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Antique Overton

The keen-eyed and those interested in antiques may have spotted Overton on TV recently. The programme "Antiques Road Trip" featured local business "Rustixx" which is located at the farmyard at Home Farm, Wrexham Road. The programme feature pairs of antiques experts on a road trip around the UK searching for treasures and then competing to make the most money at auction

Antiques experts David Harper and Catherine Southon were pitted against each other in the bargain-hunting contest. In Episode 22 of Series 6 they visited Ruthin Gaol in Denbighshire and then travelled south to see one of Britain's oldest timber-framed churches at St Peter's, Molverley, on

the way stopping in Overton. Rustixx Country Furniture is run by Gary and Cindy Hughes.



Left
Catherine Southon drops off David at the Home Farm



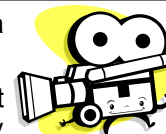
Right
David Harper with Gary and Cindy Hughes

Overton Film Club picks the winners



On a miserable winter's night in downtown Overton the monthly screening of a thoughtfully selected film offering from the Overton film club once again delivered.

This month's film 'ARGO' was screened here 3 weeks before its Oscar victory of "Best Picture". In 1979, six American officials managed to scramble out of the US embassy in Tehran, just as it was overrun by a pro-Ayatollah mob who brutally held the remaining personnel hostage: an ordeal for them and for Jimmy Carter, whose presidency bled to death in



the ensuing media furore. The 6 escapers holed up in secret at the Canadian ambassador's residence, and back at CIA headquarters, the crisis was handled by Mendez (played by Ben Affleck), the agency's top "exfil" guy – an expert in exfiltration, or getting Americans out of enemy territory.

Mendez is shown persuading his superiors to bankroll a crazy, but inspired scheme: he will fly into Iran with 7 fake Canadian passports – one for him and one each for his 6 compatriots – claiming to be a Canadian movie producer, scouting locations for a new sci-fi thriller called Argo – a Star Wars cheap imitation. The plan is that these terrified prisoners will then wander brazenly around with him and some Iranian culture ministry officials, posing as producers and cinematographers, pretending to size up the scenery through letterboxed fingers, and then they all go home together on a Swissair flight. I'll spare you the end – its gripping and well worth a watch.

This film plot and Star Wars could not be more different but there was one particularly comic moment when one of the hostages shows stills of the imaginary film Argo to the Iranian guards complete with improvised special effects that is identical to C3PO's storytelling to the Wookies. There are plenty more Star Wars parallels you could draw, good versus evil, for example, but I'll let you find them for yourselves. I can honestly say I've watched some very diverse films in the village hall including the suicidally depressing but very powerful, 'The Separation' and have enjoyed every one.

In January the Film Club showed BAFTA winner "The Imposter". And on **March 13th at 7.30pm** will be showing the Oscar Foreign Language Film winner, the beautiful and moving "Amour". You don't need to be a member and can pay on the door on the night to see the films.

Perhaps Overton Film Club deserves an Oscar for picking the winners!

from Sean Clarke

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



As far as the Church is concerned we're now in Lent. It's the time of year when we remember the '40 days and 40 nights' that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Why did he go into the wilderness? To give up chocolate? Well obviously no! It was to 'take time out' to work out his relationship with God, to work out how he could show people God and how they should lead their lives. So should he 'turn stones into bread' and become a brilliant charity worker and feed the hungry? Should he 'throw himself off a tower in Jerusalem', have a miraculous escape and become a celebrity? Or should he become a benign dictator and order people what to do. No! None of these would change the world. The only way he could show God, and begin to change the world was by serving others and by giving himself completely in their service.

And so he shows us how we can in our own small ways change the world. And if that seems impossible just think for a moment because there is one group of people who can and who do change our world - they're mothers. In the middle of Lent we celebrate Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day, this year on Sunday March 10th. A few years ago I learnt something that I never knew about my own mother. I was brought up in Llandysiliogogo, a cluster of small villages on the Cardiganshire coast where my father was vicar. The village school a few years ago celebrated its 150 years. They sent me a commemorative mug and a copy of their church newsletter. I was delighted to read that that little church perched on a cliff top overlooking the sea was flourishing and I wrote to support and encourage them. They kindly wrote back. My letter was read out in church and one of the ladies immediately showed her hymn book with my father's inscription. But when they reminisced after the service it was my mother they talked about and about one thing in particular that she did. There was a family in the village, 3 girls and a boy, the eldest girl in her early-teens. Their mother had died and their father was away in the Far East and would not return until the end of hostilities. They looked after themselves or rather the whole village looked after them - they were part of everyone's extended family. And they told me that my mother every Sunday after the evening service would give them all a good bath and put them to bed. She was mothering before she became a mother. She would have liked to be remembered for that. What would you like to be remembered for seventy years from now? With every blessing,
David

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Phil Jones



Hello again,
Well this has been a very enjoyable first month serving as the new PCSO for Overton. I have been very active in the community and have been getting used to the area; I was amazed at how large the area is as I cover Overton, Penley, Hanmer, Bettisfield and Horseman's Green. I have had the enjoyment of meeting residents in the area; I have also made myself known to the numerous youth clubs and attended council meetings.

My last report mentioned vehicles parking on double yellow lines; again I have had to ask a few drivers to move from outside the Pharmacy and also from on the Zigzag lines outside the school. The lines are there for a reason, please abide by them.

Dog fouling outside Dispensary Row has reduced, however, please report sightings to Contact Wrexham on 01978 298989 or myself on the contact details below.

You may have seen the Go Safe speed enforcement van parked on Salop Road. There have been substantial speeding offences with vehicles coming into the village and also exiting the village, please watch your speed as you will get caught. The van also records seat belt use as well as mobile phone use so be warned.

A year or so ago, after a rise in horse related crime I decided there was a need for a scheme to horse owners keep each other informed of losses and suspicious incidents happening at their stables. Horsecwatch also covers the issue of horses escaping from fields. This has been a nuisance lately and has resulted in the death of 1 horse on the A495 in Bronington. Please make sure all your fencing is secure and gates locked.

I initially launched Horsecwatch Wrexham as a pilot scheme through Facebook. A large amount of people signing up to the group, so I widened the area and renamed the site Horsecwatch North-Wales. I'm pleased to say the member list is over 1,300 with new members joining daily.

The coordinator, Helen Lacey, has done an amazing job. She has also become a NWP Volunteer and now has access to more information. Horsecwatch uses the OWL network which is free to sign up; alerts will be sent out to members when incidents happen.

Helen can be contacted on 07828 099340.

Right, it's time to get on my travels.

Many thanks

PCSO Phil Jones

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Keep donating!



The update on Jenny England's fundraising is that she has now raised £1,200! But still has quite a way to go to get to her target of £2,650.

At the end of June, Jenny is travelling to Africa with fellow students from Nottingham University to climb the tallest free-standing mountain on earth, Mount Kilimanjaro! The expedition is raising money for the charity "Hope for Children", which gives aid to poor, orphaned and exploited children all over the world, including the UK. If you would like to help Jenny and the charity, you can sponsor her and donate on the website

http://www.hopeheroes.org/jennifer_england

OVERTON ON DEE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Coffee Morning



at Overton Village Hall

on 10.30am Saturday 2nd March 2013

Various Stalls, Draw

Tickets 50p

WANTED

Volunteers are most welcome to join the Oracle Editorial Committee. It involves a couple of hours one evening a month for the meeting with some proof reading and a good giggle. And a eye/ear for what's going on in the village! Leave your name in Oracle envelope at the Corner Shop or email [overtonora-](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com)

Missing houses in Overton?

Do you know of any household in the parish of Overton who does not get the Oracle delivered?

Our wonderful team of volunteer distributors walk the streets and lanes to deliver to your door - to some 640 doors! But the recently published figures from the 2011 census tell us that there are 675 households in the parish!

If you know where any of the missing 35 are - do let us know! Email overtonoracle@gmail.com or leave a note in the Oracle envelope in the Corner Shop.



Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 13th March at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Chicken Casserole followed by Lemon Tart and Cream

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
Robyn Rehbock and
Charley Middleton



Hello everybody!!!! This month we have got St David's Day, Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter....enjoy!!!

March 1st St Davids Day

St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He founded a Celtic community where St. David's Cathedral stands now. St. David died with his monks on 1st March 588.



March 10th Mothers Day

Mother's Day is always on the 4th Sunday of Lent and is when people returned to their



Mother Church. This meant that servants were given the day off and would meet their families and their mothers there. They would pick flowers from the hedgerows on the way to give as a thank you for all she had done for them. Don't forget this day - make sure your Mum has a great time!

March 17th St Patrick's Day

Can you find all the St. Patricks Day themed words in this word search?

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Clover,
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chauns,
Lucky,
Rain-
bow,
Sham-
rock.

Easter is coming Will the bunny visit you? Remember to be thankful for everything you get and remind yourself of the reasons we have Easter.

And enjoy your chocolate!

Here are some eggcellent jokes-try and crack up your friends!



- Q. How did the eggs leave the high way??
A. They used the eggs-it!!
- Q. Why didn't the egg cross the road??
A. He wasn't a chicken yet!!
- Q. How do you tell which rabbits are the old ones??
A. Look for the grey hares!!
- Q. Why is Easter like whipped cream and cherry??
A. Because it's always on a sundae!!
- Q. What day does an egg hate most??
A. Fry-Days!!

AMBIWLANS AWYR CYMRU WALES AIR AMBULANCE



A charity quiz night held at the White Horse Inn in Overton has raised over £75 for the Wales Air Ambulance charity. The cash donation was handed over to Wales Air Ambulance fundraiser Anna Evans who said she was delighted by the kind gesture.

"The charity needs to raise £6million every year in Wales to keep our 3 air ambulance helicopters flying and saving lives, and every donation we receive is extremely important and valuable," she said. The quiz was organised by pub landlord Steve Dodwell, just before Christmas and those who took part decided to donate the proceeds to Wales Air Ambulance. More charity quizzes are being planned by Steve and Jane for the coming year.



Meanwhile, the charity is also appealing for volunteers in the Overton area to help promote and help organise fundraising events in the village and surrounding areas. "We would love to set up a fundraising group in Overton," said Anna.

"We have a fundraising office in Wrexham and a very successful charity shop in Wrexham but we do need more volunteers to keep the fundraising going. We receive no funding from the government or the National Lottery, so we rely entirely upon public donations to make sure our helicopters can keep responding to 999 emergency calls across Wales. "We need as much community support as possible and would be delighted to hear from anyone in the Overton area who is willing to help us."

Steve and Jane have agreed to support any potential volunteer or fundraising group by giving them a meeting room at the pub, free of charge. To get in touch with the local Wales Air Ambulance fundraising office, please visit the team at 57 Regent Street, (opposite the Royal Mail sorting office) or call them on 01978 799088.

Playgroup News

This month's fundraisers and events will begin with 'bag packing' at Tesco in Ellesmere on Sat 2nd March. It's all hands on deck to get as many people manning the tills as possible, the more helpers we have the more money we can raise. If anyone can spare an hour or two that day please let us know!!! On Sat 16th March we will have our annual Easter Party at the Playcentre. Children up to the age of 8 are welcome to come and join in the fun. Look out for posters for more details.

Thanks to the committee and staff who have tirelessly fundraised we are planning to erect a fence along the playcentre playground. It will not only create a safer environment for the children it will also enhance the outside area by creating a colourful display area and outside chalk board for the children to let their creative imaginations go wild.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 11th April, 7-9pm White Horse function room. The Playcentre is a charitable organisation and therefore we are non-profitable. As such we can keep our fees to a minimum. We need parents of children attending the playcentre and toddler group to come along to the AGM in order for us to meet the criteria of the charity commission. So please try your best to come along!

The Big Lunch 2013

The 5th annual Big Lunch will take place on **Sunday 2nd June 2013**. The Big Lunch is a one day get-together for neighbours and communities, funded by the Big Lottery Fund and run by the Eden Project. The idea is to get as many people as possible across the UK to have lunch with their neighbours, for a few hours of community, friendship and fun.

Last years Big Lunch was on the Sunday of the Jubilee Weekend - and some of us in Overton got rather wet! Big Lunches come in all shapes and sizes and your event can take place in the street, garden, local park or community venue – just about anywhere you can get together with your neighbours. And it doesn't have to cost the earth. If everyone brings a dish or some decorations and activities, you have yourself a Big Lunch!

Fancy getting involved? Sign up for a **FREE Big Lunch pack**, full of information, hints, tips and resources to help you get started. Just visit www.thebiglunch.com or call 0845 850 8181. And let the Overton Oracle know what you have planned!

Free Trees!!

Free trees are available for school, community or youth groups to plant this Autumn. Information is available on the Woodland Trust's website or email communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk

A tasty evening

Overton WI held a most successful Open Evening in February. Some 70 ladies attending the cookery demonstration in the Village Hall given by Sue Bradley, Chairman of the Shropshire Federation of W.I.'s.

Sue demonstrated three starters and three puddings which were sampled afterwards. Then homemade refreshments, courtesy of Overton W.I. were enjoyed by the ladies.



What's On at the Rainbow

Rainbow Lunch & Learn is on **Thursday March 7th**. The activity is 'How to research your Family History'. Booking essential. Ring Jane on 01948 830730.

Darts, Dominoes and Decks (other games included) & lunch, is on **Tuesday March 19th** 10.30 – 2.30pm £10 for 2 courses & coffee. Booking essential. Ring Jane on 01948 830730.

New Craft group on **Wednesdays 6th & 20th March** 10am – 12pm. Bring along your own craft work or start something new!!

Nordic Walking every Monday and Friday at 10.00am. Ring Rebecca 01948 830730

Medical Practice

Lisa Jones-Tattum, a District Nurse, has just joined us. Lisa will be here each Monday until July, as she studies to become an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP). You will be asked to consent for her to sit in with our clinical staff during your consultations.

Dr Stevenson has visited with her new baby son Henry. She will be back with us at the end of August. Dr Wess is locum during this period.

So far we have vaccinated over 1200 patients against Influenza. We still have vaccinations left if there are patients in the "at risk" categories. Please ask at reception for an appointment and we will be only too pleased to be of service.

Your Letters...

Dear Editor,

I am tired of seeing the local countryside getting blighted by litter on our road verges. I decided to do something about it and have recently contacted the Welsh Assembly backed 'Keep Wales Tidy' campaign and they have sent me a litter picking kit including picker, gloves, bags and hi-viz vest. In one walk of no more than 200 yards on the Overton to Wrexham road I filled a refuse sack with cans, plastic bottles and the like.

I would urge fellow Overtonians to contact the 'Keep Wales Tidy' project and perhaps we can put together a community effort to clean the area up, because I can't do it alone - and do not expect the local council to attack the problem either, despite their legal obligation to do so, and that you pay them a lot in local taxes for such services!!

If you would like to help why not contact 'Keep Wales Tidy' on <http://www.keepwalestidy.org> for your own kit. The area local project co-ordinator is Shane Hughes (email: shane.hughes@keepwalestidy.org)

John Jorgensen johnjorgensen@btinternet.com

Dear Editor,

You'll be aware I'm sure that plans are in hand for The Dymock Arms to be renovated. I've just uploaded a Video to 'You Tube' entitled 'The Dymock' <http://www.youtube.com/user/downroy02> which includes my song. It reflects essentially what 'The Dymock' means to the folk of Penley and this district.

Should anyone locally wish to have a personal copy DVD of the Video for a donation of £3 in aid of the Red Cross, they can either contact me via Email or call 01948 830654.

Roy Williams royhenry44@hotmail.com

Dates for the diary

Overton Amateur Dramatic Society

presents



A Trivial Comedy for Serious People
by Oscar Wilde

in Overton Village Hall on
Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2013

Doors open 7:00 Performance at 7:30
Tickets only £5

Be there or miss the Importance of it all!

Overton Community Council - Notice of Co-option

OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116

Notice of Co-Option

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Overton Community Council intends to Co-opt **three** members to fill the vacancies that exist in the office of Councillor for the Overton Community (Ward).

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 Council Community on/at Overton Village Hall, Penyllan Street, Overton or 01978 710 055 or occ.clerk@btinternet.com by (deadline) **11th March 2013 noon**

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WHAT'S ON

March Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday March 3rd 10am Village Praise

Mothering Sunday March 10th 11am Coffee & biscuits

11.30am Half hour service of Thanksgiving for Mothers with Blessing of Posies.

Sunday March 17th 10:00am Family Communion

Palm Sunday March 24th 11.30am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday March 28th 7.30pm Communion & Vigil

Good Friday March 29th 2-3pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday March 31st 11.30am Holy Communion with Blessing of Easter Eggs

March Diary for Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday evenings 6.30pm then

Good Friday March 29th 7pm Rev Richard Hall

Easter Sunday March 31st 6.30pm Rev Richard Hall
(no service Sunday morning this year)

Saturday March 2nd 10.30am WI Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. 50p includes coffee and biscuits, cake stall, bric a brac, books, tombola, draw

Monday March 11th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

Tuesday March 12th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

Wednesday March 13th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.

Wednesday March 13th 7.30pm Overton Film Club at the Village Hall presents BAFTA & OSCAR winner "Amour". Bar from 7pm

Friday March 15th 9pm White Horse Music Night

Saturday March 16th 7.30pm Twinning Association Wine Tasting Evening in the Village Hall

Tuesday March 19th 7 for 7.30pm Bingo at the Rainbow Centre, Penley. Bring your own drinks.

Wednesday March 20th 7.30pm Maelor Music Soc. at the Maelor School Hall features "An Evening of Song presented by John Gough - piano"


Thursday March 21st 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker: Vernon Jones on "The work of Wrexham Street Pastors" Competition: A Bookmarker

Sunday March 24th 2.00pm Opening of Overton Bowling Club green

Saturday March 30th 10.30am -12 noon Weekly Coffee mornings at the Methodist Chapel begin

Diary date: **Wed. April 24th 2013 Singing Workshop**

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy March Birthday to Jack Edwards, Anne Clarke, Grace Haynes, David Burton, Finlay Clarke, Janet Reid, Janene Davies, Freda Thompson, Barbara Griffiths, Kate Jenkinson, Joanne Kember, Liam and Matt Grindley, Roxanne Haynes, Imogen Jones, Pat Lynch, James Morrison Gwynneth Austin and Cynthia Davies. 

Congratulations to Peter Edwards and Laura Burrell on their recent engagement.

Running the Marathon?

Is anyone in the area running the London Marathon in April 2013? If so would they like to contact fellow participant John Jorgensen on johnjorgensen@btinternet.com

Thank you

The Trustees of the Frank Wingett Cancer Charity thank the Pinder family for hosting the collection tin in the Corner Shop, and to everyone who donated to the 2012 total of £84.22

Overton Bowling Club

Overton & District Bowling Club announce the opening of the Green to take place on **Sunday 24 March 2013** at 2.00 pm (weather permitting).



Twining Association's Wine Tasting Evening



Saturday 16th March in the Village Hall
Tickets £10 include gourmet supper

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