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NEW RAINBOW CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED



Pauline Dunnington opens the Rainbow Centre

Overton residents were among those celebrating when the new Rainbow Centre in Penley was opened on Friday April 16th. The opening was performed by one of the original founders, Mrs Pauline Dunnington (née Beattie). The centre which cost in excess of £600,000 was designed by architects TACP and built by AW Contractors.

The Rainbow Centre started 14 years ago as a place where support could be given to local residents from all over the Maelor area who needed care and support. Its first home was in Ward 2 of the old Polish hospital and

when that was closed for re-building, the Rainbow Centre moved to an industrial unit on Penley Industrial Estate. The centre stayed in this temporary accommodation for 6½ years, whilst funds were raised for the new centre. After one failed lottery bid and one successful one, planning permission was given in 2008 and building started on April 1st 2009. Handed over just prior to Christmas 2009, the building, next door to the new Polish hospital, was opened to users in January 2010. The Trustees and Management acknowledged the help and support of the NE Wales NHS Trust and their patrons Lady Kenyon and Mr Henry Wilson.

The Centre manager Abigail Tudor stressed that "the Rainbow Centre has the whole community at heart. It provides specialist day care, hosts a Mother and Toddler group and now has facilities to hire out rooms for any event". New facilities include comfortable lounge, dining room and fully fitted kitchen for preparing lunch, medical and physio rooms. Overton resident Kath Pryce Jones and former Overton resident Joan Kington agreed that the new premises were very impressive and much more comfortable than the old premises on the industrial estate.

Users of the centre and staff were joined by county and community councillors, retiring Clwyd South MP Martyn Jones, patron Henry Wilson and many other local dignitaries. Overton residents are able to reach the Rainbow Centre by the minibus which tours the village to give lifts to those using the day care. Enquiries are always welcome contact Abbi on 01948 830730.



Kath Price-Jones



Ramblings From the Rectory

by David Lewis



Dear friends,
I love finding out about unusual customs. One that caught my eye was started in St Ives in 1675. A Dr Robert Wilde left a sum of £50 in his will to ensure that some of the poor children of the parish should have a Bible. All well and good, but the good doctor put an unusual spin on his bequest.

In accordance with the terms of the will, the children had to throw dice for the Bibles, probably because there were so many poor children, that there would not have been enough Bibles to go around.

So on Whit Monday, the will states, Bibles must be diced for in the church and the dicing was to take place on the altar of the church. This was carried out until the year 1880 when the Bishop decided that it was not proper, (I can't think why!) and moved the dicing to a table near the chancel steps.

Today the ceremony takes place next door in the school. Six bibles are diced for between 12 children, six belonging to the Church of England and the rest going to the non conformist chapels. Usually the Vicar is in charge of proceedings and a large crowd will gather to cheer the children on.

This is a very unusual way of spreading the good news of the Gospel, a mission the church has been engaged in for over 2000 years. This month of course we celebrate the birthday of the church, Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to go forth and tell the good news of Christ's resurrection.

The church down the years has found varied ways of doing just that, as the above shows. Some have been successful, others less so. And we as a Parish in The Diocese of St Asaph in the Province of Wales are still in the business of telling our community about the hope and love and joy that can be found in being a follower of Jesus. Each of our churches in the village will have a varied program during the year in which we try to engage people with the Gospel message, whether it is a teddy bear parachute jump or a Lenten bible study. But it is also important that we Christians join together, ecumenically and as a deanery to together proclaim the good news of being a disciple.

Our pattern of services and socials are there to sustain us, to help us grow as followers and widen our horizons, to enable us to enjoy a laugh together and to help equip us for mission. The disciples were led by the Holy Spirit to support and help each other grow as Christians.

Are we willing to be a part of that mission, proclaiming Jesus as Lord and supporting and helping each other to be the best witness we can be for our Lord in our parish, in our village, in our world?

Your friend and Rector

COUNTRY BEAT

by Constable Stephen Evans

Speeding traffic through the village is again a hot topic of discussion when talking to local residents. Recently we have been blessed with lovely dry sunny days and as most of you will have noticed especially at weekends we have a higher volume of traffic going through the village.



As your local police team we are involved with the traffic calming committee and have recently commenced regular speed checks in the village. We have the use of the speed gun from Rhos on a regular basis and together with our colleagues from the eastern traffic department and also the GO SAFE van we have been able to deal with a number of speeding motorists.

Contrary to public perception of the north Wales police with regard to speeding, we do not target speeding motorists purely to make money. We target speeding motorists in an attempt to educate them of the consequences of their speeding. When motorists are stopped most drivers will say that they didn't realize what speed they were going at and are shocked when we show them the reading on the speed gun. Motorists we stop are a mix of local people and those traveling through. This highlights the problem of local people being complacent in their knowledge of the roads. You can never tell what is around the corner and what you could possibly come across.

We all have a responsibility to comply with road speed regulations and to ensure we all remain safe in our environment. Remember it is only just over a year since the tragic death of the young boy. If any resident would like to join us when we carry out speed checks then please get in touch. We will supply safety clothing etc. Also if you wish to get involved and are able to play a part in the traffic calming committee then please contact the council clerk - Mrs Katrina Chalk on 01978 710005 or via e-mail occ.clerk@btinternet.com

As always we are available to discuss this matter or anything else which may concern you.

Thank you,

Steve - PC 1885.

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P E N T E C O S T S E R V I C E

Dry rot had devastated the parish church of St Saviours to such an extent that it had to be completely pulled down and re built. The Vicar was comforted by the Roman Catholic Priest. He even promised a donation and, after he had consulted his lay folk, sent a donation from St Patrick's of £250.

'How on earth did you get them to do it?' asked the Vicar when they next met. 'Oh, I just told them you needed money to pull down your church. They were delighted to help!

Well I hope ecumenical relations are much better than that in our village. Last year in Overton we introduced an ecumenical service which was held in St Mary's on Pentecost Sunday. After the service we did a walk of witness from the Parish Church to the Methodist church as a sign of our united Christian presence in Overton.

There was a positive response following this service, and so this Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd the churches will hold another united service at 11:30am in the Roman Catholic Church followed by a walk of witness to St Mary's where there will be refreshments. I do hope that as many people as possible will join us from all the churches and from the village.

Pentecost Sunday of course is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the Disciples. From a frightened disheartened group, they were changed into a powerful witness for Jesus who changed the world. That same spirit of peace and joy is still available today when we open our hearts to our Lord. It is my prayer that spirit of peace and joy will be shared by all the churches this Pentecost.
David Lewis

Your Letters...

Dear Editor,

Could I please urge people to clear up their litter after picnicing by the river in the meadow. Every time I walk there I pick up bottles, cans & wrappers which have been thoughtlessly discarded.

We are very fortunate in Overton to have such beautiful countryside on our doorstep. Please don't spoil it for others, Take your litter home.

Thank you Gail Atkin

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

to Overton Recreational Club's Snooker Team, Captain

Matt Grindley, Pete Grindley, Derek Edwards, Chris Probert,



Roy Richards, and Mark Whittall on winning the Whitchurch & District League.

Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster, Lydia Biggs & Lottie Blake



Hiya everybody. Hope you had a nice Easter and had a good holiday.

May Anagrams

Rearrange the letters to get some may words

- BLMA _____
- WLOFESR _____
- ALOF _____
- LCFA _____
- LMSOBSO _____
- AYM _____

Homework Excuse of the Month

*The paper aeroplane
I made out of it
accidentally flew out the window.*

E	B	M	Z	R	A	I	N	G	A	C	bees
F	L	O	W	E	R	S	S	Z	O	G	biking
J	R	F	N	L	D	A	H	Q	T	V	birds
L	O	N	G	W	E	E	K	E	N	D	camping
B	O	N	M	L	J	I	Q	B	S	I	flowers
E	H	U	Z	S	X	L	O	I	P	B	garden
E	R	F	V	K	C	A	U	R	R	I	longweekend
S	C	A	M	P	I	N	G	D	I	K	rain
G	A	R	D	E	N	K	G	S	N	I	spring
M	U	Q	I	V	R	H	T	M	G	N	sunshine
M	O	S	U	N	S	H	I	N	E	G	

Keith and Joan Overthrow would like to welcome everyone to a **Coffee Morning** at 11 Sundorne, on **Saturday, May 8th**, 10.30 am.

This is the annual event that raises the money to fund the Senior Citizens Christmas party. Any additional support in the form of donations would be greatly appreciated - for example cakes or home bakery, plants, garden produce.

ROAD SAFETY IN OVERTON

As part of our continued efforts to improve road safety within our village, the Community Council have, along with the community police, been monitoring the parking situation, outside the surgery and pharmacy, close to the blind bend.

This has been a point of concern for many years, as traffic rounding the bend, coming from the direction of Penley or Ellesmere is often confronted by vehicles on the 'wrong' side of the road as it manoeuvres around those parked immediately outside the pharmacy. The likelihood that we will see a 'head-on' collision at this location, or a 'rear end shunt' as the 'Wrexham headed' traffic brakes hard, soon after the bend, trying to avoid the on-coming vehicles, has resulted in us consulting the Oracle readers. We asked whether the community would like to see double yellow lines on this corner to prevent all but the disabled from parking in this dangerous location.

Although fewer than 50 householders sent a response the majority consensus was that 'double yellow lines' would not be acceptable at this location. The Council acknowledges your wishes on this representation, and indeed I believe very few villagers including your Council members want to see the proliferation of yellow lines.

However, we implore residents to be aware that there is a very serious safety issue at this location. Too often people park here when there are plenty of spaces in the surgery car park, and it is very rarely that this is someone who is disabled or has poor mobility. It would be tragic if serious injury or a fatality occurred here just because it's an 'easier' place to park, please think of the safety of all road users and pedestrians, and park in the car park or a suitable distance from the corner.

Make our village a Safer Place ---- Think before you Park!

Joanne Kember Chair to OCC

It's a Fearless Man who can talk to a room full of WI Women



At our March meeting, Roy Henry (Williams) gave us a talk about his book 'Two Lives From Two Rivers'. Roy was born and bred here in Overton (he's now deserted to Penley!). I loved the banter back and forth between him and Betty Williams, and what a co-incidence, Betty, who remembers him being born and watching the shy young boy grow up, came to her very first WI meeting on this very day 62 years ago with 5 other young 'girls', one of whom was Roy's sister, how lovely! It was refreshing to hear a man talk with such honesty, expressing his feelings so openly which demonstrated much self-awareness. This was no doubt gained from a lifetime's experience of his personal writings that began when he was 10 years old.

He found writing this book, with himself being one of the two main characters, a cathartic experience, and I for one, respect his decision to self publish, as publishers wanted to alter too much of what he personally considered vital elements of 'his' story. This book, he was driven to write, unfolded over many years. It was like a life's dream and came to fruition about 2 years ago. He tells of it covering particularly poignant times in his life, when he was profoundly effected by a person called Jimbo Henderson (fictional name), and events that led to this man being found inadvertently on the other side of the law following a life of crime until his tragic death whilst being investigated. Roy was so curious about this man, 'What made him tick?' It turns out he was a guitarist like himself and a fisherman; Roy himself had been introduced to fishing by his father, a keen fisherman. As the synopsis of the book says 'two souls destined to meet'.

I get the impression that Roy has really 'lived life' and has also seen so much in his jobs, first in the police service, and later in insurance, investigating criminal events. He got to see so many youngsters who had 'taken the wrong path' and he realised how very lucky he had been with his family upbringing, and comments "But for the grace of God there go I". Thank you Roy for your opening song (with keyboard) of 'Suzanne' by Leonard Cohen, it brought back many happy memories for me. Finishing with 'Candle in The Wind' by Elton John was a delight.

Our most recent walk was to see the snowdrops at Chirk Castle. The picture shows walkers from left to right - Sue Walker, Chris Nunns, Catherine Starkey, Mary Lewis, Margaret Evison.

Our walk this month is along the river at Bangor-on-Dee (2/3 miles) followed by refreshments in The Royal Oak, all welcome. Meet at Overton car park at 10.30am on Tuesday 4 May.



Overton Cub Scouts

Following the taster sessions to see if the Cub Pack could be re-started, Group Scout Leader David Burton is pleased to announce that two new leaders have been recruited to run the pack.

Rachel Harris is moving up from Assistant Beaver Scout Leader to become the new Akela and Sarah Evans has joined as Assistant Cub Scout Leader.

Cubs meet on a Friday evening from 6-7 pm at the Scout Hut. To make a success we need boys and girls from 8 to 10½ years old to join us.

Boys and Girls aged from 5¼ to 8 years old can join the Beaver colony which meets on a Wednesday from 6-7pm at the Scout Hut.

For more information contact David Burton on 710631.

Any spare room?

It's that time of year again to think of the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. For many years Overton has played its part in providing hospitality for competitors. Since the start of the Eisteddfod a large proportion of competitors have always been accommodated in the homes of local people

Carol Dykes, Overton's coordinator, is looking for extra hosts for this year's International Eisteddfod for week beginning 5th July. Hosts will receive £10 per night for Bed & Breakfast only. If you can help please contact Carol on 07947 747530.

THE CHRISTIAN AID
 COFFEE MORNING
 & BRING & BUY
 on Saturday May 8th
 has been cancelled

OVERTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Martine Zonca has replaced Dr Bloom as a new partner at the practice, we welcome her warmly to the fold. Dr Stevenson will be leaving to go on maternity leave at the beginning of May and Dr Sreeram is now staying with us until 30th June.

Please keep in mind the policy of 'Keep it or Cancel it' we seem to be having an upward surge again in missed appointments. By not attending it causes frustration as those appointments could have been used by other patients. We do not require an explanation or any reason as to why you may decide to cancel a visit, we are only too pleased to have something available to offer the next patient who asks to be seen. DNA's (did not attend) for the first quarter of 2010 amounted to 196 missed appointments or 16 full surgeries. The same quarter last year showed a figure of 182 so there is an upward trend this year

There is a new facility which operates at Chirk Hospital, a 'Macmillan Nurse Drop In Clinic'. This is a new drop in service for patients and families/carers living with cancer or life limiting illnesses. They offer advice, emotional support and can signpost to other services. The clinic is open on a Thursday morning between 9.30 – 12 midday, in the day hospital area of Chirk Hospital. No appointment needed, if you feel they can help just call in or contact Jackie Evans and Amanda Price – Macmillan Nurses Tel: 01978 727177.

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

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Lunch Club

The next Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday May 12th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Cottage Pie and vegetables followed by Fruit Trifle. To book a seat please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.



History Group

The next History Group meeting will be Tuesday May 18th upstairs in the White Horse at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The notes that the group have prepared on memories of the High Street are now on the village website.

Overton Community Council Precept/Budget for 2010/2011

The budget for 2010 / 2011 will be £ 32,843. This money will be spent on:

Street light electricity; The Playing field;
Cemetery maintenance; Insurances;
Subscriptions; Millennium Meadow maintenance;
Rent; Public conveniences;
Community Chest, and grants given to local organisations;
Christmas lights equipment; Traffic calming upkeep;
general administration and various other village activities.

Street light maintenance

Overton Community Council have applied for a rural grant from the Welsh Assembly Government in order to replace and install new more economical streets lights. Ours are old and the columns deteriorating through age, and we are obliged to replace them on a rolling programme. A contribution of 20% will be required by the community council – the improvements will be rolled out over the course of three years.

Overton Community Council will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 11th May starting at 7.20pm.
All members of the public are welcome.

Joanne Kember
Chairman of Overton Community Council

Thursday Club

Owing to the lack of new members and no one willing to take over the position of Chairperson or Treasurer, the club has been disbanded.

The Overton Thursday Club enjoyed over 30 years of good companionship, holidays, parties and speakers. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the Club over the years, and the Catholic Church for the use of their hall.

Monies donated over this period have grown with interest, so we are able to share it with the three Overton Churches and Nightingale House, giving each a sum of £250.

WHAT'S ON

May Diary for St Mary's Services

- Sunday May 2nd** 11.30am Holy Eucharist
Tuesday May 4th 2.30pm St Mary's School Service in Church. All welcome
Sunday May 9th 11.00am Coffee & Sunday Praise
Thursday May 13th 7.30pm Ascension Day Eucharist in the St Hilary's Church Erbistock.
Sunday May 16th 11.30am Holy Eucharist
Pentecost Sunday May 23rd 11.30am Service In Catholic Church followed by refreshments in St Mary's
Trinity Sunday May 30th 10.30am Group Service in Overton

May Diary for Methodist Church Services

- Sunday Evenings 6.30pm
 Weekly coffee mornings every Saturday at the Methodist Chapel 10.30am till 12.00pm
Tuesday May 4th WI walk along river to Bangor on Dee. Meet in Overton carpark at 10.30am
Saturday May 8th 10.30am Coffee Morning at the home of Keith and Joan Overthrow, 11 Sundorne to raise the money to fund the Senior Citizens Christmas party.
Tuesday May 11th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
Wednesday May 12th 12.30pm Lunch Club at the White Horse. Cottage Pie and vegetables followed by fruit Trifle. Booking required
Saturday May 15th 10.30am Royal British Legion Coffee Morning at the Overton Village Hall. Draw. Various Stalls. Tickets 50p
Monday May 17th 7pm Traffic Calming meeting in the Parish Room
Tuesday May 18th 7.30pm History Group meeting upstairs at White Horse. All welcome
Wednesday May 19th 6pm Book club for 11 and 12 year olds at Overton Library
Thursday May 20th Overton WI Meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker: Constable Stephen Evans on "Policing in the Local Area". Competition: 'A walking stick'.
Friday May 21st 6pm Book club for 9 to 10 year olds at Overton Library
Monday May 24th 1pm to 2pm Storytime at Overton Library for toddler & playgroup age children. All welcome.
Monday May 24th 7.30pm AGM of the Overton Oracle at the Overton Recreational Club
Tuesday May 25th AGM of the Maelor Music Society at the Hanmer Arms Hotel
Monday June 7th Cytun meeting 7.15 in Methodist School Room
Sunday June 20th 6pm Village Songs of Praise at St Mary's
Saturday June 26th 2pm The Overton Village Fete on the playing fields

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Belated congratulations to Pat Bush on becoming a Grandmother to Dexter, a baby son for daughter Donna and son in law James. 

Happy May Birthdays to Grace Sidwell, David Evison, Alice Park, Jenny Bellis, Jade Lyndsey Hayward, Henry Buttress, Eleanor McCusker, Luke Haynes, Olivia Dodwell, Peter Grindley, Chris Worthington, John Dodd and Gail Coupland, Mrs P Clarke, Mrs J Dodwell and Janine Austin who is 50! 

Congratulations to Jayne Cornes for her big 40 on May 14th!!!! Congrats Jayney from Laus, Dai, Harriett, Micki, Sara, Dave, Nathan, Ella, Dave and Grace. Congratulations to Dave and Stella Austin on their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Vivienne Ann Gregg, Edward Auguste Yeadon, Len Berry, and Antonio (Tony) Santosuosso.

The Royal British Legion Overton on Dee Branch COFFEE MORNING

Saturday May 15th
10.30am at the Village Hall

Various Stalls Draw
Tickets 50p

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