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What a scorcher !! by Sean Clarke



Susan Elan Jones MP for South Clwyd opens Overton fête with Councillors Jacky Maskall & David Hughes

The day of the fête dawned with bright blue skies and resulted in one of the most sunny fête days for years.

It's true the emergency services do look younger the older you get. (see picture below right) The turnout was impressive this year although a little less than the year before. I mentioned this to one stallholder (who will remain nameless) so he pointed out "Well Glastonbury is on too you know".

Den Owen managed the bottle tombola and after exchanging a warm greeting asked how my plums were. Thrown for a moment I realised that he probably hadn't started screening for the G.U.M. clinic and told him they were growing nicely this year, as were my apples. Alice Murray was canvassing for views on the fete in order to compile a book - a literally novel enterprise. (see page 2)

The football stall was popular, not sure if it was manned by Hans and Klaus but the less said about our German cousins the better. Dance Addiction were really popular and many proud parents basked in the sun and their children's talent. Well done!



From left: Sam Hammond, Ben Evison & Finlay Clarke



Scout Leader Honoured

Overton Group Scout Leader, David Burton, has been honoured by the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, with Scouting's second highest award, The Silver Acorn, "in recognition of specially distinguished service to Scouting".

David has been involved with Overton Scouts for over 28 years as Group Chairman, Group Scout Leader, Venture Scout Leader and Explorer Scout Leader. In the last 18 months he has developed a new Beaver colony and re-started Overton Cub Scouts by recruiting new leaders and taking an active part in the running of the new sections. As a result Friday evenings starts at 5.30pm with Cubs followed by Scouts and Explorer Scouts, ending with a well earned pint after 10.00 pm when all the scouts have gone home! David received an invitation to the St George's Day parade at Windsor Castle and was presented with his Silver Acorn at Wrexham Scouts District AGM in June, by Norman Roberts, a former Group Scout Leader and Cub and Scout leader at Overton between 1967 and 1994. David is pictured right showing his medal to members of the Scout Group.



Ramblings From the Rectory

by David Lewis



Dear friends,

A couple had just got married. The Vicar shook hands with the bride and congratulated her, but the husband stuck his hands deep in his pockets.

The Vicar held out his hand.

'Hang on! Hang on!' said the bridegroom,

'Can't you see I'm getting the money out as fast as I can?'

Sometimes people have very preconceived ideas about the church and the vicar. They are always asking for money is one notion people have. When I have wedding or baptism interviews in my study, usually the gentleman is amazed at what is on my study wall. They expect some religious pictures and what they see is James Bond and Dr Who posters. Mostly they seem very impressed by this and often it puts them at ease and we have a conversation about whether Sean Connery was really better than Roger Moore as 007.

For me, that is a powerful reminder that people do make judgements about Christianity and God by what they see in mine and other Christian lives.

Jesus did not pretend to be something that he wasn't. He was completely natural with people and they responded to his joy and humour, as well as his passion and sometimes his anger. Jesus had the ability to be alongside people, enjoying a drink and fellowship and sharing in their lives. And through that people began to see that God was interested in them and their everyday lives. That Christianity had something to say for everyone.

What do people say about us and our faith? Do they see joy and love in us and are they attracted to find out more about God from what they view in us and our churches?

St Augustine of Hippo lived in North Africa from 354-430 AD. He wrote this:

'One loving soul sets another on fire'.

By our love and light, do we set other souls on fire for God? Do we?

COUNTRY BEAT

by Constable Stephen Evans

I want to take the opportunity this month to repeat to you again the importance of taking security measures around the home and garden.

With all the nice weather about many of you will be getting DIY jobs done and as always the garden needs constant maintaining. This day and age there is a power tool for any task we do. Power washers, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers etc. With this in mind can I please ask that when you have finished with the item, that it is put away and locked securely in the shed.

Many of you will also have expensive patio items including patio heaters. I know it is difficult to put these items away in a shed but they can be chained up against something secure.

Usually when things go missing it's because the persons responsible have had a drive about in the day to see what is about. They then come back at night and take it.

Some of you may have received a crime prevention letter which we have started delivering to every household. It includes simple advice which doesn't take much to carry out. We think this is our best weapon in combating crime.

Together we can reduce the opportunities open to criminals. We don't apologise for going on about it. We have already seen a down turn in crime reported this year against last year.

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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Young Author of the Year

The 1st Annual Presentation of Overton's Young Author 2010 will take place on Sat. 10th July at 1:30pm in the library. A hoody will be presented to the young person with the most interesting, imaginative or creative caption, capturing the feeling of the fete. All the captions will be put together to create Overton's 1st official book, by the community for the community. The book will be on view at the library. It is hoped that this will become an annual event and the books will become an annual snapshot of our village.

Lunch Club

The next Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday May 12th at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Creamy Fish Pie with Minted Peas followed by a Fruit Flan with Cream.

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

Overton Youth Council

Calling all Overton Youth 11–18
Are you interested in having your say?
What do YOU want in the village?
What are YOUR needs? Who listens?

Overton Community Council is interested in helping you set up a Youth Council. Youth Councils allow young people to voice their concerns, take decisions & actions to improve their local community. We want your opinions.

A Youth Council can act as a way of getting young people active in the community; young people need to be involved in the decisions made in the community that affect them. Catherine Starkey will be visiting the Youth Club, the Library & the Scouts to talk to you.

Film Club

After the tremendous success of the Film Club's first season, 2009-2010, our thoughts turn to next season - October 2010 to March 2011.

Thanks to having 70 paid-up members, and additional funding from the Overton Community Council and Wrexham, we ended the season of 7 films just about in the black. But we'll need a similar number of members to do it again. So please join again! Or if you didn't join last time, please join this time.

The deal stays the same: £20 - or £15 (OAPs). Membership gets you free entry to all films - plus one reduced guest entry for £2.50 Non-members pay £4.50 - or £.50 (children/OAPs). You can leave a cheque for £20 or £15 in the OFC box behind the counter at the Corner Shop.

Please make any comments or requests about how we can make the next season better than the first.

- Food?
- Films?
- Days of the week?

The available evenings at the Village Hall continue to be Tuesday and Friday. If you have a strong preference for one or the other, please let us know. Otherwise, we'll do some Tuesdays and some Fridays, as before.

Lessons which we learnt from the first season were:

- Old films are less popular than new or recent ones ('Life of Brian' and 'North by North West' had the season's lowest attendances)
- Projecting films on film (as opposed to DVD), as we did for 'Nowhere Boy' and 'An Education', is worth the extra expense, as the picture quality is much superior.

Overton Film Club Committee

Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster,
Lydia Biggs & Lottie Blake

Hi everyone, it's July. We hope you all enjoyed the fete and are looking forward to the summer holidays.

Riddles & Jokes.

Q. Why did the clock in the cafeteria always run slow?

A. *Every lunch it went back four seconds!*

Q. What did the student say after the teacher said, "Order students, order?"

A. *"Can I have fries and a burger?"*

Q. If a plane crashes on the border of France and Germany where were the survivors buried?

Good at math? Try this one.... 1=3

2=3 3=5 4=4

5=4 6=3 7=5

8=5 9=4 10=3

so what does

11=?

12=?

(Answers for riddles revealed next month)

**Rearrange the pictures and word
to get something summery**



SIE-

UNHSN

CELEB PROFILE

Famous As:

Singer

Birth Name:

Avril Ramona Lavigne

Birth Date:

September 27, 1984

Birth Place:

Belleville, Ontario,
Canada



Wrexham Local Development Plan

Wrexham Council Planning Department set up shop in the Parish Rooms at Overton Village Hall on Thursday 10th June from 10 am to 8 pm to show the Local Development Plan which will guide development in the County Borough until 2021. Members of the Community were able to look at the plan and saw that no development is envisioned for the village of Overton. The existing settlement line will be the same for the new plan. Residents were able to see how they could make representations either by hard copy or online. You may also view the plan online at www.wrexham.gov.uk.

It's a kind of magic !

Overton Village Hall is fortunate to be able to offer an evening of magical entertainment on Friday, the July 2nd at 7pm. International magician Simon Rosselli, a member of the Magic Circle is kindly putting on a show for the people of Overton. Simon normally performs in much larger and auspicious venues, but his connection with the village has led him to put on this show to benefit St.Mary's church.

This will indeed be a magical show for all the family, with wonderful tricks and illusions, so please ensure that you do not miss it. Tickets (£5 for adults and £2-50 for children) are available at the Corner Shop and at the Village Hall, on entry.

Overton Football in the '60s



Re the article in last months Oracle and to avoid any confusion or misinterpretation it was Overton Athletic Football Club that was started in 1970.

Football in Overton had enjoyed many years before that as Overton St Mary's and was extremely successful in the early/mid fifties under the helm of Herbie Stant and Tom Haynes.

The team reached the final of the Welsh Amateur Cup beating Nantle Vale and Ton Pentre on the way and only narrowly losing to Lovell's Athletic in the final. The St Mary's team disbanded in the mid sixties.

Can any one name the players?

A new shop for Overton



A new delicatessen has been opened at Gwydyr House on Pen-y-Llan Street by Woodlands of Erbistock, best known for their ice-cream. Owners Richard and Julie Done, have opened the shop to balance the highly seasonal ice cream business. Richard said, "The ice-cream business runs at full pelt between April and the end of September but is very quiet from October to March. Two bad summers with lower than normal ice cream sales has made a new venture a necessity."

Julie is responsible for the interior design of the shop, whilst Richard's thing is sourcing the food. They took possession of the building at the end of March and were 87% ready when the shop opened on June 17th.

The produce is 60% sourced locally and the range of food includes sausages, bacon, ham, a wide range of cheeses, locally baked cakes, jams, pickles, olives, vegetables, wines and beers from Tanners of Shrewsbury, and of course their own Woodlands ice cream. There is also a coffee bar, where teas, coffee and cakes are available.



Playgroup News

Hello! We have just had a fantastic Playgroup day out at Park Hall Farm with many playgroup, toddlers and wrap around care children! We petted pigs, fed lambs, cuddled rabbits and much more - all supporting our farm theme over this last term! It was a lovely day, thanks to all those for making it possible. Also many thanks to all those who have donated their unwanted clothes etc for the Bags4School fundraiser. Don't worry if you've missed it this time we will be doing it again! I'm very excited to tell you that we received the AVOW grant for 'mending and managing'! So we will be busy sorting that out over the summer! A few things coming up for your diary over the next few weeks!

July 8th 10am start - OPEN DAY - come along and see us in operation - come and see the children using all the new initiatives this year!

Holiday Club starts on the Monday 19th July, contact Margaret if you are interested in booking, £1.50 per half hour.

Also looking further ahead we are planning a hog roast on Monday 31st August in a Marquee at The Brow, Overton with possibly Cricket match, fun games for children etc. Look out for this soon on posters!

On Saturday 4th September we are going to climb MOUNT SNOWDON!! toddlers and all!! We hope it will be a major fundraiser event for us, so expect knocking on doors for sponsorship! Half funds raised will go to Playgroup and half to a charity of the walker's choice. An exciting and worthwhile event - anybody fancy getting involved and joining us just get in touch!



History Group

Does anyone recognise who is in this photo? It seems to be taken in World War I. It was taken in Turning Street looking toward Bangor. The hedge on the left is where the entrance to Parkside is now. The cottages on the right known as Coracle Terrace, are long gone and replaced by Radcliffe flats and the Chip Shop. The photo was brought along to the last meeting of the History Group when we were looking at memories of Bangor Road and Turning Street. If you have details about the picture, email editor@overton-on-dee.co.uk or ring 710631.

The next meeting of the Group will be upstairs at the White Horse on Tuesday July 13th, when we will be collecting memories of School Lane and Church Road, or what was known as Back Lane. Do come along, it is very informal, and if you have any photos to share they would be most welcome.

La Murette Visit

Not long now until the first week in August and the arrival in Overton of our Twinning friends from La Murette. An exciting, varied, and entertaining series of events and activities is planned. Everyone is welcome to join in. You don't have to have been to meetings or be hosting, or speak French or have joined in the visits to France yourself to take part. Our La Murette visitors this year are aged between 4 and 82, are very friendly and they'd love to meet you! They will also be delighted to practise their English.

Watch out for the French-themed displays around the village in the local shop windows and on the notice boards with details of the schedule for the visit. Among the many events planned are Caernarfon Castle, Chester Zoo, walking the Clywedog Valley Trail, going to Loggerheads and doing a tour of Ruthin Gaol. There is something for everyone including some trips which are free.

www.overton-on-dee.co.uk

The new Overton website is now six months old and in that time there have been many new pages added or added to. These include the Twinning Association, Tennis Club, British Legion and Walks.

The Community Council pages include the minutes of all meetings and subcommittees plus there are 5 pages of interesting information on the History site and more to come. Forthcoming events are updated almost daily and are therefore even more up to date than the Oracle. The Oracle is also on the website in full colour for every month, where as we can only afford to print it in colour every three or four times a year. If you are taking a look you may need to press the refresh/reload button on your web browser to ensure that you have loaded the latest version.

If you are part of an organisation or sports team in the village who are not yet represented on the website, contact the Editor at editor@overton-on-dee.co.uk who will put you in touch with a member of the website committee.

Eisteddfod Rehearsals in Overton

The Llangollen International Eisteddfod competitors who are being hosted by Overton residents, will be arriving in the village from Wednesday 7th to Sunday 11th July. We are looking forward to welcoming a choir.

If you would like to be informed of any impromptu rehearsal concerts in the village, please contact Catherine Starkey on 710322 who will happily contact you on the date they are using the church for a rehearsal, so that you can come along and listen.

“Coffee and Chat” for a Good Cause

The combination of coffee and chat is an irresistible combination for most people.

The people at Overton St.Mary’s are hoping that this will prove to be the case, and are holding “Coffee and Chat” mornings every Wednesday throughout the summer in the church between 10.30 and 12.00 (from 30th June to 1st September).

These mornings proved very successful last year and enabled a substantial donation to be made to Nightingale House. This is also the case for 2010 – all proceeds will go to Nightingale House.

So please come for an enjoyable “elevenses” and contribute to a very worthy cause.

Sometimes we can make a difference!

Overton Community Council recently objected, along with residents, to the proposal for ‘Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order’ on Turning Street, Overton-on-Dee (double yellow lines)

Wrexham County Borough Council considered the objection and it has been upheld. The road has now been removed from the Order which will not now proceed.

WHAT'S ON

July Diary for St Mary's Services

- Sunday July 4th** 11.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday July 11th 11.00am Sunday Praise & coffee
Sunday July 18th 11.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday July 25th 11.30am Family Eucharist

July 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.

Friday July 2nd 7pm an evening of magical entertainment with Simon Rosselli at the Village Hall in aid of St Mary's Church

Saturday July 3rd 2pm Garden fete at Holly Cottage, Knolton in aid of the Methodist Church funds

Saturday July 3rd Wine tasting evening at Overton Village Hall with Overton Amateur Dramatics and Overton Cricket Club. Tickets £10

Saturday July 3rd 1.30-5.30pm & 6.00-11.30pm The 6th Worthenbury Blues & Roots Festival Bowling Bank Farm, Worthenbury

Thursday July 8th Overton Playgroup Open Day. Come and see us in action!

Saturday July 10th 11am—1pm Presentation in the Parish Room of photo of La Murette, a gift to the Overton C.C. from La Murette

Saturday July 10th 1.30pm The 1st Annual Presentation of Overton's Young Author at Overton Library.

Tuesday July 13th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

Tuesday July 13th 7.30pm History Group meeting upstairs at White Horse. All welcome

Wednesday July 14th 12.30pm Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday July 15th WI meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker: Mr G D Jones on "Confessions of a Landscape Gardener". Competition 'Small Garden Ornament'.

Saturday July 24th 2pm St Mary's Church Fete in the Church grounds.

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

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy July Birthdays to Alice Foster, Philippa Whitley, Jasmine Grindley, Dave (coal) Jones, Miranda Austin, Matthew Lawrenson, Colin Davies and Davina Pritchard.

Happy 30th Birthday to Paul Edwards; love from all the Edwards family.

Belated Happy 18th Birthday to Claire Hellingman, love from Mum, Dad & Sarah.

Sincere condolences to Louisa Bottomley and Gary Dunn on the sudden loss of their baby son of only a few weeks.

And to the family and friends of Bob (Robert) Latham who passed away in his 90s.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rhian Farley & Phil Barlow on their engagement. Lots of love & best wishes for your future together, Mum & Dad (Farley) xxxx

Congratulations to Rachel Edwards on gaining a 1st in her degree from Huddersfield University. Also Happy 30th Birthday. Lots of love from Gareth, Jean & family.

Gift from La Murette

You are invited on **Saturday July 10th** 11am – 1pm to a viewing in the Parish Room of the panoramic photo of La Murette, a gift to the Overton Community Council from La Murette to celebrate our 15 years of Twinning. Refreshments will be served.

**Garden Fete
 at Holly Cottage
 Knolton
 Saturday 3rd July 2pm
 in aid of
 Overton Methodist Church Funds**

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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