

MEMORIES OF OVERTON

The visit of HM Queen Elizabeth II to Overton on Friday 10th July 1992

Her Majesty the Queen visited Overton as part of the village's celebration of the 700th anniversary of the granting of a Charter by King Edward I in 1292.



The Queen accompanied by her lady in waiting and the Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd Sir William Gladstone alighted from her car outside Quinta House.

She was presented to Clwyd County and Wrexham officials, and then to Alan Edwards, the Chairman of Overton Community Council and OCC Clerk, Jenny Bellis.

She was presented with a bouquet by Hannah Mason.





The Queen was then escorted by Mrs. Joan Wingett Chairman of the Overton Charter Committee to meet other members of the organising committee

and then to a dais situated outside the Post Office.

There she watched a pageant showing 700 years of village life, concluding with a march-past of all the organisations in the village.



Alan Edwards then presented Her Majesty with a copy of the Royal Charter.

Her Majesty then left the dais and was presented to the other members of the Community Council





Escorted by Sir William Gladstone the Queen then walked along the High Street talking to members of the waiting crowds and to the colour party of the Welsh Fusiliers (with goat mascot) who were positioned by the entrance to Willow Street.

She then walked to the Church where she was met by the Rev Walter Williams who escorted her in to the church to view the Flower Festival. Her Majesty signed a copy of a photograph of herself and the visitor's book.



After leaving the church she planted a yew tree to complete the circle of yews around the church. The spade was handed to her by Church warden Mr. Jim Woolley.



She then walked back to her car which was now waiting for her by the church gates and drove back along the High Street leaving by Wrexham Road.

In November 1992 the Queen said in a speech that 1992 had been her "Annus Horribilus", but Overton was proud that they had given their Queen at least one pleasant sunny day to remember in that difficult year.





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The Queen took enormous pleasure from her visit to Overton-on-Dee on Friday and was delighted that the day's busy schedule allowed her to make a stop, even if all too short, in Overton for the splendid Pageant.

Her Majesty was very pleased to receive the Scroll which will be a very interesting memento for future generations of a notable and historic event in the history of North Wales.

The Queen, most importantly, would like you to pass her thanks and good wishes to all those, at whatever level, who contributed in any way to the Pageant, to the Flower Festival and behind the scenes, during and before a day which, for all present, was memorable indeed.

Perhaps you could pass a special message to Prebendary Williams for his kindness. The Queen hopes that the yew thrives in the same way as its forerunners.

Yours sincerely
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