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Next Drop-in



The next Overton Community Council drop-in is at the Scout Hut on Monday October 3rd from 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Quiz Night

The White Horse's next charity quiz night will be on Thursday 6th October at 9pm in aid of Overton Cub Pack. All welcome. Contact Kev if you would like your organisation to benefit from a quiz in the future.



Penley Art Group Exhibition



Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd October 10am to 4pm. Original works and cards for sale at The Rainbow Centre, Penley.

Date for the diary

Overton Village Hall Management Committee is planning a charity fundraising **CRAFT FAYRE** on Saturday 5th November 2016 in the Village Hall from 2-4pm. We welcome sellers of crafts / home made cakes, jams, chutneys / Xmas themed goods etc. The cost of a table will be £5.

If you are interested in booking a space phone 01978 710413 or e mail

info@overtonvillagehall.co.uk

Date for the diary

Sale of handcrafted Gemstone Jewellery to raise money for the Leonard Cheshire Dolywern Resident's fund at The Cup & Saucer Coffee Shop on Saturday November 12th, 10am - 3.30pm

Number 146 bus update

We now have our bus back and it is being well used. However the service is very much reduced and it is still difficult to get back from Wrexham after work, plus there does not seem to be a contingency plan in place in case of breakdown or business failure. The Community Council will continue to email Wrexham Council to ask about a contingency plan and the 146 Bus Replacement Group has plans for discussions and negotiations with the new bus company to try to get more more buses on the route at times to suit more people.



The new bus timetable is at the bus stops or on

www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/travel/bus/timetables/timetable_index.htm

Family Halloween Party



We dare you to join us in the Scary Scout Hut this Halloween! Spooks, pumpkins, music and shadows set the scene for the party in Overton Scout Hut on Sunday 30th October 2016, 3.00-6.00pm. Come in your best fancy dress and have a spooky time with family and friends. An Outdoor Scavenger Hunt searching for seasonal treasure gets the afternoon off to a great start. Then back to the Hut for Party Games, Halloween Food and a bit of a Disco.

A Raffle will be held and there will be prizes for the Best Fancy Dress - Children and Adults! Tickets are £10 per family and are available from Pam & Peter Roberts at 11 School Lane (White House next to school); Cath Starkey 07925 772024; Sheila Miller 07881 426849 or any Twinning Association member. Also available on the door. Parents, remember, to get in, you will need to bring your children! (Please no unaccompanied children)

The 44th Overton Village Produce Show

The photo shows most of the prize winners at this year's show. See full details on Page 5 and many more pictures in colour on the Oracle website Gallery <http://overtonoracle.weebly.com/gallery.html>



Ramblings from the Reverend



by Rev'd Canon David Child

I don't know whether you're familiar with the Pokémon Go game. It's sweeping the country. It's a game where you collect and trade creatures called Pokémon. It's one of the first popular games to use augmented reality – a kind of cross between real life and the on-line world which brings children and adult fantasies to life. It uses the player's mobile phone GPS to locate where they are and then makes Pokémon virtual creatures to appear on the phone screen in real life locations. Altogether there are 151 virtual creatures to catch (picture shows just one). It's become a viral sensation among teens and young adults who are now outside walking around with their phones rather than being stuck indoors with them.



We were amazed one summer day when Diane's grandchildren visited us that the first thing they wanted to do was to visit St Mary's Church! You see our church like other churches, pubs, buildings of any special interest have all become Pokémon Stop sites. So what does the church think – we think that it's fine, it's harmless it gets people out and about and it gets people talking together. Later in the summer I was sitting down having a chat with Bishop Gregory and some other clergy. We talked about Pokémon. The general consensus was again no problem. We'd be delighted to see young people wandering around our churches with their mobiles. OK - so what if they catch a Pokémon on their mobile; you never know they may find something else there as well. In fact I've come across some quotes on the web - 'This game made me go to church' 'My first Pokémon stop was a church and I thought God was telling me something'.

After we'd discussed Pokémon Bishop Gregory asked us whether we thought there would one day be Human-Machine interfaces, that is – beings that would be both human and machine. We all thought probably 'yes' but we found the concept very worrying. Then one of the clergy piped up

'Well there has been one God-Human interface.'

What an amazing way to think of Jesus and to explain him in this day and age!

With every blessing
David

Wanted

Relief cleaner at St Mary's School.

For more information please ring the school on 01978 710370 and ask for Darren Morris.



email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Country Beat



by PCSO Lynne Maurice

Hello everyone,
Just a couple of things to report this month. We have had some concerns raised as regards to parking on the double yellow lines outside the chemist on High Street. Please could you **not do this** and either use the car park next door or the main one at the back. There are plenty of spaces so there is no excuse. Whilst vehicles continue to park here, it causes an obstruction through the village and makes it difficult and dangerous for residents crossing to enter Peel Close and also vehicles overtaking the parked cars that are too near the bend onto Pen y Llan Street. It has been reported to me that there were nearly 2 collisions only the other day practically one after the other. The area will be monitored and if this persists we will take action and parking enforcements will be issued.

Also we've noticed most residents seem to be adhering to the highway code and not parking too near the junction of Turning Street and the High Street. But I did come across a vehicle the other day that seems to have just been dumped actually on the junction. Keeping this area clear makes it much easier and safer for motorists travelling from Bangor Road to approach the junction on the correct side of the road and avoid a possible collision. I appreciate there are lots of cottages in the area where there is no parking available but we must all be responsible and forward thinking as to where we leave our vehicles. So many thanks but we will continue to monitor the area to keep it safe for everyone

On another note, whilst we still enjoy the warmer weather it is still a time when people are on holiday and properties are unoccupied. It is also a time when people seem to leave windows open when they go out or wound down in their vehicles when they pop to the shop or are just parked outside the house. Please be mindful of that random opportunist who could just be passing and see the garage door, window or any doors left open even for a few minutes, that is all they need. There seems to be a spate of car key burglaries in the general Wrexham and surrounding areas lately, where criminals are entering houses, taking the car keys and driving the cars away. Please be mindful of this and where you leave your keys. Ladies, do not leave your handbags downstairs at night with your keys and belongings on show, take them upstairs with you and keep car keys hidden.

Regards

Lynne

Lynne Maurice

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St Mary's Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday we will be open 9.15am to 11.00am in term time. Join us for play, singing and snack at Overton Scout Hut opposite the park. £2 per child, £1 additional children. All welcome.

Overton's 3rd Community Beer Festival

This year Overton's Community Beer Festival is going to be held in the White Horse Beer Garden on Friday October 21st from 5pm until 11pm, and Saturday October 22nd from 12 noon until 11pm. Entry will be free and food will be available. The real ales on offer will be from 7 local micro breweries -



'Axiom Brewery', 'Big Hand', 'Cwrw Ial' 'Hafod', 'Deva Craft Brewery' and 'Salopian Brewery'. 'Moonshine' cider will also be at the festival bar, while in the pub itself there will be 5 Joules & 1 guest ale. The usual pub menu will be available, Fri: 5.30-9pm, Sat:12-2.30pm & 5.30-9pm. All proceeds from the Festival Bar will be for the Community.

School News

On Saturday the 17th of September the P.T.A. at St Mary's organised a sponsored walk up Snowdon in aid of school funds. An intrepid band of pupils (both past and present), parents and staff set off bright and early from Llanberis in misty conditions only to emerge 2 and a half hours later on the beautifully sun-drenched summit, allowing them to take in some stunning (and rare) views and also have a well earned hot chocolate.

Big thanks to Danielle and Andrew Baker for organising and leading the walk and of course to all those who took part. Everyone agreed it was a great experience and there was even talk of setting up a regular St Mary's walking group, so watch this space. Sponsor money is still coming in so we'll have a final total in next months issue. Finally even though I'm not in the photo, as I was taking it, my aching limbs are definite proof that I also completed the walk.

Mr Morris

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Christmas Musical Night

I'm afraid I have to announce that the Christmas Musical Night will have to be postponed yet again but I must convey my deepest appreciation to all who were willing to volunteer to join in with this musical extravaganza. 21 singers and 3 maybes, ages ranged from 8 to 84, back stage help, a seamstress and a dance advise volunteered which was tremendous. But we were short of the most crucial element, 2 pianists and a musical director and male young voices so unfortunately it is not to be - at least not this year. I sincerely hope that these wonderful people will still be willing and available to volunteer if we were to try again (who knows maybe next year) so thank you all once again, and believe me I won't give up trying.

Mervyn Haynes

Welcome to all

The Cup'n'saucer Cafe is now access friendly, with a ramp available on the front step for wheelchairs or mobility scooters to use. Photo shows Mick testing it out. There is also parking inside the doorway for a mobility scooter, safe from the weather. And don't forget, the Cup'n' Saucer, as well as offering delicious food and drink, also offers free Wifi.



Overton Lunch Club

Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 12th Oct. at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be bangers & mash with black forest gateaux for desert - all for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672



Most of you will know by now that the poster designed by St. Mary's school pupil Seren Dodd to encourage people to pick up their dog's poo, was taken down from the Millenium Meadow gate and thrown into the rubbish bin. This was a disgraceful thing to do! It is a shame that a young child who cares about the village in which she lives is treated in this way. Fortunately the Community Council has more copies of this lovely poster and it has been replaced.

Pene Coles Chairman OCC

Ken Farrell

We are very sad to report the passing of Ken Farrell age 91, who was one of the founding members of the Oracle Editorial Committee. Ken was one of those who supported the idea of a monthly newspaper for Overton and served on the committee from January 1999 until March 2003. He was a regular contributor, especially on local history, right up until recent months; his last article was printed in last month's edition. Some of his most excellent pieces included several articles for the celebrated Stargazer column!



Ken served on Overton Community Council for many years from 1991 including seven years as Vice Chairman and a further year as Chairman, retiring in May 2003. He was a keen walker and a long-time member of the Ramblers Association and was responsible for many years for opening up the 42 public footpaths in the Overton Community Area, many of which had fallen into disuse and had been blocked and diverted. He worked tirelessly with Wrexham Council to re-open all the footpaths and to oversee the replacement of stiles and gates on the pathways around the village which are enjoyed today by us all.

Reunion

Mike Wason (left in picture) and Ron Whitfield (right) grew up in Overton and both went to Penley School. In 1966 they left Overton for Shrewsbury (Mike in January, Ron in September) and joined the former Shropshire Constabulary as Police Cadets. Aged 19 they both became Constables in the newly formed West Mercia



Constabulary and went their separate ways. Mike served about 7 years and then changed careers. He joined Shropshire Council and had a successful career in Trading Standards. Ron continued in the Police Service and became the Chief Superintendent in charge of the Kidderminster Division. He retired from the Force in 2001.

On 5th September 2016, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of becoming Police Cadets, Mike, Ron and some former colleagues met in Shrewsbury for a reunion. Mike and Ron had not seen each other since 1976. A great time was had by all and a promise was made to make it an annual event.

Dear Editor

I was terribly sad to hear that Ken Farrell had passed away. I hadn't known him long but he gave me a lot of help with setting up the walking group, Overton Amblers. He was a mine of information and passionate about Overton's Public Rights of Way. He was a lovely, kind man and will be sorely missed. Every time I walk on any of our beautiful footpaths. Ken will never be far from my mind.

Pene Coles



We recruit them young!

The Overton Oracle is very grateful to all its volunteer distributors who go out in all weathers to make sure you can read our local news. The temporary Lightwood Green distributor was very busy last month.

Apologies to anyone who didn't get their Oracle, he couldn't drive and read a map at the same time.



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Gwen Dalby

We were sad to hear that Gwen Dalby had passed away, aged 90. Gwen was brought up at her parents' business "The Newsagents" in Bangor Road, Overton (now a private house). She helped her parents run the shop and there met her future husband Alf when he was delivering to the shop the large, acid-filled batteries for the valve radios of the time, and which Gwen would then deliver around the village and lanes. After the war she and Alf ran the shop and were the village's newsagents until they retired to a bungalow in the village. Many local people will remember their first employment working for them as paper boys and girls.



Gwen was an excellent musician, playing the organ at St Mary's Church and during World War II she was pianist for the Savana Dance Band with Dick Cross, Jan Zamojski, Percy Rogers and Kath Hamlington which played for dances twice a week at the Village Hall. Gwen moved to be near her daughter after Alf's death in 2013 and passed away at Chasey House, Rhos on Sea.

Overton Produce Show

The 44th Show was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September. There were 298 exhibits entered in the various classes with 44 entrants recorded including children. The Show attracted entries from loyal supporters over the years; also first time exhibitors. It was a delight to see new names appearing on some of the prize cards

The judges were very impressed with the high standard of the exhibits and praised the layout of the Hall. Judges left comments praising the high standards and helpful hints. Refreshments were served by WI members. Prizes were presented by Mrs Sue Cooke, President of the WI. The Committee members are very encouraged by the support received and thank everyone for the interest shown.

Trophies 2016

British Legion Cup *Exhibitor with most points*

Tradesmans Cup *Runner-up*

Lowther Cup *Overton WI member with most points*

Farmers Cup *Best in Vegetable Section 1-17*

WI Cup *Best in fruit section 18-23*

Healey Salver *Best in Blooms section 24-35*

Rosselli Cup *Best in Pot Plant Section 36-38*

Kath Hamlington Cup *Best in Floral Art 39-44*

Mrs Sumsion's Tray *Best in Cookery section 47-54*

Mrs Woodhouse's Bowl *Best in Preserves Section*

Haynes Wine Cooler *Best in Wine Section*

Trotting Mare Cup *Best in Class 7*

Fitzhugh Goblet *Best in Class 16*

Pam Upton Memorial Bowl *Best in Class 33*

Mrs Wrights Cup *Best in Class 45*

Mrs Bransby's Cup *Best in Class 46*

September Plate *Best in Class 52*

Mrs Roberts' Shield *Best in Class 69 5yrs & under*

Mrs Price Jones' Shield *Best in Class 71*

Mrs Wason's Shield *Best in Class 72*

Vic Roberts

Claire Latham

Margaret O'Neill

Menna Rowlands

Sue Glover

Vic Roberts

Vic Roberts

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Explorer Scouts Wanted

Bryn-y-Pys Explorer Scouts, based in Overton, are looking for more members. Aged 14 – 18, no previous experience of scouting necessary, you will be interested in trying new things, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and having fun! We meet on a Monday evening between 7.30 and 9.30pm in the Scout Hut at the playing fields on Wrexham Road, Overton! Just come along or contact us on davidandjillb@gmail.com or 01978 710631.



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If you are interested and want to find out more – contact James Glover on 01978 710413.

The Overton Protection & Preservation Society

held a very well attended meeting in the White Horse on September 20th. It was good to see a room full of people who care passionately about our village. Further information will appear in next month's Oracle.

Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is now open 6 days a week (closed Tuesdays), 6.00pm till late

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Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for September. 82 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on the 14th September by Olwen. Winners -

- 1st Prize £164.00 No 83 Lucy Roberts
- 2nd Prize £82.00 No 53 Rita Patterson
- 3rd Prize £41.00 No 24 Sam Wynne
- Legion Fund: £123.00

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What's On

October Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday October 2nd 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Wednesday October 5th 7.30pm Evening Prayer
 Sunday October 9th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3.00pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday October 16th 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday October 23rd 11.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday October 30th 10.00am Holy Communion Group
 Service led by Rev'd Sue Huyton - a chance to meet
 Sue, our new Mission Area Leader

October Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel Harvest Weekend

Friday September 30th 7.00pm Rev Richard Hall
 Sunday October 2nd 6.30pm Mr David Pickstone
 Monday October 3rd 6.30pm Harvest Supper
 Sunday October 9th 6.30pm Mrs Biddy Crossfield
 Sunday October 16th 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev P Poole
 Sunday October 23rd 11am All Age Worship
 Sunday October 30th 6.30pm Mr David Young

Monday October 3rd 5.30pm-6.00pm Overton
 Community Council Drop-in at the Scout Hut

Wednesday October 5th 10.30am St Mary's Coffee Morning
 and Get-together in church

Thursday October 6th 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre
 Lunch & Learn. "Pen & Ink Drawing with watercolour
 wash" with Christine Matthews

Thursday October 6th 8.00pm Community Gardening
 Group meeting in the White Horse.

Thursday October 6th 9.00pm Charity Quiz Night at the
 White Horse in aid of Overton Cubs

Tuesday October 11th 7.30pm Overton Community
 Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of
 the public wishing to speak - 7.20pm-7.30pm.

Wednesday October 12th 10.30am Overton British Legion
 meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday October 12th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club
 at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday October 13th 7.00pm Erbistock WI meeting at
 Erbistock Village Hall.. Speaker Mrs Laura Evison
 "Flower Arranging Demonstration"

Friday October 14th 7.15pm for 7.30pm Maelor Belles WI
 at the Rainbow Centre. AGM followed by Autumn &
 Christmas Crafts

Sunday October 16th 1-3pm Nearly New Sale at Village Hall

Sunday October 16th 2pm "Majors & Minors' group
 meeting in the White Horse

Thursday October 20th 7.00pm Overton WI meeting at
 Stan's Superstore, St Martins. Speaker Mr Andrew
 Faulks on the family business

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd October Overton's 3rd
 Community Beer Festival at the White Horse

Sunday October 30th 3.00-6.00pm Family Halloween Party
 at the Scout Hut. £10 per family.

Family Announcements

Congratulations to Amy Leech and Adam Gerard
 on their recent engagement.

Happy October Birthdays to Kathleen Dorey, 
 Thomas Dorey, Charlotte Clarke, Mary Perrin,
 Rebecca Overthrow, Jean Edwards, Gary Wyn Jones
 Brian Done, Ruth Reeves, Stephen Sorfleet, Brenda
 Farrell, Mark Whittall, Martha Roberts and Lesley
 Davies.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of
 Mrs Gwen Dalby, previously of Penylan Court, and
 formally Overton Newsagent, who passed away on
 28th August at a Residential Home in Rhos on Sea.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of
 Eric Jones who passed away on 6th Sept. Sadly
 missed by Karen, Michael, Yola, William & families
Sincere condolences to the family and friends Roy
 Hoare who passed away in September.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of
 Ken Farrell who passed away in September.

What's On at the White Horse

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Friday October 14th - Karaoke night from 9pm.

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