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DIGITAL SWITCHOVER DEADLINE!



Overton is positioned right on the edge of three television regions and homes will have chosen to receive TV programmes from one of a variety of transmitters, from Wales, Granada or Central. Therefore there are different dates for the Digital Switchover according to which way your aerial points and which stations you watch.

The deadline for the Digital Switchover if you receive BBC Wales, ITV Wales, & S4C is **28th October 2009**,

for those receiving BBC Northwest and Granada, the deadline is **4th November 2009**.

and for BBC Midlands and Central (from the Wrekin transmitter) the deadline is not until **2011**.

So what does this mean for all of us? It means that if you still have an older analogue television, when the analogue signal is switched off you won't be able to receive any programmes. This doesn't mean you have to throw out your old TV. There are many ways to continue viewing and some of them are quite cheap. You should have received through the post the leaflet from Digital UK telling you in detail all the options. These can be divided into those that require a one-off payment and those that require a monthly subscription. The details are as follows: -

ONE-OFF
PAYMENT

FREEVIEW Digital box from £25.00 More than 40 digital channels
Digital TV from £150.00

FREESAT FROM SKY £150 including minidish, More than 230 digital channels
viewing card and standard
Skybox installation

FREESAT Digital boxes from £50, More than 100 digital channels
Dish installation (if required)
from £80

MONTHLY
SUBSCRIPTION

SKY From £17—£47 a month Up to 160 digital TV channels plus
depending on package, more than 230 free to air channels
installation costs from £30

Other suppliers include VIRGIN; BT VISION; TISCALI; TOP-UP TV; WRIGHTS
RADIO RELAY LTD with packages including telephone and broadband internet services.

If you have any questions ring 08456 505050 or if over 75 contact the Switchover Help Scheme on 0800 408 5900

R.I.P. WI Tree



Mrs K. Price Jones, president of Overton W.I., planted a tree in the village hall gardens on Thursday Mrs Jones was assisted by Mrs K. Summison, a past president for 10 years, and Rev T. P. Jones looked on.

It was with sadness that many noticed the collapse and removal of the WI Tree outside the Village Hall, which has given so much pleasure over the years with its display of blossom, and in later years its display of Christmas lights. It was a winter-flowering cherry tree, *Prunus Autumnalis* (and cost £1) It was planted on 22nd March 1973 by WI President Kath Price-Jones, the year of "Plant a Tree in 73" when WI meetings were transferred to the Parish Room (now the Library) and also used by the Playgroup & Lloyds Bank.



The WI tree in blossom

Ramblings From the Rectory by David Lewis

Dear Friends,
One church announcement went like this: *"The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality"*. As you know I



love little slip ups such as that, but to me one of the really important things about the Church's ministry to people is making them feel warm, welcomed and loved. We all like to feel valued for who we are and what we can contribute.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our Messy churches. They really are fun occasions when children and adults alike draw, make crafts, play games and generally have fun. Our next one is September 26th from 10am. Look out for posters and come and join us.

We are approaching the Harvest Season once more, I know I can't believe where the year has gone as well, and our Harvest Family Eucharist is on Sunday 27th September. Come and join us. St Mary's has been running a Sunday praise service for the past year and we start the service with coffee and a good chat, which is followed by a simple half hour service. I have really enjoyed the sense of fellowship and laughter that now precedes this service and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to that sense of fellowship and to welcome anyone to come along to our next Sunday Praise on September 13th at 11am. **YOU ARE MOST WELCOME!**

Our choir to has a real sense of fellowship, so if you have an interest in music, or simply enjoy singing, even if your voice is like mine - and believe me you don't want to hear me in the shower! - come along and join us on a Sunday. You would be most welcome.

Your Friend and Rector, David

COUNTRY BEAT by Constable Luke Hughes

I'm pleased to report that crime remains low across our area. We did see a number of incidents of theft reported in the Penley area recently, all occurred during one night and many fell victim having left vehicles insecure and valuable items on display. Please make every effort to secure your property to prevent yourself becoming the victim of crime. We have anti tamper tax disc holders and many other crime prevention articles free of charge at Overton Police Station so feel free to call in and have a chat, maybe there is something that could be useful to you.

For those of you who are not aware the penalty for not wearing a seat belt has risen from £30 to £60. There are no penalty points attached to this fine but its still expensive. I would urge anyone who normally doesn't bother to belt up, you can't argue with the statistics, it could save your life. Also misrepresented registration plates have acquired the new fine of £60, no fancy italics please, or dodgy spacing, not only will it attract a fine, but your vehicle will also fail its MOT, also only English, Welsh, Scottish or EU flags on registration plates. If in doubt call in the station for a chat.

On the 31st July 2009, Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom retired from North Wales Police. Personally I will be sad to see him go, I'm sure some of you will disagree and I accept that many of his ideas were controversial and he was very often misquoted, but he made a major difference in the structure and reputation of North Wales Police, I believe a replacement will be chosen by October, I have applied but I don't hold out too much hope.

Hope you enjoyed the summer weather and stay safe.

PC 1842 Luke Hughes

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OVERTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Welcome to Dr Amy Stevenson who will be with us for her 1 year training and to our new receptionist Jackie. Congratulations to Dr Rosie Fallows who has got married and is now away on honeymoon.

Now for a reminder about prescriptions. Internet use has taken off well but remember that the 48 hr rule still applies. If you go on line any time after Friday noon your request will not be dealt with until Monday at the earliest. The same applies to patients who put their repeat requests into the box in or outside the surgery over the week-end. We need 48 hrs to process prescriptions properly. Make sure you have sufficient medication to avoid last minute hassle, we all need to be aware in case unexpected illness catches us out.

We have noticed lately that more and more patients, who attend hospital, are bringing in their hospital pharmacy requests. These are the small A5 white and pink prescriptions issued by the hospital doctor or consultant. You should go to the hospital pharmacy to get them filled as the GP is not responsible for raising them and may need to wait until documentation is received from the hospital.

The practice will try to continue as much as normal and deal with the Swine Flu Pandemic. Routine appointments may not be so readily available and urgent appointments will only be used at the doctor's discretion. Please bear with us at this difficult time, we are planning for the worse scenario but of course hoping for the best!

OVERTON PRODUCE SHOW

Don't forget **Saturday September 5th** when the Village Hall is the venue for the 37th Annual Overton Village Produce Show. The show opens at 2.30pm. Entries are to be staged between 9.00 & 11.00am. Enquiries to the Secretary, Doreen Walker 01978 710776

W.I. HANDICRAFT SHOW

The W.I. Handicraft Show will take place on the stage on the same day as the Village Produce Show, Saturday September 5th at 2.30pm There is an open competition for a photograph of a church, 6" x 4" or 7" x 5" mounted on white card. So if anyone would like to enter this, male, female or child, just bring it along between 9.30 & 11.00am on the morning of the show.

PLEASE HELP THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club has been meeting at the Catholic Hall every 2nd Thursday for 33years. Unfortunately the number of people attending has dropped and unless they have some new faces and some new ideas, the Thursday Club will have to close in December. To keep the Club going it needs Men and Women aged 40 years or more to join. So if you've got 2hours to spare one Thursday a month why not pop along to the Catholic Hall on Thursday September 10th at 2.30-4.00pm and see what's on offer. If they don't get some new people to join the few who already attend, the Thursday Club will be no more. They don't want to lose it. For more information please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672

CALLING ALL NEEDLECRAFTERS

We will be restarting our weekly Needlecraft Sessions **Thursday 24th September** in the Methodist Schoolroom from 1.30 to 3.30pm. We are keeping this at 50p per session to help with the heating & lighting costs. A cuppa will be provided each eek. New members—any age/sex— are very welcome. We are a jolly group of sewing & knitting, card making etc enthusiast and we are very willing to pass on our varied skills to beginners.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S



The Friends of St Mary's Church will be holding a get-together on Monday 21st September at 7.00pm in the Church, to thank all those who have supported the fundraising for the fabric of the building over the last two years.

All those interested in regularly supporting the preservation of the historic building which is our village's Parish Church, and those who may be interested in helping, are most welcome to come

Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster, Lydia Biggs and Lottie Blake

Hi everybody, hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays.

Lottie's Pet of the Month

Animal: Kitten

Kittens are very cute and playful this means they need lots of attention. A kitten's litter tray needs to be cleaned once a day. Cat's have at least six kittens in one litter. If young kittens do not have their mother's around them they will need to be fed during night hours with kitten milk.



How Smart are You, What's your IQ?

1. Which of the five is least like the others?

Thesaurus Dictionary Atlas
Encyclopaedia Novel

2. Which of these five designs is least like the other four?

A F H E K

3. Which of the following five makes the best comparison?

121121221 is to ABAABABBA as 11221212 is to:

ABABAABA
AABBABAB
ABBAABBA

Answers will be revealed in the next issue.

Celebrity Profile

Lady Gaga

Her birthday is March 28th 1986

Her real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta She was born in Yonkers, New York

She's about 5 ft 2" or 3"
Her natural hair colour is brown



Review

Film: Bandslam

Bandslam is about a teenage boy who starts a new school and is asked to manage a band not knowing what he's getting him self into he says yes. Later on realises how hard its going to be and doesn't have time for his social life and begins messing things up with his friends.

It's a very interesting and funny film

We rate this 9/10

M E M O R I E S

The Overton Local History group met recently and the feeling was that everyone felt that it was important to collect the memories of life in our village, and to record them while it is still possible. This also includes images/photos of people and places around Overton.

A date for your diary -

Ken Farrell will give a talk at the White Horse 7.30pm on 8th October entitled "Finders Keepers", on a remarkable event that meant that the name Overton has gone into legal history. Everyone is very welcome. Later in October there will an opportunity to bring along any photos you have of Overton and Overton people in days gone by and to have them scanned (while you wait) and they can then be saved on the new Overton Website - more details in the next Oracle.

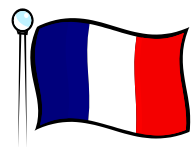
Here is just one example brought to the group by Mike Stant - "The ladies of Bangor Road" Do you know the date of when it was taken?

From Back left, Mrs Haynes, Mrs Suckley, Unknown, Alice Hughes, Marie Haynes.

From Front Left; Molly Jamieson, Mrs Davies, Gertrude Stant, Mrs Lloyd Wright.



B A C K F R O M L A M U R E T T E by Georgina Mason



We had a great send-off in Overton High Street in the early morning of 16th July as we headed off on our bikes for our twinned village of La Murette in south east France. A big thank you to all our supporters and of course to everyone who sponsored us on the 1,740 kms ride. We haven't yet got the final figures but it looks like each charity will receive the excellent sum of £500.

We rode a daily average of 90 kms which allowed us time to have plenty of breaks for picnics, sightseeing, admiring the view, reading roadside memorials, visiting churches, taking photos and even having the odd leisurely coffee in a pavement café watching the world go by. It's a great feeling to fly along a country road, listening to the birds or the sound of running water with the sun shining in a clear blue sky. We did indeed have that whole experience but for the first eight days we were rained on at some stage every single day. Luckily legs are waterproof and modern easy-dry fabrics meant we were never wet for long.

We used Map Nav to plot our route! Lightweight, foldable, portable and cheap, it was most effective at finding those small, quiet roads so beloved of cyclists. Before leaving home, we'd torn the relevant pages from an old Michelin Road Atlas, put them in a waterproof folder and then as we finished with them we just threw them away. That way we avoided carrying the weighty range of maps needed to cover a long and spread-out route. A map of our journey is available on twitter.com/franceorbust if you follow the link.

We were carrying full camping gear; tent, lightweight sleeping bags and mats, a couple of pans, a stove, plates, bowls and cutlery and it all worked well. We camped for fifteen nights in excellent campsites. Our first was on the River Severn. Our t-shirts emblazoned with Overton-on-Dee and La Murette caught the owner's eye and she asked us brusquely "leisure or charity?" It took a few seconds before we realised what she was asking. A free night was ours on the strength of our reply and an extra £11 was added to our funds.

We enjoyed the cycling of course but the best part of the trip has to be the week in La Murette itself. It was wonderful meeting old friends and making new ones. The group arrived on Sunday, the same day as us and the fantastic week began. It was the usual non-stop round of visits, activities, socialising and delicious food. We had wonderful cheese, amazing puddings, super salads, crunchy bread, creamy tarts, fresh juicy peaches. Diane and Chloe even had fresh figs from the tree in the garden for breakfast. We swam in a lake and canoed, visited a silk worm farm, an organic vineyard, a pottery and the biggest challenge of all which made the cycling seem like a piece of cake, a tree-walking circuit which had us swinging through the trees like monkeys! Terrifying but exciting. The children (and Katharine!) being fearless, had a ball.

Altogether, it was a most successful and enjoyable week and we look forward to next year's visit to Overton of our friends from La Murette. Now's your chance to be part of the fun. For further details get in touch with the Secretary Georgina Mason on 710486 or at gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk

OVERTON'S STUNT RIDER by Euan Stevenson



Many local people are probably not aware that we have a star of films and television living in the village. Roy Richards, of Salop Road, has that claim to fame, through his skill as a horse-rider. Roy was brought up in Welshpool and started his "love-affair" with horses from the age of 9, when he started to ride on his uncle's farm. He became such an accomplished rider, that at age 12 his uncle challenged him to "break-in" one of his most spirited horses, with the promise that if he was successful, he could keep the horse. Roy managed to master the animal and they soon formed a partnership that was to win prizes at many local shows and jumping events. At age 14, he even had a brief experience as a jockey and rode in several races.

Roy's father decided however that it was not easy making a living with horses, so Roy went off to farming college and temporarily said "good-bye" to horses. At age 22 however, he was approached by a stunt-man, who had been told of his ability as a rider, to see if he fancied becoming a "stunt - rider" in his spare time. He first had to prove his mettle by staying on the back of a specially selected "bucking bronco". Roy passed the test (although his thighs were extremely painful afterwards) and was soon riding regularly as a stunt-rider.

For more than 20 years now, he has been performing in shows all over the UK and Europe. Anywhere that jousting / wild - west / trick - riding or chariot racing is in a show, Roy will probably be taking part. He has loved having the opportunity to see almost all of the UK, and much of Europe, but the work has involved long hours and much travelling. Roy was soon sought after as a stunt horseman in films and T.V. His T.V. work covers many shows, such as "Boon", "The Sharpe series", "Sherlock Holmes" and "Time Team". His most vivid memory is the work he did on the most expensive T.V. commercial ever made - do you remember the Guinness advert where waves in the sea magically become real white horses? The films he has appeared in are too numerous to list, but include "Willow", "First Knight", "Robin Hood - Prince of Thieves", "Braveheart" and "Gladiator".

Roy recently worked on the Keira Knightley film "Duchess" and on "The Picture of Dorian Grey". Working with many people who are household names has been an experience for

Roy who says that Sean Bean, Richard Harris, Richard Gere and Val Kilmer were great to work with, although he is less complimentary about Mel Gibson and Russell Crowe! Roy sometimes gets fed up with the long hours, the travelling and the injuries, but still gets a buzz out of performing in the arena, and hopes to carry on with his exciting hobby for another 5 years or so. His next assignment is in September, for the TV show "Midsomer Murders".

FIREWORK DISPLAY

On Friday 18th September at 8.30 pm the 100th Year Celebrations of 1st Overton Scouts reach their climax with a FREE firework display on the playing fields in Overton. The display should last about 20 minutes and all members of the community are welcome. Entry is free although voluntary donations would be welcome.

For young people wanting to join the Scouting Movement -

Beavers start again on Wednesday September 2nd between 6 and 7pm in the Scout Hut on Wrexham Road. You must be between 5¾ and 8 years old.

Cubs also start on Wednesday 2nd September from 6.30 to 8 pm at Bangor Village Hall. Cubs should be from 8 to 10½ years old.

Scouts start again on Friday 28th August from 7 to 9pm at the Scout Hut. Everyone between 10½ and 14 welcome.

Explorer Scouts also start on Friday 28th from 7 to 10pm in the Scout Hut. Explorer Scouts are aged from 14 to 18.

Boys and girls are all welcome to join—no previous experience necessary to have FUN!

PUBLIC MEETING

**TRAFFIC CALMING IN OVERTON-ON-DEE
OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ARE HOLDING A
PUBLIC MEETING
on Tuesday 6th October
at the Village Hall Overton-on-Dee
7pm**

**Invited guests include
Members of Parliament,
Wrexham County Borough Councillors,
Police and Traffic Representatives**

**Come along and give YOUR views
Become involved & help make
the changes that residents want**

Overton V. P School Reunion

Can all those who have shown interest in the Overton School Reunion to take place on **September 11th** please pay their Ticket Fees to Dave Austin, if you have not already done so. Please pay for tickets as soon as possible in order to pay for overheads prior to the reunion. Closing date for tickets is August 1st.

Your Letters...

Dear Editor,

We didn't think we liked Indian food but a recent visit to Overton's Vojon changed our minds. The food was fresh and very tasty, the service was excellent and the decor, a pleasant surprise. We'll be back to Vojon, as we often are to The White Horse for a Sunday roast lunch.

I am also looking forward to trying the White Horse tapas. The world is on our doorstep, you might say. Do try them.

Stuart and Jenny Horton

Signed 2009 Test Match Bat

A Charity Show is to be held in aid of the Sophie Edwards Appeal Fund. Sophie is a 14yr old local girl suffering from cancer. This England / West Indies Test Match 2009 bat seen in the picture is autographed by both teams and will be auctioned at the

show to be held in the Comrades Club, Ellesmere on 2nd October at 7.30pm. Telephone bids for the bat can be made prior to the show to Mike Allen on 710164. A Certificate of Authenticity will be provided to the winning bidder.

**OVERTON LIBRARY**

Wrexham Library and Information Service has secured a substantial grant from CYMAL: Museums, Archives and Libraries, Wales a division of the Welsh Assembly Government to refurbish the room in Overton village hall which is occupied by the library. While the work is taking place in September the library will be in the Parish Room.

When we reopen, we will be increasing the library opening hours by 5 hours, from the present 10 to 15 hours. As it is important that the increased opening times reflect the needs of the local community we would be very grateful if you could take the time to tell us what time of day you would like to see the extra opening hours. See below when we are open at present. Please come into the library and tell us when you would like the extra opening hours, and any other comments or suggestions.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
10-1						
2-5	OPEN		OPEN		3-5 OPEN	
5-7					OPEN	

WHAT'S ON

September Diary for St Mary's Services

- Sunday Sept 6th** 11:30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday Sept 13th 11.00am Coffee & Sunday Praise
Sunday Sept 20th 11.30am Holy Eucharist
Friday Sept 25th 2.00pm St Mary's School Harvest Service
Sunday Sept 27th 11.30am Harvest Family Eucharist
Methodist Chapel Services Sunday evenings 6.30pm
Saturday mornings 10.30am till 12.00 noon Chapel Coffee Mornings every Saturday till end of Sept
Saturday September 5th 2.30pm 37th Annual Overton Village Produce Show in the Village Hall. Entries to be staged between 9.00 & 11.15am
Tuesday September 8th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
Friday September 11th Reunion of former pupils of Overton V.P. School 1949-1960 at the White Horse Hotel, Overton
Saturday September 12th 10.30am Overton Bowling Club Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Monday September 14th 6.00pm Practice Patient Participation Group at the Surgery. All Welcome.
Thursday September 17th Overton WI Meeting in the Chapel School Room. "19th century Erddig" by Jill Burton. Competition: Trivet Stand
Friday September 18th 8.00pm Overton Scouts Centenary Fireworks on Playing Fields. All Welcome
Monday September 21st 7.00pm Friends of St Mary's evening in the Church. All Welcome
Friday September 25th from 6.30pm Churches Together Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
Tuesday October 6th 7.00pm Council Open Public Meeting in the Village Hall regarding Traffic Calming in Overton
Thursday October 8th 7.30pm Overton History Group upstairs at White Horse. Speaker Ken Farrell on "Finders Keepers" All Welcome

OVERTON HAS GOT TALENT!

Many music, dance and magical performers have signed up already. There is still room for a few more. Drama, comedy and poetry especially welcome. Contact Helen Belton for more information and an application form. The "*Overton's got talent*" evening will be in St Mary's Church on November 13th.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy August Birthdays to Brian Hamlington, Euan Stevenson, Val Stevenson, Ross Morrison, David (Wavy) Williams, Charlotte Eve, Geoff Pritchard, Sue Green. and Kayleigh Grindley.
 And Happy 18th to Melissa Haynes.
 Also Happy Birthday to Mary Smitheram from her sister, Ann Morris, and belated birthday wishes to Chloe Malam.
 Congratulations to James Sadowski and Victoria Edwards on their marriage on 15th August.
 Happy belated 30th Wedding anniversary for Iory and Angela Williams.

WANTED

St Mary's Church is looking for new people to join St Mary's Choir. If you have an interest in music or just like to sing come along and join us or contact the Rector on 710229.

FOR SALE

FOUND

Would the owner of the football shown below which was used to break our front bedroom window at The Quinta on the junction of Wrexham Road and Bangor Road on 6 Aug 09 please call me on 07798 624 809 to arrange to collect it.



Martyn Maund

PLEASE REMEMBER

Copy deadline 20th of the month. Get your events & news to us early to avoid disappointment
THIS INCLUDES ADVERTISEMENTS
 Leave your contributions, & announcements at the Corner Shop.

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