

The Overton Oracle



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Next OCC Drop-in



The next Overton Community Council drop-in will be in the Parish Room on Saturday 20th June, 10 - 11am.

Coffee on Wednesdays

Overton St. Mary's summer coffee mornings will run every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am through June, July and August.

The objective is to raise money for charity. Last year we raised over £840 for Nightingale House. This year's objective is to beat last year's total, again for Nightingale House. We again request the help of the good people of Overton. Please come along for a coffee and a chat on Wednesday mornings, in the knowledge that donations given for coffee and biscuits will be going to Nightingale House.

Date for the diary

Friday 17th July Shawbury Military Wives Choir will be performing in the Maelor School hall, proceeds in support of Forces Charities. More details in July Oracle.

Coffee Morning



**Saturday 6th June,
10.00am to 12 noon
in the Scout Hut**



Come on down and join in the fun at Overton Village Fete on SATURDAY 27th JUNE !

**Lots to see and take part in;
Come along and have a go at crazy golf
Take part in the children's fancy dress competition
Try out your skills on the coconut shy or have a look, & even handle a reptile, small animal or mini beast.
There will be refreshments, a barbeque, ice cream and cakes on sale.**

**Support the stall of local clubs and charities.
We are hoping the Police Response Car and the Fire Brigade will be able to attend.**

We hope you are able to come along and join in the fun !

Where are the Overton Musicians?

A small group of musicians have been enjoying meeting in Overton to practise and form a village group of musicians - which may eventually become Overton Orchestra!! Who knows!! At the moment we have a violin player, 2 cello players, and 2 recorder players and we are looking for more musicians accomplished or novice to join us. If you would like to come along with your musical instruments and join in the fun ring 710598 for details of the next get-together.

Calling all organisations in Overton

The Methodist Chapel is to hold an exhibition of Art and Flowers on the weekend beginning Friday 10th July through Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th inclusive. We are inviting you to participate.

Each organisation interested will be given a space for a piece of Floral Art and a painting, sculpture, ornament etc. to complement the arrangement - these to be set up on Thursday 9th July during the day. The arrangements are to illustrate your favourite Hymn. Anyone interested please contact Iris Edwards - Chapel Secretary, telephone 710713 for further details.



Ramblings from the Reverend



by Rev'd Canon David Child

I'm a bit of a science fiction buff and recently it's been pointed out to me that some of the sayings of the prophets in the Old Testament sound a bit like a science fiction movie. Take for example the words of the prophet Ezekiel which was one of the readings chosen for last Sunday – Trinity Sunday. 'I saw an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The centre of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire were four living creatures. Their form was human, but each of them had 4 faces and 4 wings. Each of the 4 had the face of a human being, and on the right side the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.' Most of us who enjoy science fiction don't realise that it can in a strange way help us to live our lives. Why, because it teaches us to ask that great question, 'What if?' 'What would I do if the people I love were in danger' 'What would I do if I had the power of superman?' 'How would I behave if I met an alien from another planet?' 'What would I do if we were attacked by a monster from outer space?' What science fiction does is that it gets us to use our imagination and a vivid imagination is the key to Christian love.

And Christian love it's what we call it compassion. Compassion is about identifying someone as being in real need, feeling strongly for that person, and being determined to help that person in any way possible. Without compassion we wander about as if we were in a sealed space capsule, not relating to people, not seeing things from their point of view. Or like a monster from outer space blundering around, hurting people without realising it. What we all need from time to time is a course in imagination development.

Remember what Jesus said, 'Do to others what you would like them to do to you'. In other words, imagine what it would be like if you were a homeless person, a woman with cancer, a man with depression, a hungry child or a drug addict. Imagine if you were in their shoes what would you want people to do for you? OK, then that's what Jesus wants you to do for the deprived and desperate: talk to them, listen to them, help in a food bank, reassure them that they matter to you and to God. Give them hope in the future.

And make up your own course in imagination development – possibly by watching a science fiction movie, better by reading the Old Testament prophets or much better still by remembering those words of Jesus, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Do you remember the next question 'Who is my neighbour?' You know the answer to that don't you?

With every blessing,
David

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Country Beat



by PCSO Lynne Maurice

With regards to the Wrexham Crime Prevention Roadshow with **OWL** (Online Watch Link) Flintshire & Wrexham Neighbourhood Watch which was held outside Costcutter (Marchwiel Stores) in April thanks to all who made the effort to attend. We had quite a good turnout and got a lot of people signed up to the scheme.

OWL is a means of passing information to you easier and more quickly than ever before. It is an interactive On-Line Watch Link that has been developed across various parts of Wales and England over the past few years. It operates by helping communities prevent and detect crime, support one another and be more aware of what is going on in their communities. Using modern technology and communication this makes life easier and simpler for all to be involved.

Messages including crime alerts and timely crime prevention advice, are sent out by the OWL administrator and OWL users, Neighbourhood Watch members in an instant and sometimes within half an hour of a crime occurring. The system allows messages to be received by telephone, fax, email, mobile phones etc and is a highly effective and efficient way to get important information out. You can also send them any information you would like to share as it is interactive and will allow this just as easily. The scheme is FREE so join today. Your details will be held on a secure database within the police station and will not be passed to any other party.

If anyone would like to sign up to OWL (Online Watch Link) please give us a ring and we can provide you with the necessary forms, or you can contact OWL yourselves via email or telephone on 01352 708118 or email – enquiries@fnwa.org.uk If you need any more information do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks
Lynne & Robina

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Workshops at Made & Found Collective

Overton's Made & Found are holding 4 Authentico Paint workshops in June (2nd 7th 9th or 15th) Heather & Saffron's informal and friendly workshops will show you how to use Authentico chalk paint, and will give you a good understanding of some of the basic techniques for your furniture projects. A chance to rediscover your furniture and give them a new lease of life. Email - featherandgray@hotmail.com

Kids Kolumn

This month's contributions are from
Bryn Harris, Caitlin Baker, and Olivia Rebel.



How to make an omelette.

What you will need: 1 bowl, 1 fork or a small hand whisk, a tiny bit of milk, 1 or 2 eggs, a microwave or frying pan.

Make sure to get an adult to help with microwave or pan. Crack an egg or 2 into bowl (make sure you put the egg shell into the food bin). Add a tiny splash of milk and then whisk it with fork or small hand whisk until you cannot see the yolk. Get an adult to help you with the microwave. Place the liquid you have made into your microwave and time 1.5 minutes on full power. Fold your omelette in half so it's a semi-circle, then fill your omelette with cheese, put your feet up and tuck in!



Film review: penguins of Madagascar

Dave the vindictive octopus steals all the penguins with an army of octopi. This malicious blob of slime has a weapon which turns the sweet penguins into obnoxious monsters planning to annihilate the human race. How will Skipper and the bunch of hooligans overthrow Dave? I would certainly recommend it to kids because of its sense of humour and entertainment. This amusing movie has been given a rating of 4.5 stars and has a certificate U.

Overton Community Council are holding a **Children's Fancy Dress** competition during the Overton Village Fete on the Playingfields. They will be looking for original ideas as well as attractive old favourites. So dig out your dressing up boxes and get out the scissors, fabric and cardboard and invent something really special to brighten the day and maybe win a prize. Judging will take place at 3pm with the winners announced at 4.30pm. See you there

Caitlin at Condover

On Monday morning I woke up super early. Why you may ask? Year 6 were finally going to Condover Hall! What is Condover Hall? Well it's an activity place where you can experience things like body zorbing, laser conquest and abseiling. When we got there the first thing we did was take part in a run around quiz which is where you would have to answer questions and the answers were dotted around the site. The next day in our groups we did body zorbing which I thought was awesome because we were in this bubble like a hamster ball, which was inflated, and got to play games in them. On Wednesday we got to do tunnelling and the vortex. The vortex is when you are standing in a box and have to catch tiny pieces of materials. Thursday we did laser conquest. We all had a great time. Then finally the day came when we had to leave Condover Hall, but the fun wasn't over yet! In the morning my group did laser maze and grid of stones. Then we got on the bus and went home. I did miss my mum, and it was good to see my family. I did want to go back to Condover Hall the following week! Thank you Mr Morris and Mr and Mrs Williams for organising it.

Don't forget Father's day on June 21st. I will be spoiling my dad so don't forget yours!

Coaching Sessions at the Bowling Club

On two Saturdays in April Overton Bowling Club were fortunate to have Coaches in attendance to give help and guidance in improving bowling skills. Members and new members took part in 2 very enjoyable and instructive sessions on the Green starting in the morning with a break for lunch on each day. The weather was ideal for bowling on the first Saturday and the 2 Coaches (Fred and Peter) were extremely helpful giving advice and encouragement to all. On the 2nd Saturday Fred and Peter were joined by Julie. Rain interrupted play but a video had been taken during the early part of the session when it was fine. Players were able to view and benefit from seeing where improvements could be made in bowling skills. 2 very much appreciated, enjoyable, sociable and instructive sessions with excellent professional advice from all Coaches.



St Mary's Messy Church

Our May Messy Church had a theme of Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church. Canon David illustrated the Holy Spirit moving amongst us by using a hairdryer to blow paper people around the room. The day was a very inclusive one with adults and children joining in the "party games" together. The chocolate game was very popular, when whoever scored 6 had to dress up in hat, scarf and gloves and eat as much chocolate as they could, using a knife and fork, before the next 6 was thrown. A balloon-passing game saw the boys winning against the girls, we'll see what happens next time! Everyone enjoyed making party hats and birthday cards for each other. Deacon Lisa from the Methodist Church organised a "pin the tail on the donkey" competition and helped to make and decorate paper balloons. Paper chain decorations were also made and everyone enjoyed the chocolate birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday and Penblwydd Hapus to the Church. We look forward to our next meeting on June 14th. *Angharad Veneklaas Slots*



That's Why They Call it the Blues or Overton-on- Mississippi

The weekend 8th and 9th May 2015 saw much activity around the Village Hall as it was transformed into a typical blues joint from the Deep South. The culmination of months of hard work by the Management Committee and Up the Country Blues club paid off with a fantastic weekend of blues music and as much real ale as you wanted.

Friday night started the proceedings with the "Blues Duo" and "Half Deaf Clatch" setting the bar very high. St Mary's School PTA provided a BBQ for the visitors, some of whom had travelled many miles and appreciated being fed. Half Deaf Clatch then did a free session at the White Horse for those who didn't have tickets. Many of the enthusiasts were here for the weekend and local campsites around Overton benefited from a surge in bookings and they appreciated the free courtesy transport to get them safely to and from the Hall when much beer had been consumed.



Saturday started early and by 12.30 the hall was filling up and much of the parking around the village was taken. Inside the hall was decorated with posters from Blues events of the past with a fantastic stage backdrop designed by Kay Lawrenson. There was even a resident artist who as well as displaying his art work performed with his band. The Twinning Association provided afternoon tea, coffee and delicious cakes, raising much needed funds for the visit to Overton of our friends from La Murette. As the cake ran out the Cricket Club took over with their "hog roast" provided by Mike Evans our local butcher, the salad bar being so good, the veggies were happy with the spread. Nobody had forgotten the real ale and Pene Coles expert choice of 12 beers from local breweries sold consistently throughout the festival weekend. Eight bands provided a wide variety of high class blues and roots music to suit all tastes, this being made possible by the skill and expertise of Pete Evans and friends from the Hooker Blues club. The star of the afternoon was a young man who travelled from Leeds to perform an acoustic set and got a standing ovation, watch out for the name Jack Blackman, surely a star of the future!

Thanks must go to the surgery for providing parking space for the band's vehicles, Will Evans for being "on call" for electrical problems, the Recreational Club for the alternative bar, to our ticket sales outlets, particularly The Corner Shop, High Street, and especially to our caretaker, Tony Shaw for all the extra work that he took on with a smile. Thanks to everyone else who stepped in and stepped up the mark to take up the tasks of providing the entertainment, food, drink and a venue that was a credit to the village of Overton possible.

Events like this don't happen without sound financial support and for this very special thanks are extended to all local businesses who kindly sponsored the production of the weekend programme. Thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for taking the risk.

Same again next year ???

Sue and James Glover

Ed: Thanks to Ian of www.ianwilliamsphotography.co.uk for the use of his wonderful photos of the weekend. More photos available on the Oracle website / *see the latest village photos* link

STOP PRESS: Moreland and Arbuckle from Wichita Kansas make a welcome return to Overton Village Hall on JULY 18th supported by The Black Oil Brothers, 4 piece acoustic band from Chicago. Tickets at £15 will be available at the Corner Shop or by ringing 01948 770215.

Dear Editor,

Thanks must go to Sue and James Glover for their verve and enthusiasm in supporting the Blues event and helping to make it such an enjoyable event, right here in our wonderful village. Well done !

Name & address supplied

Get Fit for Summer !

Overton Tennis Club are running a six-week course for Adult Beginners and Juniors age 7 upwards on Friday nights starting June 12th, Juniors at 6 to 7pm and Adults at 7 to 8.30pm.



We now have a coach from Wrexham Tennis Centre taking the lessons and I will be assisting with the Juniors. The cost is £18 for 6 weeks for Juniors and £30 for six weeks for Adults. It's a great way of getting fit. There's no need to bring a racket as we can provide them.

And if you would like to join the Overton Tennis Club we are always looking for new members, any standard welcome For more details ring me on 07590 068047.

Sally Caiger

Play Time

Residents and Community Councillors of Overton on Dee gathered on Sunday 26th April at the Park to celebrate the official opening of the new playground equipment. Community Councillor Peter Lynch, Chairperson for Overton Playingfield Committee opened with a speech "Welcome to this, the official opening of the Overton on Dee Playground with extra bits. Whilst the additions to the playground have been completed for some time we thought it prudent to await the warm weather to open the new equipment and say thank you to everyone who has helped to make it happen. Whilst it would not be possible to thank everyone individually for their help we would like to mention Mrs Elson, the James Elson Estate, Rachel Harris, Heather Hicks from AVOW, Alice Murray, Playquest for supplying & installing the new equipment, Sainsbury's, Stan's Supermarket and of course, WREN for the grant."



Mrs Elson assisted by children attending the opening were then asked to cut the ribbon officially opening the new Overton on Dee Playground.

Community Councillor Caroline Rogers

Farewell to Joanne

Joanne Kember has retired from Overton Community Council after 12 years of service. Whilst on the community council Joanne served twice as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Joanne had the idea to run an annual village fete, an occasion when the whole village comes together for an afternoon of entertainment and feasting on the best food and drink that the village produces. She was heavily involved during the years of campaigning to reduce the speed of vehicles entering the village, a campaign which was successful. The amount of time and enthusiasm needed to be a community councillor is sometimes overwhelming, but she always gave her time willingly. Joanne will continue to be involved with other organisations in the village. Thank you Joanne for all your hard work and dedication.

At the OCC AGM last week, Pene Coles was voted, unanimously, as Chairperson and Caroline Rogers as Vice-Chairperson.



Pene presents Joanne with leaving gift

Meeting held in St. Mary's Church to discuss 'same-sex marriage'

This meeting was held as the Bishops of the Church in Wales had asked for information from the parishes as to how people feel about the various options facing us as a Church.

Three options are open to us: to remain as we are, to allow the blessing of same sex partnerships in church, or to allow people of the same sex to marry in church as they already can in civil ceremonies.

Fourteen people from the parish attended the meeting. They first listened to Canon David who gave them a view as to how the Church tries to make up its mind when tackling moral and ethical issues. They then listened to each others views and the views of a retired clergyman who is in a civil partnership. People's views did not change. At the end people were asked to fill in a voting questionnaire. Seven opted to stay the same i.e. marriage to remain between men and women only, the other seven agreed to the Blessing of Civil Partnerships, 5 of whom agreed with 'Same Sex Marriage'. Our findings will be forwarded to the diocese. St Mary's Church Facebook page dealing with this meeting had over 550 clicks.

Community Gardening Project

You may have noticed something unusual happening outside the Scout Hut. Overton Cubs and Beavers have been busy piloting wicking planters using materials and expertise donated by Knolton Market Garden and compost supplied free of charge by Wrexham Council. St Mary's Toddler Group and Messy Church will be joining in once their planters have been made. The wicking boxes will be planted with garden veg plants as soon as the threat of frost is over.

We are now looking to set up a Group to create ideas on how to forward this idea of a Community Garden Project so we are appealing to people in the village to join us. We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday June 3rd at 7.30pm in the upstairs room in the White Horse or ring 01978 710598. You don't need to be an expert gardener, just willing and keen to think outside the box (or in it!) to see how or where as a community we could grow some vegetables, fruit, and herbs.

Pene and Rachel

Cocktail Evening



From June the Maelor Belles WI is moving. Their meetings will in future be held at the Rainbow Centre, Penley on the 2nd Friday of the month 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start. Maelor Belles is part of the new wave of modern WIs, fresh for the 21st century! We are a new, vibrant and informal WI with an eclectic group of interesting women who enjoy learning new skills, getting together to meet new people, share ideas and make new friends.

The next meeting will be Friday 12th June and will be a Cocktail Evening with 'Voodoo Moon'. An informative and entertaining evening with opportunities to have a go yourself and try some classics. A good night guaranteed! Entry £1 for Maelor Belles members and £5 for non-members.

Yoga in Overton

There is a new opportunity to join a new yoga class held in Overton Village Hall on Thursday mornings at 10.30am. The class is suitable for total beginners and those more experienced. It is fairly informal, relaxed and sociable!

If you are interested in joining, have a look at the website www.wrexhamyoga.co.uk or contact Jo on email jo@wrexhamyoga.co.uk or phone 07798

Overton British Legion



The Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion gathered at 3pm on May 7th at the Overton War Memorial and took part in the national two minute silence in honour of VE Day, to remember all those who died during World War II.

We would like to thank PCSO's Robina Ahmed and Lynn Maurice for stopping the traffic and helping us mark the event and all the members and the public who participated.

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Playcentre News

It's been another busy time with our Nearly New Sale, which we can proudly announce, raised £620. The village hall was full of fantastic baby and children's toys, clothes and equipment, and happy sellers and buyers. But don't worry if you missed the sale, we shall have another one in October! So look out for the adverts!

Our AGM was also an exciting night with many new faces attending plus changes to the officers. We said an official goodbye to Angie Atkins the former Chair person. Fortunately for us, Angie has not been missed as we are extremely lucky to still have her as she is now a member of the staff, and like the whole staff team, is doing a fantastic job of providing excellent educational and all round quality care for all the children.

Claire Jowitt stepped down as Treasurer, Claire has been a great asset for 4 years, and she has been an active committee member supporting many fundraising activities as well as doing an outstanding job as Treasurer. Our new Treasurer is Zoe Ankers-Phillips, we welcome Zoe to the committee and have great faith that she too will do a fabulous job. This month, the Play Centre shall have a stall at the School's Fete which is taking place on 5th June. We shall also be at the Village Summer Fete on the 27th. Here we are doing both a Teddy Bear Stall and face painting. If you have any unwanted teddy bears, please send them into the Play Centre as they would be gratefully appreciated for this cause. *Sarah Evans*



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What's On

June Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday June 7th 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Sunday June 14th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3-5pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday June 21st 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday June 28th 11.30am Holy Communion

June Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday June 7th 6.30pm Rev Phil Poole
 Sunday June 14th 6.00pm Combined Service at Gresford
 Methodist Church
 Sunday June 21st 6.30pm Rev Richard Sharples
 with Holy Communion
 Sunday June 28th 11.00am All age worship Mr Carl Squire

Every Saturday 10.30am-12 noon Weekly Coffee
 Mornings at the Methodist Chapel

Every Wednesday 10.30am-12 noon Weekly Coffee
 Mornings at St Marys Church

Wednesday June 3rd 7.30pm Community
 Gardening Project meeting in the White Horse

Thursday June 4th 10.30-2.30 Rainbow Centre
 Lunch & Learn - I Singing Workshop – learn
 singing techniques and song writing with Trixi

Friday June 5th St Marys School Fete & sports day

Saturday June 6th 10am - 12noon R.N.L.I Coffee
 Morning at the Scout Hut

Tuesday June 9th 7.30pm Overton Community
 Council meeting in the Parish Room.
 Members of the public wishing to speak can
 do so 7.20-7.30pm

Friday June 12th 7.30pm Maelor Belles WI at the
 Rainbow Centre, Penley. Cocktail Evening
 with Voodoo Moon.

Wednesday June 10th 10.30am Overton British
 Legion meeting for coffee in the Scout Hut

Wednesday June 10th 12.30pm Overton Lunch
 Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Saturday June 13th 10.30am-12noon Overton
 Royal British Legion Coffee Morning in the
 Village Hall

Thursday June 18th Overton WI afternoon visit to
 Hodnet Hall gardens. Competition - A
 Buttonhole

Saturday June 20th 10am OCC Drop-in Parish Room

Sat & Sun June 20th & 21st 10am - 4pm Ellesmere
 Food Festival at the Town Hall & Market Hall

Saturday June 27th 2 to 5pm **OVERTON FETE** on
 the playing fields

Family Announcements



Happy June Birthdays to Marlene Williams,
 Katharine Crockford, Jill Burton, Sandra Jones,
 Jenny England, Ken Roberts, Andrew Brookfield,
 Graham Manley, Colin Bamber, Olivia
 Phillips, Nicole Netzband-Piggott, Millie Davies,
 Bob Davies, Stephen Perrin, Tracy and Kayleigh
 Leech, Ron Towers, Claire Hellingman, Brenda
 Lewis and Kate Best.

Happy 18th Birthday to Rosie Myers. Love from
 Mum, Dad and Joseph.

Congratulations to Roy & Doreen Walker on their
 special wedding anniversary.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of
 Jack Edwards who passed away in May.



Overton Royal British Legion

Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th June, 10.30am to 12 noon
in the Village Hall

Entrance 50p, Stalls, Teas, Raffle

Thank you

Gertie Osborne would like to thank everyone who
 sent best wishes to her on her 103rd birthday in
 April. Thanks for all the cards, balloons, flowers,
 plants, numerous gifts and telephone calls. And
 especially thanks to the "Mixed Choir" led by Pat
 who sang a rousing 'Happy Birthday' at the Centre.
 Gertie says "I am so fortunate to be living in
 Overton and especially in Parkside".



Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday June 10th at 12.30pm at the White
 Horse. The menu will be fish and potato pie with
 carrots and peas followed by fruit salad and cream.
 All for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin
 on 710672

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