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Community Litter Pick

All members of the community are welcome to join in with our litter pick on Saturday 2nd June. We will be meeting at the Scout Hut at 10.30am, then dividing into groups. We will meet back at the Scout Hut for refreshments and cake at 12-12.30pm.

If you have a hi-vis jacket, please bring it along with you.

White Horse Quiz

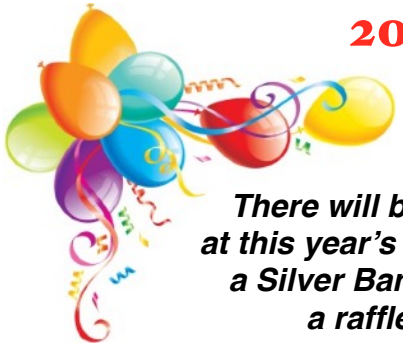
There will be a Quiz Night at the White Horse on Thursday 7th June at 8.30pm in aid of the R.N.L.I. Fabulous prizes to be won!

£1 entry per person, all money donated to the

Lifeboats

Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Please get in touch with the White Horse if you would like a quiz in the future to fundraise for your organisation.



2018 Overton Fete

Saturday 23rd June

1.00pm until 4.00pm

There will be many attractions and stalls at this year's village fete, a Fun Dog Show, a Silver Band, Crazy Golf and, of course, a raffle with some AMAZING prizes!

The Parade will leave the Village Hall at 12.30pm, process along the High Street, Wrexham Road arriving at approx 1pm to open the Fete.

Fancy Dress - Theme is Carnival
1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes for all categories - Ages 0-7, Ages 8-15, Ages 16-100+ and Best Parade Effort.
This could be, for example, a Group or Family Effort, Decorated Wheelbarrow, Bicycle, Scooter, Wheelchair, Mobility Scooter, Horse etc.

If you would like to book a stall, please contact the Clerk on 01978 710055 or email occ.clerk@btinternet.com

Come and support our village organisations and businesses - and enjoy!

Open Farm Sunday - June 10th

Open Farm Sunday is an opportunity to visit -

- **Asney Park Farm,** Erbistock Wrexham LL13 0DS from 1 pm until 4 pm (free admission). Tours are every half hour and it's a great chance to see an organic dairy farm in action.
- Or why not visit **The Home Farm**, Overton, LL13 0HG between 10am and 4pm and see their rare breed pigs (free admission). The Home Farm also has a lovely cafe and coffee shop.

Open Farm Sunday 10th June 2018 www.farmsunday.org

It is a fantastic opportunity for everyone, young and old, to discover at first hand what it means to be a farmer and the fabulous work they do producing our food and managing the countryside.

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LINKING ENVIRONMENT AND FARMING

Churchwarden's Chat

by Euan Stevenson

'THE TRUTH HURTS'

In this month June, in 1915, one of my heroes, Fred Hoyle, was born. He became one of the greatest scientists this country has produced. Among his many achievements was the award of a knighthood and becoming President of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was awarded the Balzan Prize for astrophysics and the Royal Medal, and even has an asteroid named after him.

In 2010, Sir Fred and his co-worker, the American physicist Willy Fowler were put forward for a Nobel Prize for their work on the formation of the chemical elements in space from hydrogen. Fowler was awarded the Nobel Prize, but Hoyle was not.

Many scientists were outraged that Hoyle had been omitted, and could not fathom why. Later, Hoyle's biographer suggested that it was Sir Fred's outspoken nature and bluntness that had offended some influential people.

Sir Fred certainly was outspoken on the formation of the universe and this was a case of "the truth hurting". Here are a few of the statements of truth he made :-

- "The probability of spontaneous generation of life is about the same as the probability that a tornado sweeping through a junk yard could assemble a Boeing 747 from the contents therein"
- "A common sense interpretation of the facts suggest that a super intellect has monkeyed with physics, chemistry and biology, and there are no blind forces working in nature. The numbers one calculates are so overwhelming as to put this conclusion beyond question"
- "If one proceeds without fear of incurring the wrath of scientific opinion, one arrives at the conclusion that biomaterials with their amazing measure of order must be the outcome of INTELLIGENT DESIGN."
- "The Darwinian theory is wrong and continued adherence to it is an impediment."

Sir Fred was clearly obsessed with the truth and lack of "political correctness" which cost him his Nobel prize.

Jesus was also obsessed with the truth. In Saint John's gospel he uses the word "truth" over 30 times.
He states "I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE", that is following Jesus and his teaching leads to the best way to live, knowing the truth about our existence, and having true quality of life, now and forever.

The truth also hurt Jesus. Because he stated on many occasions that he was the "Son of God", he was accused of blasphemy by the Jews and suffered an excruciating death on the cross.

Euan Stevenson
(Overton St.Mary's)

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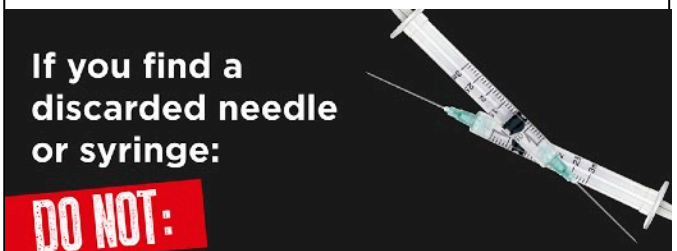


If you find a discarded needle or syringe:

DO NOT:

- Put yourself or others at risk
- Hide it
- Separate the needle from the syringe
- Put the cap back on the needle
- Play with the needle or syringe
- Put it in a dustbin or litter bin, down a drain or toilet.

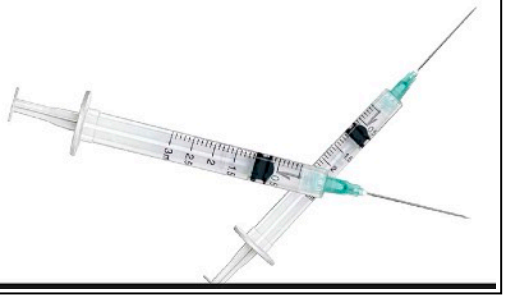
What to do in the event of a needlestick injury:

- Don't panic
- Do not suck the injury
- Squeeze the wound and encourage it to bleed freely
- Wash and gently flush out the wound with running water and soap if available.
- Cover with a waterproof plaster
- Visit your GP for medical advice and any appropriate treatment

If you feel there is immediate danger to children or other people and you are confident to do something yourself immediately then follow the advice below. Never put yourself at risk.

DO:

- Find a suitable container to put it in eg, a plastic bottle, jar, tin, etc.
- Always take the container to the needle/syringe.
- Handle it carefully (ideally wearing plastic/gardening gloves) and do not touch the sharp end of the needle. You can use a long handled gripper if you have one.
- Pick the syringe up by the barrel end only and never touch the sharp end.
- Put the needle (sharp end) into the container first.
- Screw the lid/top onto the container.
- Take it to your local Pharmacy where you see this logo for it to be safely disposed of.
- Wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.



St Mary's CIW VA School

St Mary's Before and After School Club are looking to recruit

Senior Playworker

We are seeking to recruit an experienced level 3 qualified Senior Playworker.
Mon – Fri 7.40 – 9.10 am and 3.00 – 6.00pm (Term time only)

Our CIW registered setting is fun, active and delivered to the highest standard. We offer places for children aged 4 -11 to enjoy safe, stimulating play opportunities within an equal opportunities framework.

Closing date: 12.00pm on Friday 15th June

For further information and an application form contact: Mrs Louise Williams
Telephone: 01978 710370 Email: headteacher@stmarys-overton-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

This post is exempt from Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and appointments are subject to satisfactory references and suitability checks including an enhanced DBS check.

Playworkers

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School term time only for a minimum of 3 days a week.

We have vacancies for play workers in our breakfast and after school club.

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It's the holiday season

The weather has improved and warmed up and thoughts turn to holidays. The roads have got busier with holiday makers often using the village facilities for a break on their journey. Many caravans pass through but not many like this one! Thanks to Lesley Pugh for the photo.

Overton Community Council Update

Draft Local Development Plan (LDP)

The Draft Plan was issued at the beginning of May. Overton Community Council felt it was important to let as many residents in Overton know about the drop-in session being held in Overton to discuss the planned areas of development, not only in Overton, but the whole of Wrexham. There was a good turnout and we hope that many of you have responded to the consultation.

Precept/Budget

The Precept for 2018 / 2019 has been set at £48,918.
The Precept is set after the budget has been agreed and approved by the members of Overton Community Council and it is used wholly for the community funding:

- Street light electricity;
- The rental and maintenance of the Playingfield, all the play equipment;
- The rental and maintenance of the Millennium Meadow - this includes all the trees in the meadow which have Tree Preservation Orders;
- Cemetery maintenance;
- Insurances;
- The management and maintenance of the Public conveniences;
- Grants given to local organisations;
- Christmas lights;
- General administration and various other village activities.

Overton Cemetery Project

The Cemetery Project has now been completed. We are pleased with the additional Garden of Remembrance area and the much improved and relocated soil bays.
Many thanks to Wildbanks Conservation for the work they carried out and the professionalism shown whilst working in Cemetery.

Overton Public Toilets

Overton Community Council met recently to discuss the plans to upgrade the public toilets. When the final specification has been agreed, they will ensure that members of the public have an opportunity to see the final design and improvements planned.

Overton Community Growers Update

We have some exciting news! As promised last year, we have extended our

Overton In Bloom Hanging Basket Competition!

You may now enter

- EITHER a hanging basket
- OR a window box
- OR a flower container.

One entry of your choice allowed. Secondly, we have introduced two NEW categories this year; Best Kept Front Garden and Best Natural Wildlife - Friendly Garden.
All categories and Competitions are FREE to enter.

The full criteria for judging, (together with an Entry Form,) can be seen at Overton Village Library. Judging of these 3 categories will take place on 15th July by David Lock, National Trust Head Gardener at Chirk Castle. Winners of each category will have a photograph taken of their entry which will be included as a composite photograph of all winning entries in our forthcoming Overton In Bloom Calendar 2019. Please indicate at the time of booking if you do not wish a photograph to be taken of yourself. Don't forget to keep taking photographs for our **Calendar Competition** as we will be asking for your entries very soon!

Our **Sunflower Competition** is now in its third year! Get your free seeds from M.E Evans Butchers, The Corner Shop or the Village Library. Please however, only take seeds if you are entering the Competition. Only those who register on the forms are eligible for the Competition. Please submit the height of your sunflower by September 5th at the very latest. Verification of the height of the 3 tallest submitted entries will take place on 8th September.

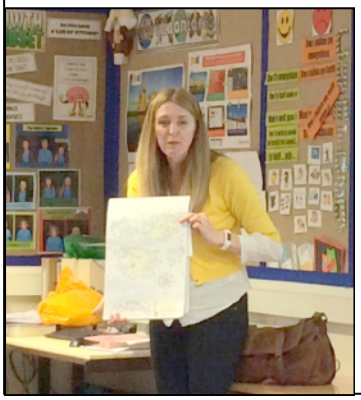
Full details about all of our Overton In Bloom' activities can be found in the Village Library where you can also register. Additionally, the criteria for entry can be seen on both of the Village Notice Boards. Alternatively, email the Growers' Secretary cathroberts100@aol.com or 01978 710328 for further information.

St Mary's School News

Children from the whole school enjoyed a picnic style lunch in celebration of The Royal Wedding provided by our school meals service. It was, indeed, a very joyful experience with everyone wearing royal crowns but the weather was unkind on this occasion and our Alfresco lunch was curtailed. We think that the sun was saving itself for the wedding day itself.

Children from year 1 and 2 at St. Mary's School are developing their green fingers!! We have been supported by Claire Watkinson and her band of super gardeners, to begin to plant our our kitchen garden area. Claire and her gang have completely overhauled the area and have created 3 raised beds from reclaimed materials and a hay bale area too. We have already planted broad beans, French beans, tomatoes and strawberries to name but a few! We look forward to developing our very own gardening skills & we will keep you posted about the produce as it comes available in the coming months.

The children in Year 4 at St Mary's Primary School have been learning about interesting kings and queens over the course of history. So far they have learnt about William the Conqueror, King John, Henry VIII, Queen Anne and Queen Victoria. As part of their topic they planned, designed and produced a 'high tea' to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. They looked at the history behind 'afternoon or high tea' and then designed their own menu which included freshly made finger sandwiches and scones. They even produced a tiered wedding cake! The children dressed up and had a lovely afternoon celebrating.



The junior department were extremely lucky to have a visit from the author Vashti Hardy. The talented writer of the book 'Brightstorm', she spoke about her love of exploring and adventure, and how she has always been fascinated by the characters and real life adventurers from history such as Ernest Shackleton, Amelia Earhart, Edmund Hillary and Amy Johnson. The children found her talk very inspiring and she spent a long time answering the children's questions and signing copies of her book. A big thank you to Mrs Richards for arranging the visit.

Buried in the Borderland

It was in the last July edition of the Overton Oracle that Wrexham Museum invited local people to a meeting in the White Horse to hear about an exciting discovery in the Maelor. A few years ago a local metal detectorist was asked by a Maelor farmer to help him look for his lost keys which he had dropped in a field. The detectorist found not only the keys - but treasure - coins dating back to the 15th century.

Over the following years, 2012 to 2017, and a lot of hard work, more coins were discovered, 52 in total, including four gold nobles, silver groats and silver pennies, and most importantly a beautiful gold ring with a large deep blue sapphire stone *(see left)* worn perhaps to expel evil. This is the first hoard of its kind to have been discovered in the Wrexham area. They were all examined at an inquest and declared “a hoard”, that is deliberately buried and hidden.

It is believed the hoard (now named the Bronington Hoard for the parish in which it was discovered) was buried about 1465, the time of the Wars of the Roses and a time of tumult in the Maelor, a borderland area. Presumably it was buried for safety, but we will never know who buried it and why they did not come back for it. From early times there has been an important route from England into Wales, passing from Whitchurch through the Maelor to the crossings of the river Dee at Bangor on Dee or Overton.

Local schools at Penley and Bronington have been shown the Hoard and came up with stories and poems, and many romantic and bloodthirsty ideas for the Hoard's story. Samples were also taken last Autumn to open days at Penley Rainbow Centre, Bronington School and the Whitchurch Heritage Centre so that local people could see close up what had been discovered.
The acquisition of the Hoard as well as the community project was funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund’s “Saving Treasures: Telling Stories” project in collaboration with the National Museum of Wales, securing the Hoard to be kept in this area at the Wrexham Museum.

In May the permanent display of the Bronington Hoard was opened at Wrexham Museum for everyone to see, and well as many other discoveries made by local detectorists, and is well worth a visit to see this special piece of the Maelor area’s history.

(see above a gold ‘noble’ from the reign of Henry VI)

Bronze Hikers go Exploring

Four Explorer Scouts from Bryn-y-Pys Explorer Scout Unit completed a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition at the end of April in the Clwydian Hills. Their route took them from Graig Fechan, near Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, over the Clwyd hills to Llandegla where they camped for the night. The four, Megan Sayer, Katherine Stanley, Ifor Harris and Jacob Johnson found the first day’s hike very challenging because of the high, dehydrating heat. So much so, that Assessor Kelvin Vernon, from Wrexham District Explorer Scouts, decided to shorten the route by a couple of miles as they had already completed 7 hours of hiking!

The second day’s hike took them from Llandegla over the shoulder of Cyrn y Brain (that’s the hill with the radio mast overlooking the Ponderosa on the Horseshoe Pass) down the valleys, past Valle Crucis Abbey and finishing in Llangollen. As the weather was much cooler the team finished on time, in spite of a couple of route finding errors. The Assessor was most impressed with the way the team worked together and when they went wrong, their ability to regroup and work out how to get back on track. For Megan, Ifor and Jacob it was the successful completion of their Bronze Final expedition and for Katherine, her practice. Well done all!

Thank you

Overton Community Council would like to thank the Overton Community Growers for tidying up and replanting flowers around the 'Best Kept Village' sign and surrounding area. In addition to this the outside of the Village Hall and Cocoa Rooms is bursting with colour with all the beautiful flowers recently planted. Residents and visitors to Overton often comment on how pretty the village looks. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work, you do a great job.

Overton Cafe

The opening hours for Overton Cafe are now

Lunch: Wed - Sat 12.00noon - 2.00pm
Evenings: Tues - Sat 5.00pm - 8.00pm
closed Sundays & Mondays
Indian Food available (Dine in or Takeaway)
Friday & Saturday 5.30pm - 9.00pm
Sunday Buffet 4.00pm - 9.00pm

First World War: Then and Now

If your local club or group is looking to explore the heritage of the First World War and needs help to fund it, you can apply for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund through its 'First World War: Then and Now' programme. This provides grants of £3,000–£10,000 for community projects that explore, conserve or share the heritage of the First World War.

Find out more on this website: https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/first-world-war-then-and-now

Wanted by Overton Playcentre

Your Old Teddy Bears are wanted by Overton Playcentre. They need your unwanted teddies - any size or shape will do as long as they are in new or good used condition.

Please drop them off at the Playcentre no later that Friday June 15th. Many thanks.

Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for May 2018. 99 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on the 9th May by Rev David Child.

Winners -

1st Prize	£198.00	No 39 Alan Mawdsley
2nd Prize	£ 99.00	No 67 Audrey Smith
3rd Prize	£ 49.50	No 24 Sam Wynne

Legion Fund: £148.50

Congratulations

Next Draw: Wednesday June 13th

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What's On

June Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday June 3rd 10am Village Praise - Rev Michael Vellacott
Sun. June 10th 11.30am Holy Communion, Rev Barrie Gauge
Sunday June 17th 10am Family Communion,Rev Paul Barrow
Sunday June 24th 11.30am Holy Communion,Rev Sue Huyton

June Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday June 3rd 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev Neville Pugh
Sunday June 10th 6.30pm Mr Nigel Burns
Sunday June 17th 11am Rev Phillip Poole
Sunday June 24th 6.30pm All Age Worship Mrs Sheila Rudden

Coffee Mornings at the Chapel every Saturday morning 10.30am to 12 noon

Saturday June 2nd 10.30am-12noon Community Litter Picking Day, meet at the Scout Hut.

Saturday June 2nd 9.00pm Live Music at the White Horse, Chris Greve singing Celtic & Folk songs

Wednesday June 6th 13th & 20th 1.00-8.00pm Parade Open Studio in the Village Hall. Come along & help create Banners, Flags, Puppets, papier mache etc.

Thursday June 7th 10.30am-2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - 'Designing and Making a Ceramic Bird' (Part 1) with Barbara Pilson

Thursday June 7th 8.30pm Quiz Night at the White Horse in aid of the RNLI.

Saturday June 9th 7.00pm-10,00pm St Marys Church & Twinning Jigsaw Event at the Village Hall

Sunday June 10th Open Farm Sunday Free Admission at 1.00 - 4.00pm Asney Park Farm LL13 0DS and 10.00am - 4.00pm Home Farm LL13 0HG

Monday June 11th 9.00am - 12noon Overton WI Pop-Up Cafe in the Village Hall Foyer

Tuesday June 12th 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

Wednesday June 13th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday June 13th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Please book - see below

Friday June 15th Doors open 6.45 for 7.30pm start. Summer Bingo in the Village Hall in aid of St Mary's Church

Saturday June 16th 10.30-11.30am Poetry Writing session at Overton Library. All welcome.

Thursday June 21st Overton WI Summer Outing, Telephone 710223 for more details

Saturday June 23rd 1.00pm **OVERTON VILLAGE FETE** at the Playing field

Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday June 13th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. There will be a choice of a 2-course menu all for £8.95. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

Family Announcements

Congratulations to Beryl & Tom Williams on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with love from Alec, Heather, Fiona, Sara and Katy.xx

Happy June Birthdays to Marlene Williams, Katharine Crockford, Jill Burton, Ken Roberts, Andrew Brookfield, Graham Manley, Colin Bamber, Nicole Netzband-Piggott, Bob Davies, Andy Myers, Rosie Myers, Stephen Perrin, Tracy and Kayleigh Leech, Ron Towers, Kate Best, Claire Hellingman, Brenda Lewis, & Matthew Tombs.

Happy 50th Birthday to Neil Evison (Tanner) Love from Lesley, Ben and Tilly xx

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pearl Howells nee Jones who passed away recently.

Art Exhibition by Local Artists at Overton Library running throughout June

Thank you

Gertie Osborne would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who who sent their best wishes to her on the occasion of her 106th birthday in April.
Gertie may have to send a separate note to the Queen, or she could send her the Oracle!!!

Overton Cricket Club June Fixture List

Matches commence at 1.00pm

June	2	Chelmarsh	Away (12.00pm)
	9	Church Stretton	Home
	16	Much Wenlock	Home
	23	Fenns Bank	Away
	30	St Georges	Home

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