, Mike Minihane, and Lesley Pugh. Two vacancies remain.

David Burton was elected Chairman and Mike Minihane as Vice Chairman. The Council gave a vote of thanks for the hard work by the outgoing Chairman Jacky Maskall.

Notice is hereby given that **TWO** vacancies exists in the Office of Co-opted Councillor for the Community of **Overton**.

If you are interested in applying for this voluntary position, please send a short CV (½ a page long) & brief covering letter outlining your interests, hobbies and qualities that you feel would be suited to this role, to **Katrina Chalk, Clerk to OCC** Overton Village Hall, 5 Penyllan Street, Overton, Wrexham LL13 0EE Tel: 01978 710055. The closing date for applications is **Friday 8th June 2012**

Overton June Cricket Fixtures

- 2nd Church Aston - Away
- 9th Bridgnorth - Home
- 17th Wem (Sunday) - Away
- 23th Calverhall - Home
- 30th Whitchurch - Away



WHAT'S ON

June Diary for St Mary's Services

- Sunday June 3rd** 10:00am Family Communion
6.30pm Deanery Queen's Jubilee
Thanksgiving Service at Erbistock
- Sunday June 10th** 11:30am Holy Communion
- Sunday June 17th** 10:00am Family Village Praise
- Sunday June 24th** 11.30am Holy Communion
- Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings** 6.30pm
- Every Saturday** 10.00am till 12.00pm Coffee mornings
at the Methodist Chapel
- Saturday June 2nd** 10.30am British Legion Jubilee
Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
- Sunday June 3rd** 3.00pm White Horse "street party" in
the beer garden
- Monday June 4th from 8.30pm Hog Roast, bar and
LIGHTING THE OVERTON DIAMOND
JUBILEE BEACON at 10.10pm at Bryn y Pys**
- Wednesday June 6th** 2.00pm Annual Dogs Tea Party at
the Village Hall in aid of Blue Cross
- Monday June 11th** 10.30am Overton British Legion
will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli
- Tuesday June 12th** 7.30pm Overton Community Council
meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the
public may speak between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
- Tuesday June 12th** Doors open 6.30 for 7.00pm start
Bingo at Penley Rainbow Centre
- Wednesday June 13th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch
Club at the White Horse. Booking required
- Saturday June 16th** 7.30pm A Night of Hypnosis with
Dave Knight, at the Village Hall
- Monday June 18th** 7.30pm The Village Hall AGM in the
Parish Room followed by monthly meeting
- Thursday June 21st** Overton WI Visit to Stonyford
Cottage Garden. Competition: A Flower Brooch
- Saturday June 23rd** Madras VA School Summer Fair.
Parade thru village 11.30am Official opening 12
- Tuesday June 26th** from 1.30pm till 3pm. Meeting of
the Memory Café at Penley Rainbow Centre
- Wednesday June 27th** Maelor Music Society Summer
Supper Evening
- Saturday June 30th** 2– 5pm **OVERTON FETE**
Attractions, Refreshments & Entertainment

The April prize for the 'Friends of St Marys' 100 Club Draw was won and shared by Abigail, Sarah, Eliza, Pedro, and Heath Rosselli.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ian & Lin on the birth of their 1st baby, a girl, and a new granddaughter for Mary Perrin.

Happy June Birthdays to Marlene Williams, Katharine Crockford, Jill Burton, Sandra Jones, Jenny England, Ken Roberts, Andrew Brookfield, Graham Manley, Olivia Phillips, Nicole Netzband, Millie Davies and Bob Davies who is 65.

Belated Congratulations to Kayle Leech and Danny Rodgers on their recent engagement. Love from Granny Mary, Andrew and Amy Perrin.

Congratulations to Steve and Jane Dodwell on their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

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".

Thanks

St. Mary's Church would like to thank the good hearted people of Overton for supporting the "Overton's Got Talent" show and in addition the Saturday coffee morning which raised £430 which will be used for the Senior Citizens Christmas party.

For Sale

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wed. 13th June at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be a mixed meat salad platter buffet followed by cheese-cake & cream. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

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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