

# The Overton Oracle

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## Welcome to La Murette

Welcome to our visitors from La Murette who will be staying in Overton from 1st to 8th August.

An exciting, varied, and entertaining series of events and activities is planned. Days out include a walk along the Clywedog Trail, Chester Zoo, Caernarfon Castle, Ludlow, & Stokesay Castle, Loggerheads Country Park and Ruthin Gaol and Oswestry Show.

All Families are welcome to come on the trips. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There may be spaces on the mini buses otherwise own transport is needed. If you are interested contact Catherine Starkey on 710322 or Karen Harrison on 710800. Everyone is welcome to join in.

La Murette has presented the Overton Community Council with a panoramic photo of La Murette. The unveiling was attended by members of the Twining Committee and the Community Council. The picture will hang in the Parish Room.



## Traffic Calming

Play **your** part in making your village safer! Volunteers are needed for one hour during the week of 9 - 15 August to help carry out a pedestrian head count. The results of this head count will be given at the next Traffic Calming public meeting on Monday 20th September 7pm in the Parish Room.

If you would like to help please contact the Clerk either by e-mail [occ.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:occ.clerk@btinternet.com) or telephone 01978 710055



Thank you to all visitors who took the time to compile a letter which has been sent to our local Assembly Members requesting a 40 mph buffer zone on the Wrexham to Whitchurch Road. The support response was excellent. Overton Community Council will keep all residents informed about the outcome in the Oracle, so 'Watch this space'.

The poster competition was a great success. The winners were chosen by Susan Elan Jones, MP for Clwyd South. Keep an eye out for the posters being displayed throughout the village.

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Karlakki, Sandra Whitley and Rafela Fitzhugh for all their help on the day and continued support.

*Susan Elan Jones with the Traffic Calming Posters*

## OVERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 4th September

Exhibits need to be brought to the Village Hall before 11.00am on the morning of the Show. Doors open at 2.30 pm. for viewing. Presentation of Prizes at 4pm

## Overton's Young Author



The winner of Overton's Young Author 2010 is Robyn Rehbock for her contribution to the book "Today, Tomorrow and Forever". She was presented with her prize by Overton's Library Assistant Rebecca Baskerville. Robyn wrote "I like Overton fete because of the many activities and the friendly

people running them." The day of the fete was the first anniversary of 9 yr old Robyn and her family moving to the village from South Africa.

Today, Tomorrow, Forever is a book for the community by the community. It gives an insight into our village and is filled with comments and thoughts of our fete written by our neighbours. Thank you to Jenna Evans for the beautifully creative title, capturing the feel and essence of the book.

It is hoped that this book will be the first of many, giving an annual snapshot of Overton on Dee on the day of our fete and that it will form part of Overton's history, creating a sense of community and belonging and giving an insight into our neighbourhood. The expectation is that this book will grow in popularity each year and that everyone will be waiting to add their individual comments. It is hoped that you will pop into Overton library and to look at the book and maybe start to think of captions for next years' book!

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone that has contributed to the book and sincerely hope that it provides great pleasure to all those that read it.

*Rebecca Baskerville and Alice Murray*

# Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster, Lydia Biggs & Lottie Blake

Hey everyone,  
It's the summer  
holiday's YES!!!!



## Birthstones and Birth sign's

August Birthstone: Peridot.

August Birth flower: Gladiolus.

Birth sign:

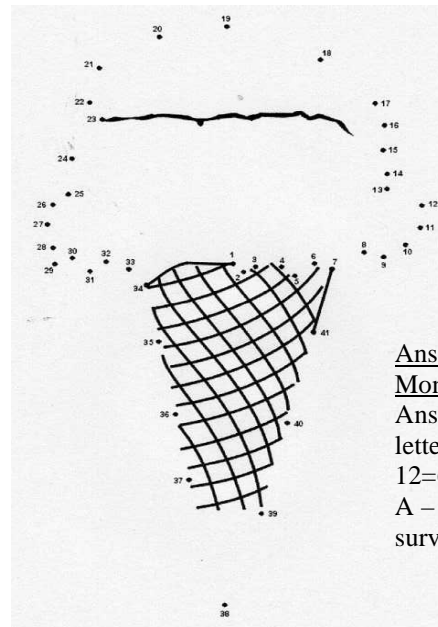
Leo the lion

between July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Virgo the virgin

between August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Dot to Dot



### Answers to Last Months Riddles.

Answers. 11=6, 6 letters in eleven.

12=6.

A – You don't bury survivors.!

## Playgroup News

A HUGE thank you to all of you who donated clothing, linen, toys etc. We made a fantastic £164. So thank you! Plus we made £96 on our summer raffle, so thanks to all of you who contributed to this to.

A few reminders about what's happening in the summer

- Holiday Club for 2-8yr olds, 8am till 6pm Monday to Friday. £1.50 per half hour.  
Book with Margaret 710688.
- Summer coffee mornings 10am - 12pm every Tuesday. All the family are welcome.
- Open for Teacher Training Day Sept 1st, do book in.
- Mount Snowdon Sponsored Walk Event—we will be looking for sponsorship so do come and talk to us if you are interested in joining us or sponsoring us!

## Medical News

Dr Amy Stevenson has given birth to baby George, both mother and baby are fine. She will return in December to finish her registrar training. From early August we will have a new Registrar with us for 6 months, Dr Stephen Wadsworth. Dr Sreeram has now finished her training with the Practice, we wish her well for the future,

The 'Quality of Outcomes Framework' (QoF) is a very grand title which relates to the assessment made each year looking at the services we provide to patients. It is with great pleasure and pride that Overton Medical Practice can report a result this year of 99.5%.

£68 was raised at our stall at the fete for North Wales Emergency Doctors Services.

## Ramblings From the Rectory

by David Lewis



Dear friends,

A Yorkshire Vicar took his family to the seaside for the day. Returning late home at night he ran out of petrol, just before reaching home. Fortunately there was a garage not far away and he knew the proprietor. When he got there, however there was no suitable receptacle for the petrol. He returned to the car and took the only available container - the baby's potty.

A few minutes later he was gingerly pouring the petrol from the potty into the tank when one of the parishioners walked by. Seeing the strange sight of the vicar pouring the contents of the potty into the car, the parishioner said, 'By gum Vicar, I wish I had your faith!'

Faith is a strange old thing. In our world today we want cast iron proof or certainties before we commit. And yet by its very definition faith cannot offer these

The Bible says in the letter to the Hebrews:

*'To have faith is to be sure the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.'*

At times in our world it can be difficult to hold on to faith. What is God doing, when there is so much suffering is a question I hear quite often.

And that question in a way is unanswerable. Faith asks you to trust, to step out, without there being cast iron certainties, but in the trust that God does love us. For me faith comes alive when I see the love of God reflected in people's lives and how they reach out in compassion in times of crisis.

One evening a little girl was walking with her father on an evening stroll. The little girl was looking up at the stars as she clasped her father's hand and said:

*'Daddy if the bottom of heaven is so beautiful, what must it be like inside'.* And the father caught a glimpse of Heaven in the enraptured face of his child.

It is at moments like these that the wonder and joy of faith for me come alive.

Your Friend and Rector, David

## COUNTRY BEAT

by Constable Stephen Evans

Hello again.

I hope like me you enjoyed the Overton Fete. You may have noticed that with me on the day were members of the special constabulary - Dean, Maria and Keifer Hewitt. Dean and his family assist me greatly in the policing of the Maelor Section and their commitment and hard work is much appreciated.



Summer holidays are now upon us and many of you will be going away for a week or two. Can I just remind you to take a minute and think of crime prevention before you go. Simple measures like letting your neighbours know you are going away and asking them to keep an eye on your property or even letting us know and we'll do the same. Making sure everything is locked away and that the garden shed and garages are locked secure. There are loads of simple measures you can take and remember you can always pop into the station for advice.

One more thing and this is aimed at the youth of the village. With the school holidays here, can I ask that if you are out in the village, be it on the park or down by the river, that you consider others. We don't want to spoil your fun but please be aware of how your behaviour affects others. Mums and Dads, can I ask that you convey this message across please. Again, thank you for your continued support and as always you can contact us at Overton police station by either visiting in person or by contacting us on 01978 348425.

Thank you,  
Steve - PC 1885.

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## Thank You from Joanne Kember

When I decided to resurrect the village fete in 2005, it was because I felt that as a village it would be great to have at least 1 day a year when we tried to all meet up, spend time together and celebrate the community spirit. I am so pleased that yet again we have had such a great day, and that the library's book of 'comments' has reflected that the community does feel that the fete achieves this and is enjoyed by so many people of all ages.

I would like to say THANKYOU, to all of those who put such effort and time into making this communal celebration such a success. Mike Done and family, who every year toil over the tables and chairs, and the youngsters on the field who helped, The Village Hall committee, Catholic Church and Bowling club for the loan of the tables and chairs. All the stall holders, Lorren and Dance Addiction., P.C. Evans and his team for 'traffic control'. The football club for giving us permission to use the pitch area. Pat Loughlin for all his hard work to keep the playing fields in such immaculate order, and on fete day it all looked wonderful. To Mike Jones for cutting the Avenue so tidily to use as a car park. The cricket club for playing on the wicket nearest the clubhouse so that fete would not be endangered by cricket balls! David Hughes for taking up the role of 'announcer'. Mervyn and Claire for the fete signs. Mick Pinder for supplying the tannoy and music. The 'clearer uppers' including the Chalk family, Dafydd, Llewelyn and Clive. ALL OF YOU for coming - despite the heat!

We are always looking for new (free!) features to bring to the fete, but we need YOU to come up with ideas!

Two possible for next year are - a tug of war competition, and children's (and maybe adults!) races/sports. If anyone would like to take on organising one of these or has another activity/feature ideas please let me know.

## Overton Athletic - the eighties by Euan Stevenson



*Overton Athletic with the Nth Wales Shield & Shropshire Knockout Cup*

When I arrived in Overton in 1978, with a perception that Wales was the land of rugby and male-voice choirs, I was surprised to find that the village had a thriving football club in Overton Athletic. In those days the Evans family were the energy behind the football club. Geraint and Maureen, who ran the old "paper-shop", were the fundraisers, kit washers and terrific workers, while brother Brian managed the team. When Geraint found out that I had a fair bit of football experience, he was soon pestering me to get involved, and by 1981, I had become manager.

During training sessions, I had another surprise, that many of the local lads were talented footballers. Among them

were Andy and Phil Roberts, Chris Edge, Paul Hamlington, Simon Edwards, Andy Johnson, Gareth Edwards, Tommy Jones, Pat Loughlin, Nigel Jones, Neil Woolley, Sam Wynne, Keith Roberts, Derek Edwards and Iory Evans – and many others to whom I apologise for missing them out. Within a couple of years we were promoted to the premier division of the Welsh National league, plus a good reserve team run by Keith Fowles, Kevin Harding and later Keith Roberts. Another valuable player arrived in the village in the shape of Kevin McLoughlin, who had taken over as chief brewer at Wrexham Lager, a terrific centre-half and soon captain of the first team.

The premier division was of a high standard in those days, including great clubs like Brymbo, Lex, Mold Alexandra, Chirk, Cefn Druids, Llay, Bala Town and also the reserve team of Wrexham F.C. Wrexham reserves were obviously professionals, but some of the other teams were semi-professional. I remember after a match with Mold Alexandra, chatting to the manager of the Mold team, who had just beaten us 2 – 1. When he asked me how much it had cost Overton to field a team, he was astonished when I said "absolutely nothing" and revealed that he had paid the Mold players a total of £250 in wages that day. Competing in that league was tough for a small village team, but such was the ability of the players, that throughout the "80s", we survived in the premier league, never being relegated. Although we were never close to the top of the league, we had many notable victories over quality teams. We beat Bala Town 5 – 2, beat Llay Welfare 13 – 1 on a very muddy pitch, beat Mold 4 – 2 and most memorably beat Wrexham F.C. reserves 3 – 1. Dixie McNeill was the first team manager and I remember his article in the Wrexham Leader when he said "The sport of football never ceases to surprise me – last week I sent out the strongest reserve team I have fielded this season, including 6 players with first team experience and we were soundly beaten by a village team, Overton Athletic".

We did however manage to win several trophies, possibly the most notable being the North Wales Junior Shield, when we defeated Buckley Town 4 – 0 in a very rough cup final. Every spring, for a change in scenery, we competed with all the best Shropshire teams in the R.T. Smith knockout tournament. The English air suited us and Overton Athletic had an astonishing record – we won the competition 3 times in a 5 year period, defeating big clubs Whitchurch Alport, Malpas and Wem Town in successive finals. The "80s" were indeed a golden era for Overton Athletic football club, and all the lads involved can be proud of their achievements. It was also a lot of fun and we had many laughs along the way, such as the occasion when I committed the sin of fielding an illegal player under a false name. In the first half of the game, he tripped an opponent and was being given a "yellow card". On being asked his name by the referee, the forgetful player, shouted across to me on the touchline "What's my name, again...?."

### Overton Community Council

### Notice of vacancy in the office of Councillor

**Notice is hereby given that ONE vacancy exists in the Office of 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 vacancy should be sent to:

Katrina Chalk, Clerk to Overton Community Council, Overton Village Hall, 5 Penyllan Street, Overton, LL13 0EE

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

### Pick up and tweak

The Government is talking about heavy cuts in spending, which will affect all of us including Wrexham Council. One area we have heard, which will have an almost immediate effect, is street and sign cleaning. We will have to fall back on our own resources. So if you see any litter please pick it up, outside your own home is a good place to start.

If a sign needs cleaning or overhanging foliage needs cutting back we could use secateurs, together with a damp cloth to wipe down the sign and do it ourselves on a purely voluntary basis. If we do we will have a village to be proud of, but please be careful especially on the busy roads.

### Breast Screening

Breast Test Wales will have a mobile breast screening unit in the Asda Car Park August - December 2010. If you are a woman aged 50 – 70 this year and registered with the GP Surgery in Overton on Dee, you will automatically receive appointment letters.

If you will be 71 or over this year and registered with the GP you can request an appointment by phoning the North Wales Breast Screening Centre in Llandudno, Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm, Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm on 01492 860888. Please help Breast Test Wales by keeping to the correct time and date for your appointment or telephoning the Centre in Llandudno to change or cancel your appointment. The breast x-ray, a mammogram, only takes a few moments.

Breast Test Wales provides a high quality breast screening service. Heather Ramessur, Screening Promotion Officer comments “Breast Screening can detect tiny cancers before any symptoms can be seen or felt and by detecting the cancer early this can mean greater treatment choice and better outcome”. Breast Test Wales is now contributing to a 19% reduction in the death rates for breast cancer in Wales in the age group invited for screening. If community groups or organisations would like a talk or presentation on the bowel, breast or cervical screening services please contact the team on 01492 863541 or email [Hannah.Jones@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Hannah.Jones@wales.nhs.uk)

## History Group



This month's photo is from Pamela Duncan, now Mrs Wadey, who is photographed sitting on a doorstep in 1936. She was 2 yrs old and living in Coracle Terrace, Turning Street. The man sitting next to her was known as "Harry the Pig Man" who was hired to visit different households to kill the family pig. She would love to know his real name, does anyone remember?  
 Email [editor@overton-on-dee.co.uk](mailto:editor@overton-on-dee.co.uk) or ring 710631.

Last month's photograph of a young soldier standing in Turning Street (with Coracle Terrace in the background) has been identified as Tony Jones from School Lane. He was called up on 1st September 1939 and joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

The History Group welcomes all memories, stories and old photographs of the village. Check out results so far on the History section of the Overton website. The group is very informal so do come along to the next meeting September 14th which will be concentrating on memories of Salop Road, 7.30pm upstairs at the White Horse.

## St. Mary's School News



### Early Years

As part of our topic of 'People who keep us safe', we travelled to Llangollen to visit the firestation and meet some very helpful firefighters. We saw all the equipment the need to rescue people, how they get there in their fire engine but best of all we helped them practice with their hoses and WATER!. We'd like to say a big thank you to the firefighters who gave up their time to make us feel so welcome -it was a day that we'll always remember.

← Early Years at Llangollen Fire Station

### Year 6

Year 6 pupils at St Mary's school had a very busy last week in primary school. As well as taking part in the grand opening of the historical gardens they also had a leaving service in school where they were presented with their souvenir leaving books courtesy of the P.T.A.. Then to cap it all off they donned their glad rags for a World War II themed leaving party at the White Horse, again organised superbly by the P.T.A. assisted by members of staff.



↑ Year 6 with their Records of Achievement



← Year 6 leaving party at the White Horse

## YOUR St. MARY'S

This is not just a fete,  
 this is a St Mary's Fete

Saturday  
 11th September 2010



Free Entry!  
 Fun for all ages  
 Everyone Welcome  
 Proceeds for the school



And later . . .

Food, Music  
 & Merriment  
 Firework Display  
 7.30pm-late

- Punch & Judy
- Fire Brigade
- Army Assault Course
- Pony Rides
- Bouncy Castle
- Tug of War
- Football Games
- Face Painting
- Crafts
- Reptile Man
- Birds of Prey
- Gymnastics Display
- Quiz
- Cream Teas
- Food and drinks
- And much more . . . .

## WHAT'S ON

### August Diary for St Mary's Services

<b>Sunday August 1st</b>	11.30am Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday August 8th</b>	11.00am Sunday Praise & coffee
<b>Sunday August 15th</b>	11.30am Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday August 22nd</b>	11.30am Family Eucharist
<b>Sunday August 29th</b>	11.30am United Eucharist in Erbistock

### August Diary for Methodist Church Services

Sunday Evenings 6.30pm  
Weekly coffee mornings every Saturday at the  
Methodist Chapel 10.30am till 12.00pm

**Every Wednesday** 10.30—12 noon Coffee and chat in  
St Mary's Church. Proceeds in aid of Nightingale  
House.

**Sunday August 1st to 8th** Twinning visit of La Murette  
to Overton

**Wednesday August 11th** 12.30pm Lunch Club  
at the White Horse. Booking required

**Wednesday August 11th** 1.00 to 2.00pm Craft session  
for ages 5 to 15 yr olds at Overton Library.  
50p charge

**Wednesday August 18th** 6pm Book club 1 for 11 and  
12 year olds at Overton Library

**Friday August 20th** 6pm Book club 2 for 9 to 10 year  
olds at Overton Library

**Sunday August 29th** 4pm Overton Recreational Club  
Hog Roast, Hotdogs & burgers too.

**Saturday September 4th** The Village Produce Show.  
Exhibits need to be brought to the Village Hall  
before 11.00am on the morning of the Show.  
Doors open at 2.30 pm for viewing. Presentation  
of Prizes at 4.00pm

**Wednesday September 8th** 12.30pm Lunch Club at the  
White Horse. Booking required

**Saturday September 11th** The Annual Bowling Club  
Coffee Morning is to be held in the Village Hall  
from 10.30am to 12 noon. Tickets are 25p

## Lunch Club

The next Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday  
August 11th at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be baked gammon with pineapple  
sauce with veg and potatoes, followed by apple pie  
and custard.

To book a seat please ring Gwynneth Austin  
on 01978 710672.

## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy August Birthdays** to Alan Stubbert, Tara Stubbert, Francis Glynne Jones, Belinda Matthews, Seanie Clarke, Jackie Grindley, Gemma Purcell, Doreen Hamlington, Gladys Evans, Gill Rogers, Carol Dykes, Lewis Evison, Jackie Tombs, Brian Williams, & Gill Evans.

**Happy Birthday** to Chloe Malam, love from Mum, Dad, Leanne, Melaina and baby Alfie.

**Happy 18th birthday** on the 18th August to Charlotte Scott-Davies

**Happy 60th birthday** to Trena Haynes

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Roxanne Haynes and Dave Bennet on their engagement. Love Cynthia and Bob

Congratulations to Mervyn and Grace Haynes on their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Lewis Evison and Tia Phillips ex pupils from Overton School on achieving the Victor and Victrix Ludorum in their first sports day at The Maelor School

Congratulations to Amy Chilver for graduating from Aberystwth University with a 2.1 in Geography.  
Well done from Mum, Dad and Chloe

Congratulations to Gareth Overthrow on gaining a BSc Hons in Lighting Design & Technology from the University of Glamorgan - Well Done - Mum, Dad & Rebecca

## GOOD LUCK

All the best to Chloe Chilver, Christian Chalk and Christian Dickenson when they leave in August for their scholarship in Georgia USA for the next 12 months.  
From Diane, Mike and Amy xxxx

**The Bowling Club  
Annual Coffee Morning  
is to be held in  
the Village Hall  
on Saturday 11 September 2010.**



### PLEASE REMEMBER

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

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