

The Overton Oracle

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The Community Hub

will be held on Mondays in June from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Come along for tea and cake in the Parish Room and a chance to speak to one of your Community Councillors.

The Goin' Up the Country Blues Club

presents the amazing Cinelli Brothers at Overton Village Hall on Friday June 16th at 7.30pm for their first appearance at our club.

For tickets leave a message on 07725 442905 or petevans@btinternet.com



Macmillan Cancer Support Garden Coffee Morning

to be held in June at Hill Farm, Penley. Date to be confirmed, depending on weather. so look out for details.

New Overton Community Council Chairman

At the AGM of the Overton Community Council, Tony Walker has been appointed as the new chairman. His contact email is twalker@overton-on-dee.co.uk

Overton Fete Saturday June 24th



The Annual Village Fete returns to its traditional date of the last Saturday in June!

Preparations are coming along nicely for the Annual Village Fete which will take place on Saturday 24th June.

Street Market - 10am to 1pm

We've had a great take up for stalls at the Street Market so far (10am to 1pm) but there is still loads of room if you've not yet booked your stall. Stalls cost £10 for local organisations and £15 for businesses, and payment can be made by cheque or BACS. Stalls will be dotted around the village at the following locations:

- on the High Street from the War Memorial to the Notice Board
- in the church yard
- on Dark Lane
- in front of the Village Hall
- on the grass verges on Church Road / School Lane

Picnic on the Pitch Then in the afternoon there will be the Picnic on the Pitch from 2.00 to 4.30pm. There will be a bar and Woodlands Ice cream cart will be there too to keep everyone cool in what we're hoping will be blazing sunshine!

Fun Dog Show There'll be a fun dog show so please don't forget to bring your dogs with you. Registrations will be open at 2pm on the 24th June where there'll be full details of the categories you can enter them for. There'll be activities for the children, too - keep an eye out on social media as we'll announce these nearer the time. And there'll be a raffle with some great prizes to be won. Tickets will be £1 each with all proceeds going to the Jubilee Community Fund, again keep an eye out on social media for full details. For details on how to book your stall or your picnic spot please scan the bar code or contact Charlotte on 07960 538089.

See you on the 24th June!



Overton celebrations fit for a king!

What a wonderful weekend of celebration for King Charles's coronation. Congratulations to all concerned, it really was a joyous community effort. Saturday's weather did not dim the fun and I enjoyed participating with the community choir in singing, Zadok The Priest, a fond memory from university days. Paul deserves credit for getting us all into shape after only 3 rehearsals!

The service by Father Jeremy was very welcoming with refreshments afterwards and we can look forward to seeing the cherry tree flourish as time moves on. Our talented bell ringers again enhanced the celebrations.

Sunday sunshine created a summer atmosphere and it was wonderful to see the array of picnics etc in School Lane. A huge thank you to Kay Lawrenson for organising the celebration plan well in advance to ensure it all went without a hitch. The children loved the games from Giggles and Games and who could resist an ice cream from Woodlands? A superb village celebration, I'm sure Charles and Camilla would have loved



Seeds from St Mary's

.....
with Father Jeremy



Next month the NHS is celebrating its 75th anniversary!

Where would we be without this special institution that's unique to our country? The last ¾ of a century has seen Britain's first heart transplant in 1958, to Europe's first liver transplant in 1968, from the world's first CT scan on a patient in 1971 revolutionising the way doctors examine the body, to the world's first test-tube baby born in 1978. Where would we be without the NHS especially through the Pandemic? We need to continue to clap our hands to thank all who serve us, as we did every Thursday evening through that terrible period.

Having nursed at St Christopher's Hospice in London before I was ordained, I know at first hand of the tireless work that nurses, doctors and support staff give to enable our country to live in good health. The NHS is under constant pressure which waiting lists and targets but we need to continue to clap for all who enable us to have good health. I recently checked into the Health Centre here and was seen on the same day by Yvonne one of the Practice's Nurses; it was care at its best and I look forward to meeting Tony, Helen and the staff as part of getting to know people across the 5 parishes I now serve.

The Pandemic is behind us, but Covid is still with us, it's important to reflect on how our society perhaps changed for the better. Care isn't just what we receive in hospital, but how we live together in our community. The Pandemic brought the commandment *Love your neighbour as yourself* back into focus. As someone who lived alone in Chester and had Covid before Christmas 2020, I was grateful for many neighbours known, and at the time, unknown, who left food parcels for me at my front door – people who gave love unselfishly and through service (something which King Charles emphasised at the Coronation). As we look back at how the NHS served us through this critical time in history and since 1948, we need to remind ourselves of our duty and Christ's command to love and care for neighbours known and unknown to us.

I'm grateful for kindness and hospitality I receive from neighbours and hope your local neighbourhood brings you care, alongside the NHS. As a Church we're here to help support the individual, spiritual and communal health of Overton and the other parishes I serve in Penley, Bronington, Bettisfield and Hanmer. If you need support, pray or just a chat, we're here for you. Together we can make a good and healthy community with love, prayer and care!

Father Jeremy

Congratulations to Liz Wilson of Ma Baker who has been shortlisted in the 2023 Welsh Food and Drink Awards for the Local Community Award recognising those Welsh businesses that have made a real difference to their local community, by volunteering, by overcoming adversity, raising awareness of a particular issue, or by organising events that improve the quality of life for the residents in the community.

Overton Recreational Football Club



Football plays a vital part in the community. In Overton we are lucky to have a thriving senior and youth teams, with huge support from the Community Council who provide the facilities, but also through the endeavours of the players, parents and sponsors including the Recreational Club who have provided 25 years of financial support.

A devoted band of volunteers generously give their time. Step forward Paul Edwards, who apart from being senior co-manager with the Alex Ferguson of Overton, Dave "Smiley" Edwards, fundraises, looks after the pitch and still plays! The creation of the youth set up in 2018 - led by Andrew and Viki Roberts, and Kris Jones - and growing it, with significant support, needs to be applauded as it allows the youngsters to enjoy our wonderful game. A big thank you to you all.

Andrew Jamieson Chairman

Rainbow goes to No 10

Simon Baynes, Member of Parliament for Clwyd South, invited representatives from The Rainbow Foundation to a reception celebrating the work of Local Charity Champions from across the UK at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday 24th April.

The Rainbow Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Caroline Tudor-James, and Director of Operations, Ian Pope, joined Simon Baynes MP at 10 Downing Street to celebrate the outstanding work carried out by The Rainbow Foundation for the community of Clwyd South.

The event was hosted by the Minister for Civil Society, Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP. The Rainbow Foundation has also recently been selected from more than 400 charities across the UK as one of the 10 winners of the 2023 GSK IMPACT Awards in partnership with The King's Fund.

Speaking about the event, Caroline Tudor-Jones, CEO of The Rainbow Foundation said, "We were really proud to represent the Rainbow Foundation at 10 Downing Street. This reception comes at a time when the Rainbow Foundation is working in a uniquely challenging environment. The long-term consequences of Covid and the current cost-of-living crisis are having a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the communities we support. At the same time we are delivering innovative new solutions in health and social care to support our local community to access the services they need locally and to address system stressors in the NHS and social care. But our charity finances have been hit hard; which is why it is so important to raise the profile of the work we do across Wrexham and the difference it makes to people's lives." Simon Baynes MP commented, "It was a pleasure to introduce them to Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP, Minister for Civil Society, and to have their inspirational work recognised in this way."



The Great Overton Coronation Bake Off

As you know the Recreational Club entered the Hope House Childrens' Hospice £50 challenge. We were given £50 to turn into even more. We tried to get the whole village involved and the main events held were a super raffle that raised an amazing £600 so a massive thank you to everyone who donated a prize and just as important the people who bought the tickets. There are too many people to thank but the main thing is you know who you are and the difference you have helped make. Tim Rouse kindly organised a children's disco after the raffle draw with party games. It was a joy to see so many excited children having so much fun.

The next day was the **Coronation Bake Off**. After a lovely tasting session at the Recreational Club, the judges had a very difficult job of deciding on the winners of the Great Overton Bake Off 2023. And the results are in!!

The winner of the Over 12s Category was - The Dough Nation Station with their beautifully presented and very tasty Apricot & Almond Tarts.

The winner of the Under 12s Category was - Aneira Barlow with her amazing King's Crown cake. A lot of effort went into this cake with 3 coloured layers of sponge, sandwiched with a lemon butter icing. Then decorated with more icing, Malteser jewels, cinnamon biscuits and a coronation topper! Magnificent effort .

Each of the above won a £25 voucher to spend at Ferdi's Shop - this was kindly donated by the Overton Community Council.

And Star Baker went to Freddie Huxley with his fabulous, yummy crème egg brownies - King Charles favourite apparently!! He goes away with a Star Baker apron and a teddy!

Thank you so much to all of our entrants - we have made over £100 selling cake and this will go towards our Hope House Hospice total. In all we raised **£700** for Hope House PLUS we gave the £50 back as well - but wait! There is more.

Les and Jude of Dough Nation will be organising a pizza night in the village in the summer holidays and ALL proceeds will again be going to this very worthy cause. Mega thanks to them for this kind offer, details to follow.

A few events for this month for the diary.- -

3 rd June	FA CUP final
10 th June	Champions League Final.
17 th June	Pete's easy general knowledge quiz [only easy if you know the answers...]
24 th June	Music Quiz by our very own radio celebrity, Mark Whittall.

Plus regular bingo and pool, darts and snooker, plus SKY and BT sports if you fancy, or just come for a quiet drink. As you know everyone is very welcome and no membership is required. If you come in regularly we value your much needed support and if you haven't been yet, it's certainly worth a visit.

Thanks from the Committee

hope house
ty gobaith



Bell ringers update

Easter, King Charles III Coronation and a wedding has meant it's been a busy few months for the St Mary's bell ringers. In March we took delivery of our new, handmade ringing mats made by our talented ringing friend Beverley. Ringing mats protect the lower end of the rope from wear and tear as they brush on the floor during ringing. (*photo right*)

Three of the St Mary's ringers joined others for a ringing trip of a lifetime in Liverpool Cathedral where there are twelve bells, said to be the highest and heaviest bells in the world! Also in March, the bell ringers rang to welcome the children, parents, teachers and nursery of St Mary's School to their Palm

service. We opened the doors so that everyone could see us ring. Lots of children had a good look as they passed, and we even got some waves.

David and Liz, our two new ringers who started last September have had an exciting couple of months. David has been ringing regularly on a Sunday since Christmas and rang in his first wedding in May. Liz took part in the Coronation celebrations 'Ringing for the King' and made her debut ringing for a Sunday service.

At the end of May, Overton hosted the annual branch six bell striking competition. The accuracy of ringing and the gaps between each bell sounding were judged. A great afternoon was had by all. Taking part was the most important thing and this alone was a fantastic achievement for some very new ringers in Team Overton.

To end the update, here is Gareth, (*photo left*) a very happy ringer on Sunday 23rd April, the day after Wrexham won their final match to secure promotion. If you ever want to come and watch us ringing church bells, just call in on a Tuesday, anytime between 6.00-7.30pm.



Clare Morris, Tower Captain

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Overton Community Council can help individuals and organisations within Overton with funding

Don't miss out on the grants available just because you didn't know about them! The Jubilee Community Fund, established by Overton Community Council through local donations and fundraising from the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, is for individuals. The Community Chest grant, also administered by OCC, is for organisations. Please scan the barcode for full details and how to apply.

JUBILEE COMMUNITY FUND (FOR INDIVIDUALS)

Overton Community Council can help you with grant funding!

COMMUNITY CHEST (FOR ORGANISATIONS)

We can help individuals and organisations within Overton.

Scan the barcode for full details.

Don't miss out on help just because you didn't know that the help is there



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Overton WI on tour

Overton WI were out and about in May. The first coach trip for a few years was organised, with members spending a day at Port Sunlight. In glorious weather they were able to visit the Soap Museum, Lady Lever Gallery, the local church and garden centre, plus learning about it all from a local guide.



Then the May evening meeting was held in Stans Superstore! *(Photo left)*

Andrews Faulks gave a behind the scenes tour and a fascinating talk about his grandfather's beginnings, and the mind-blowing statistics of running the superstore that his family have developed. The next meeting on June 15th, 7pm in the Village Hall, is Peter Hawthorne with Part 2 of the very popular talk he gave last year, "The Animal Victoria Cross". Open to everyone who would like to come, guests £5 to include refreshments.

The 2023 Village Handicraft Show

It was a delight to see the variety of crafts on show at the Village Open Handicraft Show, we have a lot of talent in this village! The trophies were presented by the Lord Mayor Elect of Wrexham, Cllr Andy Williams. Thank you to all who entered the show, thanks to Tony for his help and support, and thanks also to those who supported by coming along to have a look at all the wonderful items on display and enjoy the refreshments.



(photo above Shirley Bransby wins 'Most Points in Show')

- BETTY WILLIAMS CUP, MOST POINTS IN SHOW
Shirley Bransby
- RUNNER UP TROPHY- Margaret O'Neill
- MRS. WRIGHT'S CUP FOR W.I. MEMBER WITH MOST POINTS - Shirley Bransby
- BEST IN CRAFT SECTION - June McLaughlin
- BEST IN ART SECTION - Jean Kent
- BEST IN PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION - Jill Burton
- BEST IN WOODWORK SECTION - Liz Wilson
- BEST IN FLORAL ART SECTION - Olive Morris
- BEST IN CHILDREN'S SECTION - Eira Kenyon Owen

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This is because the archive of the Oracle is available on-line going back many years and the adverts and contact details would be out of date.

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Overton Royal British Legion 120 Club

Results of the '120 Club' for May 2023. 117 members entered and the draw was made on Thursday 11th May. Winning numbers were selected by Tony Grice.

- Winners:** 1st Prize £234.00 No 24 Ben Willmott
- 2nd Prize £117.00 No 116 Alan Farley
- 3rd Prize £ 58.50 No 87 Jane Bangay
- Legion Fund: £175.50

CONGRATULATIONS

Next Draw will be on Thursday 8th June 2023
If you wish to join please ring Dave Austin Tel: 01978 710678 or contact him by Facebook Messenger.

*All new members must play by Standing Order
"IF YOU DON'T PAY - - - YOU DON'T PLAY"*

An Invitation to the Coronation

Simon Baynes MP had the honour of representing Clwyd South at the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, having been successful in the ballot for twenty-five MPs to attend.

Mr Baynes and other MPs were seated high up in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, so they did not have a direct view of the service, but television screens in the gallery enabled them to watch all the proceedings.

After the Coronation, Simon had the opportunity to speak with BBC presenter Huw Edwards who was providing commentary from a nearby location. He also had the pleasure of speaking with Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP after the service whom he, like many others, described as magnificent in her role as Lord



President of the Council carrying the Sword of State.

Simon said "It was an experience that I will cherish for years to come."

Royal Memories

The eagle eyed spotted that Colin Davies was wearing an interesting sweater at the village Coronation Big Lunch. The insignia is a crown over the initials RHGC i.e. The Royal Household Golf Club!

Colin has wonderful memories of when he worked for Royal Doulton and there was an annual match between the Royal Household and Royal Doulton Golf Clubs, alternately held at Windsor and Stoke on Trent.

The Royal Household golf course at Windsor is set in the beautiful Great Park to the west of the castle, and retired household members would point out the windows of the castle where they had lived. The first two holes were close to the graves of the Royal dogs of Kings and Queens over the last 100 years or so. The castle is close to Heathrow Airport and Colin remembers seeing Concord flying over.

For one year the players were accompanied by their wives, and on that occasion there was a beautiful meal at the Club prepared by the Queen Mother's own private chef. Happy Royal memories!



St Mary's School News

St Mary's pupils had a joyful time celebrating the King's Coronation in May. There were crowns, flags and bunting aplenty as everyone paraded on the playground and came together to sing a song especially written for the occasion called 'To The Sound of Trumpets'. This was followed by fun traditional games for all, including skittles, bowls, tennis and hockey and a Coronation picnic on the field to mark this historic occasion.



Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have started to learn through the theme of 'Water' for the Summer Term. Staff decided to take our intrepid explorers to visit the art installation by Antony Gormley, 'Another Place', on Crosby beach in the middle of May and Mrs Lawrenson reports that everyone had the most fantastic, sunny, windswept day together and pretty much had the beach to themselves. Pupils worked together to look for items such as whelk egg cases, shells and pieces of coal to bring back to investigate further at school. They enjoyed a picnic lunch, dodged the sandwich eating starlings (yes, starlings!) and enjoyed finding how much the sea and the sand has covered some of 100 statues that look out to sea. What an incredible day in the sunshine!



Year 6 embarked upon their much-anticipated weeklong residential in May, with an incredible adventure to Condover Hall near Shrewsbury. They participated in a range of exciting activities including rafting,

kayaking, abseiling, trapeze and even Giant Cluedo. There was lots of fun time in the dorms too and the food was delicious. Year 6 pupil Willow summed up what everyone felt, "Condover Hall was an amazing experience; it was action packed!" It was certainly an incredible experience with memories the children will cherish forever.



by Mrs Williams (Year 6 Teacher), Josh Carpenter and Caitlin Rooney (Year 6 Reporters)

In March, our school was inspected by Estyn - we are proud of the report produced, which is now available online, so please do take a look on <https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection-reports>




The Recreational Club's Great Overton Bake Off



St Mary's School celebrates the Coronation



The Coronation Street Party



**RINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF
 KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA**

North Wales Association
 On Sunday, 7th May 2023 in 47m
Overton on Dec, Wrexham
 St Mary the Virgin

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Pauline J D Goring
- 2 Clare Morris (C)
- 3 Samantha Bateman-Green
- 4 Ian Wiltshire
- 5 Peter L Furniss
- 6 James Glover

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of James and Sue Glover.
 First quarter peal in 25 years of ringing (6).
 The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are members of the Overton on Dec Sunday service band.
 Rung during the Overton on Dec Coronation 'Big Lunch'.





What's On**June Diary for St Mary's**

Sunday	June 4 th	9.30am All Age Worship
Sunday	June 11 th	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday	June 18 th	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday	June 25 th	9.30am Holy Communion

For all service details see

<https://www.stmarysoverton-on-dee.org/worship>**May Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel**

Sunday	June 4 th	2.30pm Rev Neville Pugh HC
Sunday	June 11 th	2.30pm Mrs Meryl Thomas
Sunday	June 18 th	2.30pm Local Arrangements
Sunday	June 25 th	2.30pm Rev Richard Parkes

Services at Our Lady And The Welsh Martyrs

Every Saturday 5.00pm Mass

The Community Hub, Mondays in June

from 2.00 - 4.00pm tea and cake in the Parish Room

Every Monday 10.00am-12.30pm Overton Art Group in the Catholic Hall, Wrexham Road.**Every Thursday** 11.30am - 1.30pm Knit and Natter group at The Two Doves Cafe, Overton**Thursday June 8th** 7.00pm Overton on Dee Branch Royal British Legion meeting in the Parish Room**Friday June 9th** 2.00pm-3.00pm Ken Skates, Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South will hold a surgery at Bangor on Dee Village Hall**Tuesday June 13th** 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so 6.50pm-7.00pm**Thursday June 15th** 7.00pm Overton on Dee WI Meeting at the Village Hall. Speaker: Peter Hawthorne on "The Animal Victoria Cross Part 2"**Friday June 16th** 7.30pm Goin' Up The Country Club presents the Cinelli Brothers at the Village Hall**Saturday June 24th** 10am - 12pm Methodist Church Coffee Morning**Saturday June 24th** 10.00am-1.00pm Overton Street Market plus 2.00pm-4.30pm Picnic on the Pitch & Fun Dog Show**Post Office Closure Consultation**The Post Office at Overton Surgery is now closed. Send your opinion to <https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/overton-1113-0ed-104615/> by 13th June.**Wine, Cheese & Bread Evening**Friday June 30th 6.30pm - 8.30pm, a Wine, Cheese and Bread evening at Ma Baker.For tickets, contact Liz at mabakerbakes@gmail.com**Family Announcements****Congratulations** to Clive and Philippa Hellingman on the birth of their grandson Kaspar John on 24th April.**Happy June Birthdays** to Kate Best, Margaret Williams, Cynthia Smith, Elizabeth Coward, Heugo Heard, Marlene Williams, Katharine Crockford, Jill Burton, Ken Roberts, Andy Myers, Andrew Brookfield, Graham Manley, Colin Bamber, Nicole Netzband-Piggott, Rosie Myers, Stephen Perrin, Tracy & Kayleigh Leech, Brenda Lewis, Jenny Horton, Neil Evison, Sara Williams, Richard Jones & Matthew Tombs.**Display of Needlefelted Animals**

Don't forget to pop in to Overton Library to see the exhibition of needlefelted animals by June McLaughlin.

Look up to see the variety of animals on display. June has worked with wool for many years, and these animals are made of pure wool.

**Dustbin Days**

Thurs June 1 st	General Waste & Recycling/food
Thurs June 8 th	Garden Waste & Recycling/food
Thurs June 15 th	General Waste & Recycling/food
Thurs June 22 nd	Garden Waste & Recycling/food
Thurs June 29 th	General Waste & Recycling/food

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