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The prize for the Diamond Jubilee Best Dressed Business in the village was the front page of the Overton Oracle. The winner was Woodlands of Erbistock for their shop window display at the Deli.

Spotlight on Woodlands

Woodlands Deli has been open for two years. It was started by Richard and Julie Done primarily as a deli with carefully chosen products that they love. Many are sourced locally and are used in the in-house café opened just over a year ago. The couple were already well known for their fantastic farm produced Woodlands ice cream, made with organic milk from the family farm (milked by Richard's brother Mike) and loads of local fresh double cream from Tomlinsons.



Many of the products in the deli are local to Overton, some from much further away. The free range eggs are from Home

Farm, Overton so don't travel far and are much cheaper than supermarket free range prices. Fruit and veg is competitive and delivered daily. Bread comes from Smiths Bakery in Oswestry, a small family firm and you really can taste the difference. One customer is French and says that it reminds him of home, he did not think that decent bread existed here!

A London wholesaler, Neals Yard Dairy, supplies most of the cheese which is sourced from small producers all

over the UK. Richard is constantly searching for new products and has discovered some fantastic cheeses, Isle of Mull cheddar, goats cheese that makes your mouth water, and sheep cheeses too! There is a new range of smoked meats that youngest daughter Charlotte always asks for when she needs to add to her lunch box. The Deli also makes its own sausage rolls, bara brith, tiffin, coronation chicken and coleslaw. The café has proved a great success, and received an enthusiastic review in the Daily Post a few months ago.



Everyone is invited to the **Open Day on Saturday September 29th** 11am to 4pm to give customers the opportunity to taste a wide variety of products. Four members of the family work in the business, Richard, his mother Gwenan, wife Julie and son George ably supported by Alan & Glynis Farley and Karen. They have an extensive product knowledge, but they won't mither you - just ask if you need help. The aim is to be welcoming and relaxed; just come in browse and try us out. There are lovely treats, great coffee or you can enjoy a great family lunch. Check out this weeks specials on the excellent website www.woodlandsoferbistock.co.uk



HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUNDAY LUNCH

Overton's 3 churches, Parish, Methodist and Roman Catholic, will be holding a combined Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's on **Sunday September 23rd at 11.30 am**, followed by a Harvest Lunch in the upstairs room of the White Horse. Tickets for Lunch £9.95 (Roast Beef Dinner followed by Apple Pie, vegetarian option available) must be purchased before day. Full details and tickets available from all 3 churches.

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



Did you enjoy the Olympics? Or is that a silly question? Everything about them was amazing. Not only GB Team's haul of medals, but the opening and closing ceremonies, the volunteers, the organization, the fun, the friendship, everything about them.

There were one or two minor problems. Do you remember the eight badminton players who were disqualified for not trying to win? They were trying to lose a game so that they wouldn't have to face their tough opponents until the finals. The crowds booed at the embarrassment and finally the officials put an end to it.

So if you were asked what was the mission of the Olympic athletes? What would you say - to win. And how would you know if they were accomplishing their mission - whether or not they were winning their games. And how do you know if they were winning their games - you look at the score. That's obvious isn't it, can you imagine what a game would be like if the teams just lined up and played each other going up and down the field but didn't bother to keep the score? What would be the point?

How about our Church life? What's our mission? How do we know if we're winning? Some churches have on their notice board their score. They display every Sunday: - the attendance, the collection and the decisions that have been made. But are they keeping the right score? Just like the Olympics, life isn't all about winning, it's about participating, it's about doing things together. It's not about being the best, but the best YOU can be. Remember Usain Bolt and his three gold medals but also remember Manteo Mitchel who in the 400m relay heats completed his run in spite of a broken fibula and so ensured his team would reach the final. It's not just about getting the gold, but doing your best for the team whatever the circumstances are.

Participating is more important than winning. That's what the Olympic Games showed us, participating as athletes, as volunteers or together as supporters. So join us by participating in our Informal Family Worship at 10 o'clock on the first Sunday of each month. Join us too in our Harvest Festival when the three churches in Overton will come together to thank God for the harvest and for all the good gifts that we enjoy - Sunday September 23rd St. Mary's 11.30 am. It's followed by a Harvest Lunch in the White Horse for which tickets are necessary. So just like the Olympic Games get your tickets early - this time I don't think there'll be any empty seats!

With every blessing,
David

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Stuart Roberts



As you are aware schools are back for the new term and possible parking problems may start again. It is my intention for this not to happen. Parents please park sensibly and do not park on the yellow markings. This is to ensure the safety of your children. There is a car park in Church Road and it would be appreciated if you can use it. I will be outside the school as much as possible to ensure the problem parking stops.

Crime stats are down on this time last year which is really good news. I feel this is due to you ensuring your dwellings are locked and more difficult to gain access to, so keep up the good work. One problem I have come across whilst on patrol is vehicle owners leaving their vehicles unattended with windows open and valuables left on show i.e. sat nav's, cd's. Please be mindful when leaving your vehicles. I have passed the details of those vehicles I have seen left unattended and vulnerable to our Community Safety Team who will send you a letter to make you aware.

Lastly apologies if anyone has tried to contact me via my blackberry, I have had problems with the handset which have now been fixed. If you wish to contact me please call 01978 348425 or 097791278740. Many thanks,
Stu.

Playgroup news

Welcome back all after the summer holidays! From 24th Sept to 17th Oct we will be running our Recycle Initiative, collecting old clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc. Black sacks can be used if you don't get one of our bags. On the 6th October we are having a 'just for fun' party in the Village Hall. There will be a small charge per child just to cover the costs, look out for posters. As always we are in need of more committee members to join us; I am appealing to all those who have children in playgroup and asking you to join the committee in any capacity, even the smallest of help makes a massive difference. The next meeting will be towards the end of September, I will post notices round the village to inform you of the date. Thanks! *Angie Atkins*

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 12th September at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetables with Chocolate Sponge & Custard to follow. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

YOUR **St MARY'S**

Bonanza 2012

Saturday 15th September 12 - 4pm

at the school

"Free Entry"

Fun for all ages

"Everyone is welcome, please bring along all your friends and family for a great afternoon out"

~ Raising funds for our school ~

Amazing Puppet Theatre ~ Pony rides
Bingo ~ Bouncy Castle ~ Face Painting
Jo Jingles ~ Craft Making ~ Archery
Quiz ~ The Stocks ~ Storytelling
Vegetable & Sunflower competition
Hula Hoop & Tae Kwan-Do demos
Shopping stalls ~ Coconut shy
Recycled uniform stall ~ Hook a duck
Mystery boxes ~ Rowing challenge
and much more

Scrumptious tea, cakes & snacks
All day BBQ, ice creams

Please join us for lunch

Youth Club Re-launch

The Wrexham Rural Youth Service will be relaunching Overton Youth Club for the Autumn Term.

Everyone is invited to an Open Evening at the Scout Hut, Wrexham Road on Tuesday September 4th at 6pm.

The Youth Club sessions will resume on September 11th ~

Juniors (10 to 13yrs olds) 5.30 to 6.30pm

and

Seniors (14 to 18 yr olds) 6.30 to 7.30pm

Please come to the Open Evening to meet the team and see what we are all about.

Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone for sending money to us to sponsor our Great Wall of China charity trek! They have been extremely generous and we really appreciate it! The trek is 29th Sept. to 9th Oct. and we have stepped up the training as abject terror begins to set in! There is still time for people to donate.

www.justgiving.com/jill-pugh You can sponsor us any amount at all as it all mounts up, however, a £10 donation gets a number allocated and put in the raffle to win a 2 week stay in a luxury villa in Florida!

<http://www.onlinefrs.com/poolhomerentals.html> (see 595 Rotonda Circle, click on slide show photo tour).

Thanks everyone!

Jan, Jill and Claire.

Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
Robyn Rehbock and
Charley Middleton



Hi guys! Who's looking forward to going back to school!

Good luck to all kids starting school or moving on to high school.

We hope you have an amazing time!

Here is a word search to get you thinking about school again!

P	A	D	G	L	I	U	Y	R	T	Q	P	D
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PENCILS, PEN, ERASER, ENGLISH,
CALCULATOR, MATHS, ART, SCIENCE

Q. What do you call a bull asleep?

A. A bull dozer.

Q. Where do you find a no legged dog?

A. Where you left it.

Q. What is a ghosts' favourite airline?

A. British Scare ways.

Q. What did one zombie say to another?

A. Get a life.

Film review :**THE LORAX**

STORYLINE: A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.



THIS IS A VERY GOOD FILM BY THE MAKERS OF "DESPICABLE ME" AND IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES. WE WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND THIS FILM TO GO AND SEE.



If you want a cooling recipe if you're too hot, try this!

For 2 litres lemonade:

6 Large unwaxed lemons

150g granulated sugar & 1.5 litres water

Wash the lemons in water, remove outer part of the skin with potato peeler or zester and put zest in large bowl. Squeeze all 6 lemons and add juice to zest.

Add the sugar. Boil the water and pour it into the bowl and stir with wooden spoon and then cover. Leave overnight in a cool space. Next day, stir lemonade then using

Tour de Overton?



There is a planned closed road cycling event through the outskirts of Overton on Sunday 9th September, as the challenging cycle road race "The Etape Cymru" comes to the area. It will mean that Argoed Lane will be closed as the race starts and as the cyclists return.

Starting and finishing at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse, the 92-mile route passes from Bangor-on-Dee, up Bangor Road, along Argoed Lane and down Wrexham Road to Erbistock. The tough route then includes Panorama, Worlds End, Minera and Carrog, taking in climbs of many of the tough hills in the Clwydian range. During the Etape Cymru ride itself there will be a special King of the Mountain timed stage for the Horseshoe Pass climb.

Roads are closed temporarily while the race passes with full marshalling at all junctions. Following the spectacular success of the Team GB cyclists in the London Olympics and the Tour de France, this is bound to be a popular event. There could be over 4,000 cyclists and the first will leave Bangor Racecourse from 7am. Chris Boardman MBE, who has used the Horseshoe Pass climb in training throughout his career, said: "The Horseshoe Pass and the surrounding area are just stunning places to ride a bike. Being fairly local, I've used the Horseshoe Pass throughout my career and it's a real test of form. It's a tough climb that just keeps on going, but the views from the top are worth it."

The official national charity partner for Etape Cymru 2012 is Macmillan Cancer Support and funds raised from participants will be used to help Macmillan support not only people affected by cancer, but everyone their cancer has an impact on, partners, children, friends and carers.

The local charity partner is Nightingale House which provides specialist palliative care services, completely free-of-charge, to patients and their families in our area. Go to website <http://www.etape-cymru.co.uk/> for further details & plans of the route.



Overton Bowling Club Coffee Morning

at Overton Village Hall on
Saturday 8th September at 10.30am Entrance 50p



Overton September Cricket Fixtures

1st - Wem - Home * 1pm start
8th - Calverhall - Away* 1pm start
15th - Whitchurch - Home* 1pm start



Wildbanks Conservation



Welcome to Mick and Clare Smith who have opened their business at the Old Smithy, Wrexham Road.

Mick and I moved to the Old Smithy in the village in March, expanding our business from its roots in Holmfirth and returning to North Wales where I grew up. We are enjoying discovering our garden finding beautiful lilies and rambling roses which stand as testament to the green fingers of the Smithy's former owner, George Mysal. Hopefully our roadside mini-meadow of Cornflower, Poppy and Corn Chamomile will help attract pollinators into our garden and help our veg plot flourish!

Wildflower meadows are something we enjoy working on and we have created a variety over the six years our business, Wildbanks Conservation, has been growing. We specialise in Countryside Management and Environmental Education, delivering all kinds of projects, from woodland management, hedge laying, pond creation to installing boardwalks and footpaths.

A large part of our work involves helping schools improve their grounds for outdoor learning. We have worked with many schools, accessing grants to pay for projects such as outdoor classrooms, learning zones, nature trails, dipping platforms and much more. Working with the pupils from the design stage right through to the build is very satisfying. We take great pleasure in creating something which so many children will benefit from and at only a fraction of the cost to the school.

We hope to help schools and community groups in the local area so if you have a project, or a dream of transforming a green space into a wildlife haven at home or in the community we may be able to help.

See our website for further details. Tel: 01978 710786

Email info@wildbanksconservation.com

Website www.wildbanksconservation.com

Thank you

The Overton British Legion has raised over £500 this year from the Diamond Jubilee Coffee Morning to the fete and the sale of Diamond Jubilee coins. Many thanks to everyone who made this possible, especially Frank Lloyd and Gerry Owen who operated the 'Splat the Rat' game at the fete and to Jean Williams, who sold over 100 Diamond Jubilee coins.

The monthly meetings at Woodlands Deli have proved very successful with excellent attendance. Everyone is welcome, especially if you have served in the armed forces although this is not necessary and the number of non-serving members has increased over the last year. The next meeting is on Monday 10th September at 10.30 am.

Medical News

Doctor Helen Treharne, originally from Aberdare in South Wales, has joined us for 12 months as a GP Registrar. Two new recruits are Maxine James who is joining the reception staff to cover Julie's Maternity Leave and Alison Platt who is Dispensing Supervisor at Bangor-on-Dee. We are not permitted by the Welsh Government to dispense medication to anyone living within 1 mile radius of an existing chemist, so this means patients living around Overton can still have appointments in Bangor on Dee, but we cannot dispense your medication from there. A new Chairperson of the Practice Patient Participation Group (PPPG), Mrs Caroline Wason, has now been elected.

La Murette visitor



Georgina Mason with Maryse

Maryse Calame-Schmidt, the Chair of the La Murette Twinning Association recently spent a week here in Overton. Somebody worked some magic

with the weather and after 3 months of continuous rain, the sun shone. It was great for her to see everything looking its best in the sunshine.

It was her first ever Twinning visit so it was a challenge to know what to put on the programme. We decided to go to places previously visited with the La Murette groups, from the most spectacular like Conwy Castle to the more mundane like the People's Market in Wrexham, she was charmed by everything. She did her bit for the local economy and left the Market with bagfuls of Welsh souvenirs. During the week Maryse had lunch in the Deli, met Mick in the Corner Shop, walked the Walls in Chester, did Chirk Castle and Erddig, Llangollen and Pontcysyllte and Trefiew Woollen Mill, buying even more Welsh souvenirs! Her day in Liverpool at the Albert Dock was a highlight for her and at the Tate, we were lucky with the timing of the Anglo-French exhibition of Monet and Turner paintings which was a real treat.

Friday evening saw a convivial gathering of 20 or so enthusiastic twidders. We had a lovely meal together with contributions of food from everyone who came. She also met with David Burton, Chair of the Community Council to discuss ideas for the continuing goodwill and friendship between our communities. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make her visit so worthwhile. She was delighted to meet you all and can't wait to return next year with the group from La Murette.

Overton Twinning will have an Information Stall at St Mary's School Bonanza; do come and see us and find out how you, too, can be part of our dynamic organisation!

A Time to Remember

After hearing the sad news of Joan Pearce, it occurred to me that she might have been quite pleased to hear that "little Glenda Bussey" graduated from the Open University last May with an Honours degree in French and German. I always wanted to go to university when I left school but Mum wasn't keen on the idea so I never went. When I left the Court Service at the age of 60 I decided it's never too late to learn and to pursue my language dream so studied part time with the OU for 6 years. I finally "made it" in May this year and had a degree ceremony at Symphony Hall in Birmingham. My son Anthony and daughter in law Helen came with me and we had a great celebration of "mothers success". Joan would have been pleased I think especially as, when I was little, I had such a bad stammer and could barely speak in English never mind French or German!

Anthony is an old hand at university study after completing his BA, MA and PhD with Bristol University - he's now Doctor Hammond and I'm so proud of him. You will no doubt recall he gave a recital at Overton Church some time ago and music is his life. He's recently been in New York, Washington and Boston giving recitals and has had a wonderful welcome in all his venues. His Dad and Gran would have been over the moon!!

The lady to whom I attribute my love of languages was Jenny McNally who used to live across the road from us in the 50's (in the days when Dr Caspar lived on the corner - goodness that makes me feel old). As I'm sure you remember she was a German lady and I was fascinated to hear her speak German to her children. My Mum told her about that and Jenny offered to teach me German. I used to go across to her and she taught me lots of words and phrases from a little book and I loved it. We were getting on so well and then she had to leave because Owen, her husband, was posted elsewhere in the country as he was in the army. She came back some years later but I was then in school and was learning German, French and Welsh there. Jenny is dead now but this degree is very much a "thank you" to her. I'll never forget her. *Glenda Hammond née Bussey formerly of Plough Lane (now Willow Street)*

First birthday

The Boat in Erbistock recently celebrated its 1st birthday by helping its neighbour, St Hilary's Church raise a fabulous £545 towards repairs and upkeep of this stunning riverside place of worship. The congregation and locals joined together to deliver their very own 'Songs of Praise' which included all their favourite hymns, with the Rector Rev David Child leading the way. Afterwards everyone was invited to The Boat for a buffet supper, glass of wine, plus a fundraising raffle. Simon Kalton of the Boat said: "It's great for us to be in a position where we can help support local events and good causes in our community - St Hilary's is our neighbour and a beautiful church - it was great for us to be part of their Celebration of Summer"

Community Chest Grant

The closing date for applications for the Overton Community Council Community Chest Grant is 31stth October 2012.

Grants may be made by the Overton Community Council towards capital expenditure by local organisations within the area administered by the Community Council. Grants will not be made towards general maintenance or running costs. An application shall be made on a form obtainable from the Clerk to the Community Council.

The Community Council reserves the right to request detailed particulars of an applicant's financial position. Any information will be treated in confidence. Funds available for grants are limited and there can be no guarantee of a grant being offered in any particular case.

Grants may be made towards the setting-up of a new local organisation, providing the Community Council is satisfied that a proper constitution exists and that the organisation has adopted a programme of fund-raising events for at least one year.

For further information or an application form and notes please contact the clerk on 01978 710 055, email: occ.clerk@btinternet.com or visit the office on a Monday or Wednesday between 9.30am – 1.30pm

Keep Wales Tidy

Tidy Wales Week is 17 - 23 September 2012. Keep Wales Tidy are hoping that people living in every corner of the country will show how much they care for their local area by rolling up their sleeves and cleaning up their community as part of Tidy Wales Week 2012.

To help you with you clean-up, we are offering FREE clean-up kits. We only have a limited stock so order yours today! If you would like to take part in Tidy Wales Week 2012 please visit our website for more information. To register a Tidy Wales Week event and to order your FREE clean-up kit email tw@keepwalestidy.org

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WHAT'S ON

September Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday September 2nd 10:00am Family Village Praise
Sunday September 9th 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday September 16th 10:00am Family Communion
Sunday September 23rd 11.30am Harvest Festival
Sunday September 30th 10.00am Group Communion (we welcome our friends from Erbistock)

Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings 6.30pm

Saturday September 1st The Village Produce Show & Handicraft Show. Exhibits before 11.00am. Doors open at 2.30pm. Presentation of Prizes at 4.00pm

Tuesday September 4th 6pm Overton Youth Club Open Evening at the Scout Hut

Tuesday September 4th 7.30pm Overton History Group upstairs at the White Horse. All welcome.

Wednesday September 5th 10 - 12 noon Knit & Natter Group at Penley Rainbow Centre.

Saturday September 8th 10.30am Overton Bowling Club Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. 50p

Sunday September 9th from 7am Road Cycle Race Etape Cymru passes through edge of Overton with some temporary road closures.

Monday September 10th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

Tuesday September 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 September 12th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Saturday September 15th 12 - 4pm St Mary's School Bonanza, Free entry. All welcome

Thursday September 20th 7.30 pm Overton WI visit to The Brow, Overton with a talk by Rafela Fitzhugh. Competition: A Souvenir Teaspoon

Sunday September 23rd 11.30am Harvest Festival & lunch at the White Horse. Booking essential

Saturday September 29th 11am to 4pm Woodlands Deli and Café Open Day

Saturday September 29th 7.30pm Rainbow Centre, Penley Quiz Night

The October edition of the Overton Oracle will be published a little late, due to the editor's holiday.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Linda Squire (née Hoare) and Glen Rylands for their forthcoming marriage at Greta Green on 6th September.



Congratulations to Rhian Farley and Phil Barlow on their wedding on August 4th.

Congratulations to Lisa Edwards and Kevin Owens on their wedding on August 12th.

Happy September Birthdays to Lucas Pimparel, Brian Hamlington, Euan Stevenson, Val Stevenson, Ross Morrison, David (Wavy) Williams, Melissa Haynes, Mary Smitheram, Charlotte Eve, Pauline Lynch. Geoff Pritchard, Kayleigh Grindley, and Simon, Marian, Haf and Aoife Edwards. Laura Marks, Myra Worthington, and Dave Austin
 And Happy 50th Birthday to Pauline Edwards



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gladys Rathbone

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Diane Chilver. (many people would remember Diane as the cook at Overton School)

Sincere condolences to family and friends of Jean Metcalfe, wife of Den Metcalfe of Metcalfe's Shop, which was the main grocery shop in Overton for many years.

Overton Library

From Monday 3rd September the opening hours at Overton Library will change on Mondays to mornings from afternoons. We hope that this will be more convenient for a number of our customers. The new hours on Monday will be:- **10am to 2pm**. The rest of the week stays the same:- Wednesday and Friday **2pm - 6pm** and Saturdays **10 - 1pm**

Chapel Harvest Festival

Friday October 5th 7.00pm with Rev Jenny Arthurs
 Sunday October 7th 6.30pm with Rev Una McLean
 Monday October 8th 6.30pm Chapel Harvest Supper

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