

# The Overton Oracle



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## Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

**The Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend is fast approaching**

**Saturday June 2nd** 10.30 to 12 noon **Jubilee Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall. 50p. Tea & coffee. See page 5 for details

**Sunday June 3rd** White Horse Street Party. - see Page 6 for details

Are you having street party? Take a photograph and send it to the Oracle!

**MONDAY JUNE 4th - LIGHTING THE VILLAGE JUBILEE BEACON** on Bryn y Pys Park, Argoed Lane (by kind permission of Tim Rosselli.) The chain of beacons will travel across the country and the last will be lit by the Queen outside Buckingham Palace at 10.30pm. The Scouts who have registered the beacon, will receive their lighting time in May and it will be between 10.00pm and 10.30pm. Parking in the Avenue/Millennium Meadow. Bar by White Horse and Hog Roast organised by the Friends of St Mary's, Teas & Coffees by the Scout Group Executive Committee and parents. Look for posters for details.

- Best Decorated House competition** - see Page 4 for details
- Best Decorated Shop competition** - see Page 4 for details
- Best Decorated Scarecrow competition** - see Page 9 for details
- Buy a Jubilee Coin** - see Page 4 for details

## Piccalilli Circus plus Glam Rock Romeo & Juliet



The right chord was certainly reached by the fantastic young thespians, in the recent production of 'Piccalilli Circus' by the Overton Amateur Dramatic Society, two versions on a theme; Romeo and Juliet. The entertainment commenced with circus themed dances by the musical theatre group, followed by the highly talented children from St Mary's School, Overton, who confidently per-

formed a short play set in a circus big top. Their acting was second to none with clear voices and enjoyable performances by everyone. The second half of the entertainment was expertly performed by students from Penley Maelor School, this time set in a 1970's Glam Rock era; the audience was treated to both exciting performances and harmonious voices. There are too many names to mention, but clearly fun was had by everyone who took



part in this production, the combined directorships of the various facets of this production, by Sheila Miller, Sue England, Paul Drake and Lorren Wallwin, together with all of their assistants and helpers, clearly shows us all, that working with children is not something we should shy away from, come on Overton Amateur Dramatics, let's have another one!

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



A few weeks before Easter, I heard a hissing noise coming from our cloakroom. I investigated but at first couldn't seem to locate it. I then noticed that a spare toilet roll on a low shelf was soaking wet and that the carpet was wet. I thought, 'Oh Dear' or words to that effect. And then I could see it - a small but persistent spurt of water coming from a pipe under the cistern.

Now I'm not very practical, I'm hopeless at any kind of DIY. First thought – turn the stop cock off but then 'No', first ring the plumber! He answered his mobile immediately. 'Don't worry. I'm only 10 minutes away, we've nearly finished here. I'll leave my son to finish the job and I'll be with you as soon as I can.'

He was as good as his word, 10 minutes and he was there. He showed me how to turn the stop cock off. He explained that it was always a good idea to do that if I was going away particularly during winter months. And then to the toilet. He needed to get some additional tools and spare parts but the repair was soon made. This required turning the water on and off several times and me turning on and off all the taps in the house. So the repair was made. But the toilet wouldn't flush. He lifted the lid and I noticed that some of the mechanism seemed out of place and pointed that out to him. 'Well done' he said and within two ticks everything was in working order.

He was brilliant and when I thought about it after – that's how we should all behave. He came when he was needed. He put right what was wrong. He involved me in the task and he praised me when I made a small contribution. Before he left he suggested that we sit down and have a cup of tea. That's a good way to finish or start any task.

A wise priest once told me, 'Prayer is like sitting down and having a cup of tea with God.'

And thank you for your support and attendances particularly at our Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. As I'm sure you know, you are all very welcome to all our services - our family services are certainly growing.

With every blessing, David.

### **Thursday May 17th is Ascension Day**

Join us at 7.00am for the Early Morning Panorama Communion Service on the hills overlooking Llangollen. Contact the Rector for more details.

7.30pm Joint Communion Service at Hanmer Church

## COUNTRY BEAT by PCSO Stuart Roberts



Firstly I would like to say thank you to all who have made me feel welcome here in Overton.

This month I wish to assist you in some home security advice during the spring and summer. With the clocks going forward and the evenings getting lighter, peoples houses become vulnerable. With the warmer weather increasing it's easy to leave a door or window open, which is why homeowners across North Wales are being urged to remain security conscious in the months ahead.

Please ensure you remain security conscious and maintain security so criminals don't exploit the opportunities to gain access into your homes, out buildings and vehicles. During the warmer weather vehicle owners leave windows and sunrooves open which can make it easy for opportunist thieves to steal valuable items such as sat-nav systems, phones, & sunglasses. North Wales Police would urge you to check your homes and vehicles are secure before leaving them unattended.

### Advise to residents

- Make sure all windows are closed and locked, even when you are at home in the garden.
- Only have ground floor windows open if you are in that room.
- Don't leave upstairs windows open if you are going out.
- Keep valuables out of sight of prying eyes. Never put car keys, handbags etc on window-sills. Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.
- Lock away garden equipment including ladders.
- Use a good quality padlock on gates.
- When going on holiday make sure milk deliveries are cancelled, post is collected and if possible get family or friends to check your home.

Residents are being reminded to stay vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to police, by calling 999 or 101.

Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Many thanks again.

**Stu.**

[stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stuart.roberts@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 2940 Stuart Roberts  
Overton Police Station,  
Station Road,

## Palm Sunday visitor



The Palm Sunday congregation at St. Mary's Church was joined by 'Clyde' the donkey. He led them in procession in the sunshine from the school to the church for

the Family Village Praise Service.



To all Kids Kolumn readers:  
On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012, your Kid's Kolumn team and Lilley Middleton ran 3 miles for Sport Relief. It was a truly tiring day but all of the money goes to a brilliant cause and that is what inspired and motivated us to finish.



All the money donated to Sport Relief goes to help people both at home in the UK and in the world's poorest countries. Altogether we raised £200 .53! When we were running, we thought of those children that we helped who were not in a situation like us and so... could you help all those children who lose their lives for things we take for granted?

**Next year, why don't you have a go and raise more money for people less fortunate than yourselves. It's good fun and YOU could make a difference.**

*From Kate, Charley and Robyn*

see our pic to the right

# Kids Kolumn

by **Kate Jenkinson, Robyn Rehbock and Charley Middleton**



Hiya gang! Hope you enjoyed your Easter!

- Get ready for the Olympics in this jam packed quiz:
1. What colours are in the Olympic rings?
  2. What are the mascots called?
  3. How many Olympic rings are there?
  4. How many sports are there?
  5. How long does the Olympics last?
  6. How many participants are there?
  7. On average, how many people go to watch?
  8. How many countries compete? (Answers below)

Can you say these tongue twisters without getting your tongue twisted?

- \* Is there a pleasant peasant present?
- \* Mad bunny, bad money, mad bunny, bad money?
- \* Sammy snake slithers slowly?
- \* Sad snails smell strongly.



- Answers to Kids Kolumn Olympics Quiz**
1. Yellow, red, black, blue, green
  2. Wenlock & Mandeville
  3. 5,
  4. 26,
  5. 16 days
  6. 14,000,
  8. 82,
  7. 50,000,



## History Group

The next meeting of the Overton History Group will be on Tuesday May 15th at 7.30pm upstairs in the White Horse.



In view of the Jubilee, the evening will have a "Royal" theme, collecting pictures and memories of the Carnival and Rose Queens (and the Carnivals) of Overton in years gone by, and also reminiscing on the anniversary of the visit of Queen Elizabeth I to Overton - 20 years ago!

*Left: Overton Rose Queen 1931*

The following picture was sent to the Oracle asking if anyone has more information about the Prandle family who lived in Lilac Cottage, Turning Street.



## Best Decorated House or Shop Competition



The Overton Oracle are sponsoring the Best Decorated House or Shop Competition for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend June 2nd to 5th.

Judging will take place on Tuesday 5th June and the prizes will be:

For the Best Decorated House  
1st prize £50, 2nd prize £30 and 3rd prize £20 all in Garden Centre Vouchers.

The prize for the Best Shop Display/Decoration will be a full page "Advertorial" on the front page of the Overton Oracle.

To enter either complete a single line on the form held at the Corner Shop or e-mail the Overton Oracle at [overtonoracle@gmail.com](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com)

## Bell ringers are us

Last Sunday at 11am, four bell ringers with a combined age of over 280 years woke Overton from its early spring slumbers with a melodic peal. The remaining two bells in the ancient bell tower of St Mary's Church remained sadly silent and unused.



This is a plea to any ex-campanologists in the community to come and join us. In addition, if anyone would like to learn how to ring we would be delighted to see you. Contact Jim Eastop on 711005 (work).

## Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Coin

For anyone who wishes to have a permanent reminder of this year's historic event, Overton British Legion are selling a Queen's Diamond Jubilee souvenir coin. The coin is being sold to schools, WIs and British Legions across the country.

Ideal as a present for children and grandchildren these attractive high quality nickel-plated coins come in a black medal case and are available for only £8.00 each. If you are interested please contact Jean Williams on 710423 to order your coin.



## Olympic Flame

On Wednesday May 30th the Olympic Flame will be at its closest to Overton when the Torch Relay will travel from Wrexham, south through Ruabon, Acrefair, Trevor and Chirk to Oswestry. At times it will travel inside a vehicle but you will be able to see it carried by torch bearers in Wrexham on Guildhall Green at 7.40am, at Acrefair at 8.44am, crossing the Pontcysyllt Aqueduct at 9.07am and in Oswestry at 9.47am.



## St Mary's Annual Spring Coffee Morning

to fundraise for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.  
in the Village Hall on

**Saturday 5th May at 10.30 am**

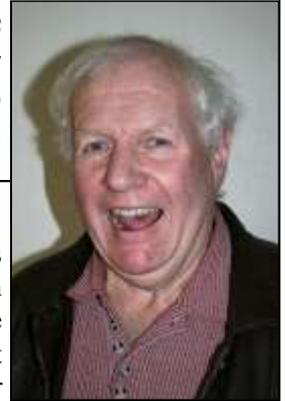
Everyone's support is not only welcome but much needed.

Any support in the form of donations would be greatly appreciated - for example cakes or home bakery, plants and garden produce, books etc.

Anyone who can help in this way please contact Keith Overthrow on 710544

## Farewell to John “the Milk”

A familiar face has disappeared from our morning streets. John 'the Milk' Davis has retired after 42 years of delivering Overton milk. He will be sadly missed, not only for his supply of the morning beverage but for his care, interest, courtesy, friendship and ever cheerful face. We are sure that all Overton residents will join us in wishing John a happy and long retirement.



Your Letters...



*Dear Editor,*

Many thanks to John the Milkman for 42 years valued service to the Village and the Community.

Always early to rise and braving all weathers people could always rely on the pint being on the doorstep. Also there was the frequent errand for the elderly, never in too much of a hurry to rush away from the regular morning chat, a quiet, polite and very likeable man who will be greatly missed in the village and the surrounding areas.

Have a wonderful retirement John, you've given us an exceptional service.  
Best Wishes from the members of  
the Overton Lunch Club

*A message from John*

After 42 years of six day weeks and 2.30am alarms, I have taken the decision to retire from the milk round. My job has meant that I have been part of your community and the community has been a large part of my life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my valued customers and friends (humans and canines alike) who have supported me during this time, giving an extra large thank you to those who have sent cards and good wishes. They are much appreciated. Also a huge thank you to those of you who have supplied me with cups of tea & coffee over the years (you know who you are). I hope to see you around (at a more reasonable hour!)

*John “The Milk” Davis & wife, Marg*



**OVERTON  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**

*Open letter from Overton Community Council*

Dear John,

On behalf of all the residents in Overton and the surrounding area I would like to thank you for all the hard work and commitment you have given over the last 42 years as our milkman.

You always had time for a chat come rain, snow or shine and for some members of the public your daily delivery was an important link with the outside world especially for those who have little contact with other people.

I know there were times when you went beyond the call of duty, yet didn't expect reward for your assistance, as you considered these acts as part of your obligation to our community.

May I wish you a very happy retirement with your family and grandchildren and trust that, although you now have different priorities, you will still find time to visit us occasionally.

Again, heartfelt thanks.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs. Jacqueline Maskall*

Chairman of Overton Community Council



## Jubilee Coffee Morning

Come along and start the Jubilee celebrations with a cup of coffee or tea at the Village Jubilee Coffee morning

at the Village Hall Saturday June 2nd 10.30 to 12 noon 50p.

organised by Overton British Legion

Tea & coffee.



If you or your organisation wish to have a table (at £5) to sell your wares - Contact 710631

**Film review**



Overton Film Clubs last film of the season was **'The Artist'** (PG)



Directed by Michel Hazanavicius starring Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman and a most sporting Jack Russell Terrier.

A film with 5 Oscars to its name, including Best Picture, bizarrely produced the smallest Overton-on-Dee audience in the club's season. There is no doubt that "the season" has been exceptional with bumper audiences – indeed were I to have won one of these 5 Oscars I would most certainly (in my acceptance speech) have sincerely thanked the Committee for putting together such a superb array of Films which have been exceptionally well supported by most enthusiastic spectators. Such events are imperative for community and long may they continue to maintain the wholehearted approach which we have seen this year....so....the film....

Brilliant. Ups. Downs. The Fall. The Pride. Silence. A Happy Ending?

Hugely recommended to watch if not seen on the big screen. Being the hard nosed film critic I am and therefore not one for naff animal appearances, "Uggie," (the sporting Terrier) plays his role as supporting hound outrageously well. Outrageously well! Certainly beats the yappy and odious Lassie!

4.5 out of 5. (Such a rating ensures the film as O....FEC's film of choice from the season and winner of the Prestigious OOD Cocoa Rooms Award - a title for which the Director will be most certainly informed of).

*O....FEC (Overton Film Entertainment Critic)*

The Film Club will recommence next Autumn. Films and Dates TBC.  
[overton.film.club@googlemail.com](mailto:overton.film.club@googlemail.com).

### White Horse Jubilee

If you haven't got a Jubilee street party to go to why not join the White Horse celebrations.

**Steve and Jane say** "We are planning a street party for the Queens Jubilee on Sunday 3rd 3.00pm onwards in the Beer Garden which will be decked out like a street party with decorations & bunting etc.

There will be a bar-b-que available, but people are encouraged to come in groups and can bring their own food. We will provide plates napkins along with free squash for the children. Hopefully a good time will be had by all."

**Carers Week 18th - 24th June 2012**

Carers Week is fast approaching and we at Wrexham Carers Service are working hard to arrange a full week of informative and social events! This year's theme is:

**IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH**

**MONDAY 18th JUNE**  
 Drop-in session at AVOW from 10:00am - 12:00pm. We will also be offering Therapeutic Care Sessions and beauty treatments. Drop-in for a cuppa and the chance to be Pampered.

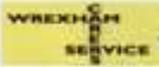
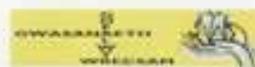
**TUESDAY 19th JUNE**  
 Carers Information/Big Health Day at Wrexham Memorial Hall from 10:00 - 4:00pm.

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
 Male carers event at AVOW from 9:30am until 12:30pm

**THURSDAY 21st JUNE**  
 Wrexham Carers Service will have an information stand at both Chirk and Wrexham Hospitals from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

**FRIDAY 22nd JUNE**  
 We will be organising a coach trip for Carers (AND their cared fors!) to Llandudno for a day at the seaside. Times and arrangements to be confirmed.

**PLACES NEED TO BE BOOKED. TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CALL WREXHAM CARERS SERVICE ON 01978 318812**

### Budget taxes listed buildings

Clwyd South Labour MP Susan Elan Jones has written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging him to drop Budget plans to increase by 20% the costs of alterations and repairs to listed buildings.

"At the moment, alterations to churches and other listed buildings are VAT zero-rated. This year's Budget will change all that," said Ms Jones. "If the changes go ahead, the Church in Wales will be facing an additional bill of around £800,000 a year - and other church denominations and listed buildings will suffer too. This is a really unfair change and will have a major impact in many villages and towns in my constituency, and right across Wales."

Ms Jones, a former Church organist, added: "It will have a real impact on historic buildings such as Overton's very famous Parish Church. What many people don't realise is the bulk of the costs of restoring and maintaining these buildings does not come from state grants but from donations by church members and village people. In Wales these costs are already £4 million a year to repair and restore churches which are listed buildings."

The MP plans to publish any reply from the Chancellor and is meanwhile calling for the issue to be debated in Parliament. You can sign the online petition "**Bring back zero-rate VAT on alterations to listed churches**" by 30th June on

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229>

**Overton's got so much talent!**

Come and see over 10 acts including:

- *Amigo's Magnificent Magic Performance*
- *St Mary's School Choir*
- *Bands, singers and musicians*
- *Poetry readings*

.... and more

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Doors open at 7.00 - performance from 7.30  
**at St Mary's Church**

\* Drinks available \* Nibbles and cakes

Tickets on sale at the Corner shop  
Or call 01978 710 329 to reserve a ticket

Adults £5 \* Under 16s £2

The event will be held in St Mary's Church and will be fundraising for the Church as well as a social evening.

**Neighbourhood Assistance**

Overton Community Council has produced a poster which you can place in your window if you require assistance of some sort from your neighbours.

These posters were going to be delivered to every household in our Parish, but due to unforeseen difficulties this has not happened.

If you have not received a poster and would like one, please call in at either The Corner Shop, the library or the office to collect your poster.

**Vacancy for Councillors**

**Overton Community Council**

**Notice of vacancy in the office of Councillor**

Notice is hereby given that **TWO** vacancies exist 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) and a brief covering letter outlining your interests, hobbies and qualities that you feel would be suited to this role.

**All correspondence regarding the vacancies should be sent to:**  
Katrina Chalk  
Clerk to Overton Community Council  
Overton Village Hall, 5 Penyllan Street  
Overton, Wrexham LL13 0EE

If you have any questions or queries please contact Katrina on 01978 710055

The closing date for applications is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Lunch Club**



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 9th May at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Grilled Gammon Steak with Pineapple, Creamed Potatoes and Peas followed by Dutch Apple Pie and Custard.  
To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

Put the date in your diary

**OVERTON FETE**

**Saturday June 30th**

on the playing fields

More details in the next edition of the Oracle

**Medical Practice**

Welcome to Dr Elinor Cooper who is providing locum cover for 6 mths while Dr Fallows is on maternity leave.

Overton Surgery is now working in collaboration with other local practices and the hospital to significantly improve the quality of care provided for patients suffering with Heart Failure. This work is the latest initiative of the NHS Wales 1000 Lives Campaign, aimed at making patient safety a priority. Every NHS Trust and Local Health Board in Wales is taking part in the Campaign, implementing work in the following six areas:

- Improving Leadership for Quality
- Reducing Healthcare Associated Infections
- Improving Critical Care
- Improving Medicines Management
- Reducing Surgical Complications
- Improving General Medical and Surgical Care

**SCRUFFTS** FUN DAY &  
COMPANION DOG SHOW

HELD UNDER KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS  
AT **THE MAELOR SCHOOL**  
PENLEY, WREXHAM, LL13 0LU  
TEL 01948 830291

**SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2012**  
11.30 AM UNTIL 4.00PM

inc. **THE KENNEL CLUB SCRUFFTS**  
**QUALIFIER HEAT FOR DISCOVER DOGS**  
(Final at Earls Court, London, Nov.2012)

**OLYMPIC THEME FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**  
**INCLUDING THE DOGS**

WHITCHURCH DOG DISPLAY TEAM; DOG AGILITY; STALLS;  
REFRESHMENTS; FUN FAIR; SCHOOL BANDS; CHOIR; SPACE  
HOPPER ASSAULT COURSE; PAINT BALL SHOOTING RANGE;  
FLORAL ART, CAKE & CRAFT COMPETITIONS; SWIMMING IN THE  
POOL FOR JUST £1 AND MUCH MORE.....



## Cricket News

With the new season rapidly approaching, Overton on Dee Cricket Club would like to thank our members for their generosity and support over the last season.



This year our club is newly promoted and has the added vibrance of an influx of new players. That, coupled with superb commitment from everyone involved, has led to fantastic team spirit for the season to come.

Please join us for a chat, just to spectate, if you fancy a game now and then, or even just to join our post-match gatherings at The White Horse, Overton, we'd be more than happy to welcome you!

Contact Rob Lawrenson, Club Secretary on 01978 710537

**May Fixtures**, all games start at 1.30pm

May 5th	Hinstock	Home
12th	Guilfield	Home
19th-	Hodnet/Peplow	Away
26th	Harcourt	Home

## Playgroup News

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break.

It is straight back to fundraising for Playgroup and I would like to thank everyone involved in our Skittles Evening, especially Steve and Jane at the White Horse Inn for giving us the opportunity to host such a fun filled evening.

Watch this space for more events!!!!  
Our next Fundraiser will be the recycling initiative Bags 2 School, see poster to the right. We will post bags to be filled with your clothes etc through as many doors as we can get to in Overton, but if we miss you out, you can pick up a bag from the Corner Shop, doctors or library.

Alternatively you can drop your recyclable clothes etc. in a black sack and drop off at the Playcentre any time before the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Thanks you very much,  
Angie

 **recycle**

**FUNDRAISING COLLECTION**

Everybody is welcome to get involved.  
Bags will be available from 16<sup>th</sup> April  
They need to be ready for collection on 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**THE MORE WE COLLECT THE MORE WE RAISE.**

**WE NEED GOOD QUALITY ADULT AND CHILDREN CLOTHES,  
PAIRED SHOES, BELTS, BAGS, SOFT TOYS, CURTAINS,  
BEDDING ETC (SORRY, NO DUVETS PLEASE)**



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED BAGS TO  
OVERTON PLAYCENTRE BY 9am  
11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

## It's Scarecrow Time again!

It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since scarecrows were last seen in the streets and gardens of Overton. Once again, the Twinning Association is sponsoring the **Overton Scarecrow Festival**.

There was lots of positive feedback after the event in 2011. It would be lovely to have the village all decked out for the Jubilee weekend. So here is your chance to have another go if you took part last year or to join in the fun for the first time if you didn't.

The Queen's Jubilee provide us with the obvious theme so get working on your Kates and Wills or any other member of the Royal Family that takes your fancy. All scarecrows should be in place for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012.

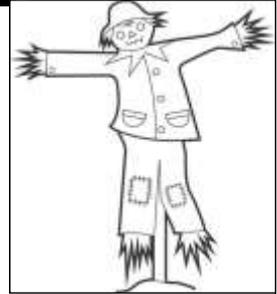
Making a scarecrow is easy and there are lots of websites to give you ideas and help and guidance. 'You Tube' is great too.

Basic requirements are old clothes and straw or scrunched up paper to stuff them with. Long sticks or thin pieces of timber pushed down the sleeves across the shoulders give the scarecrow rigidity. A stick vertically down the back can be used to anchor the creation into the earth. String is handy as braces or to tie any part of the body. That's the basic outline just don't forget to add a face! Scarecrows can be arranged in groups, in couples or singly. Background can be used to create a scene if your creative skills are up to it.

Entry forms will be available from the Library and the local shops. Watch out for posters, too. Your finished scarecrow will require a Registration Number which you will get on receipt of a completed entry form. Your scarecrow can be displayed in any garden or space, just make sure you have the owner's permission (and signature) first.

In 2011 we had around 20 Scarecrows, this year let's try for at least twice that. So get planning and making NOW!

For further information phone Cath on 710322 or Georgina on 710486.



## Thank you

On behalf of Callum and his family can I express heartfelt thanks to all who have helped to raise money for his Electric Wheelchair Fund over the past year.

From those who were just passing through the village, and to the village themselves we say thank you. We are especially grateful to Mick & Karen and everyone at the Corner Shop. The contribution of their time, effort and enthusiasm has been amazing!

Callum is working very hard to master the chair and has some way to go yet, but he is a very determined little boy and we are confident that he will get there. Callum is in mainstream school and faces the challenges of each day with a mixture of bravery, determination and a truly wicked sense of humour.

Once again our grateful thanks to all.  
*Jordana DeRosa Farrow*

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning**  
Saturday May 19th 10.30am  
Methodist Chapel School Room  
**Cytun Pentecostal Walk**  
May 27th 2pm



- along Argoed Lane, 3pm at Surgery carpark for short service, then Chapel Schoolroom for tea

## Paws for tea



Come along to  
**The Annual Dog's Tea Party**  
**Wednesday June 6th**  
2.00pm till 4.00pm  
at the Village Hall  
**in aid of Blue Cross**



For more information ring  
Gwynneth Austin 710672 or Cynthia Davies 710658.

## Congratulations

The Overton Recreational Club snooker team led by Captain Roy Richards have once again gained promotion in the Whitchurch and District Snooker League for the second year running.

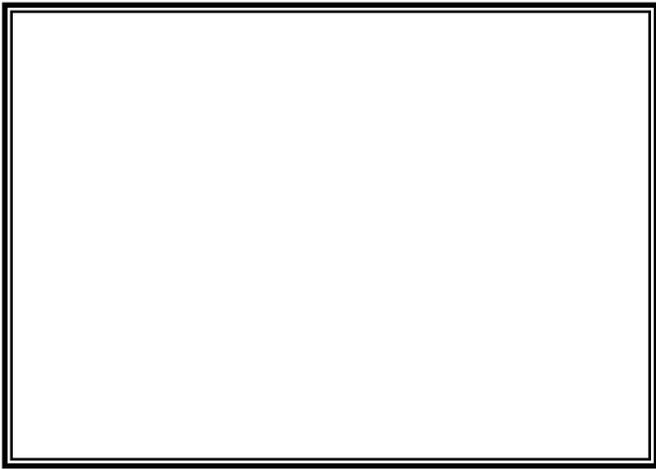
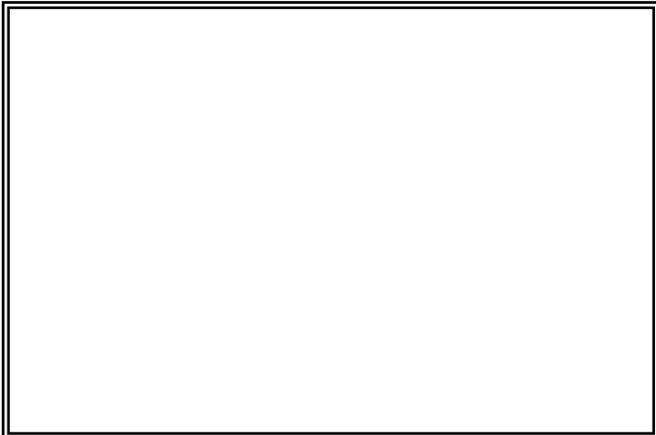


Left to right: Mark Williams, Roy Richards, Paul Edwards, Gareth Williams, Pat Loughlan, and Bob Davies.

*Commercial adverts are not included in the on-line version of the Oracle.*

*Business adverts can be viewed in the Business section of the Overton-on-Dee website page*

*To advertise on the website please click on link on Business page*



**Recipe of the Month**



“Recipe of the Month” aims to offer a recipe suggestion that can be made from ingredients that can be bought in the village.

**Chicken Katsu Curry**

- Seasoned flour for dusting,*      *1 egg beaten*
- 100g breadcrumbs,*                *75g frozen peas*
- 4 skinless boneless chicken thighs cut into strips*
- 100g basmati rice,*                 *sesame oil & soy sauce*

Curry Sauce

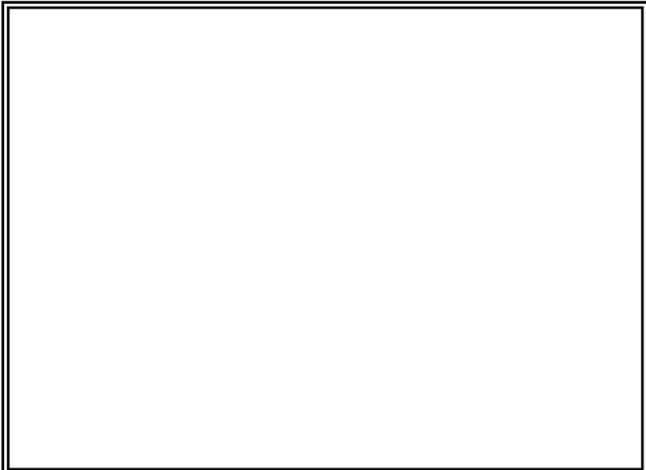
- 1 onion chopped,*                 *2 cloves garlic crushed*
- ginger small chunk,*             *chilli flakes pinch optional*
- plain flour (1 tbsp ) mixed with 1tbsp mild curry powder*
- 350ml chicken stock,*            *1tsp brown sugar*

Dust chicken in flour, then egg, then breadcrumbs – chill for 20 mins.

For curry sauce cook onion, garlic, ginger + chilli flakes in oil until softened. Add flour and curry powder mix stirring to stop it catching. Slowly add stock, then sugar, simmer for 15 mins. Blend smooth with a stick blender or processor. Heat oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4 cook chicken on an oiled baking tray for 30 mins or until cooked. Cook rice, add peas for last 2 mins. Drain rice, toss with a couple of drops of sesame oil and soy. Arrange chicken on rice and drizzle with curry sauce.

Serves 2

*Thanks to Julie Done of Woodlands Deli*



**WHAT'S ON**

**May Diary for St Mary's Services**  
**Sunday May 6th** 10:00am Family Village Praise & Coffee  
**Sunday May 13th** 11:30am Holy Communion  
**Thurs May 17th** 7.00am Ascension Day Early Morning  
 Panorama Communion  
 7.30pm Joint Communion at Hanmer  
**Sunday May 20th** 10.00am Family Communion  
**Sunday May 27th** 11:30am Whitsunday Holy Communion  
**Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings** 6.30pm  
**Every Saturday** 10.30am till 12.00pm Coffee mornings  
 at the Methodist Chapel

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**Thursday May 3rd** 7am to 10pm Local Council Elections  
 at the Parish Room, Penyllan Street, Overton

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**Saturday May 5th** 10.30am St Marys Spring Coffee  
 Morning at the Village Hall

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**Tuesday May 8th** 7.30pm Annual General Meeting of  
 Overton Community Council in the Parish Room.  
 All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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**Wednesday May 9th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch  
 Club at the White Horse. Booking required

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**Friday May 11th** 7.30pm "Overton's Got More Talent" at  
 St Mary's Church

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**Sunday May 13th** Bryn y Pys Show jumping Gymkhana

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**Monday May 14th** 10.30am Overton British Legion  
 will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

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**Tuesday May 15th** 7.30pm History Group meeting  
 upstairs in the White Horse. All welcome.

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**Thursday May 17th** 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at  
 the Parish Room. Speaker: Sheila Miller  
 Competition: A Theatre Programme

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**Friday May 18th** 6.45pm Overton Scout Group AGM at  
 the Scout Hut, Wrexham Road

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**Saturday May 19th** 10.30am Christian Aid Coffee  
 Morning at Methodist Chapel School Room

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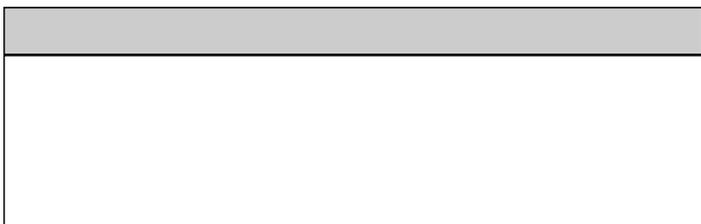
**Monday May 21st** 7.00pm Overton Oracle AGM in the  
 Recreational Club

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**Tuesday May 22nd** from 1.30pm till 3pm. Meeting of  
 the Memory Café at Penley Rainbow Centre

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**Tuesday May 29th** 7.00pm The Maelor Music Society  
 AGM at the Hanmer Arms Hotel



**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations to** Dan & Jackie Dodwell on  
 the birth of new son, Dexter, a first grandson  
 for Steve & Jane Dodwell. 

**Happy May Birthdays** to Grace Sidwell, Da-  
 vid Evison, Jenny Bellis, Jade Lyndsey Hayward,  
 Jayne Comes, Maddie Rouse, Henry But-  
 tress, Eleanor McCusker, Luke Haynes, Olivia  
 Dodwell, Peter Grindley, Chris Worthington,  
 John Dodd, Gail Coupland, Mrs J Dodwell &  
 Janine Austin. 

**Congratulations to** Wayne Haynes & Hel-  
 en Jones on their recent marriage at St  
 Mary's Ruabon. 

Congratulations to David & Jill Burton on  
 their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of  
 Christine Johnson (nee Hoare) who passed away sud-  
 denly at the end of March  
 Sincere condolences to family and friends of Stan  
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