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Overton Am Drams go Wilde

Make sure you have kept either the evening of Friday 19th or Saturday 20th April free in your diary for a trip to see "The Importance of Being Earnest" to be performed by Overton Amateur Dramatic Society in the Village Hall.

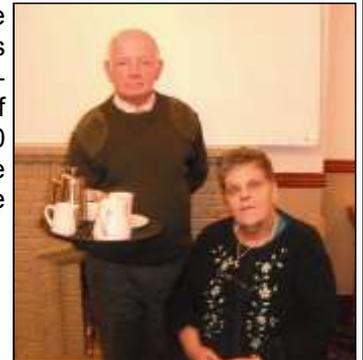
"The Importance of Being Earnest, A Trivial Comedy for Serious People" is a play by Oscar Wilde first performed in 1895 at St. James's Theatre in London. The play tells the story of two young gentlemen in 1890's England who are being somewhat limited with the truth. To interject some excitement into their lives, Mr. Worthing invents a brother, Ernest, as an excuse to leave his dull country life behind him to pursue the object of his desires, the ravishing Gwendoline. While across town Algernon Moncrieff decides to take the name Ernest, when visiting Worthing's young ward Cecily. The real fun and confusion begins when the two end up together and their deceptions are in danger of being revealed.



The play has been revived for stage many times since its premiere plus adapted for the cinema on three occasions and is a classical example of 'the well made play'. Doors open 7:00 Performance at 7:30pm Tickets are only £5 and available at the door. Be there or miss the importance of it all!

Photos of cast members

← during rehearsal →



Overton Playcentre Nearly New Sale

The Overton Playcentre's Nearly New Sale is a major fund raiser of the year for them, and hopes to raise much needed funds to keep this much appreciated village facility going. Plus it's a wonderful opportunity for every one to sell unwanted items and make money or come along and pick up a bargain. This year it is on



Saturday 27th April 2013, 1 - 3 PM in Overton Village Hall,

Admission: £1.00 per adult / children free

For more details or to sell goods, the contact is:

Email: OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01978 710688

BABY AND CHILDREN NEARLY NEW SALE:

Come and grab yourselves a BARGAIN! Baby, children and maternity clothes; nursery equipment, push-



To all village organisations

This year the **OVERTON VILLAGE FETE** will be on

Saturday 29th JUNE 2013, 2pm to 5pm

If you or your organisation or business is interested in running a stall please contact Katrina Chalk, Clerk to Overton Community Council, Overton Village Hall, Penyllan Street, Overton, LL13 0LE
01978 710 055 on Mondays or Wednesday or email occ.clerk@btinternet.com



Ramblings From the Reverend **by Rev'd David Child**



By the time you get this magazine we'll have celebrated Easter, the greatest festival in the Christian Calendar. But the Easter story - what is it trying to tell us? Is there more to it than the reassurance that we may be able to live a life with God in heaven when we die?

The answer is 'Yes' because Jesus' resurrection means that Jesus can be with us now wherever we are and wherever we go. It means that if we let Jesus into our lives, that he can change our lives, so that we can become 'a bit' more like him and work with him to help make this world a better place.

Let me try and explain what I mean by telling you a story. Many years ago there was a lay preacher in the Church of South India who had previously worked as a carpenter. He wasn't the brightest of persons but he was a decent down to earth sort of person who was kindness itself and who showed Gods' love to all his people. He was, because of a shortage of priests, put in charge of a group of little churches, but he was hopeless at maths and financial matters and got into a terrible muddle with the collections. The church hierarchy came down on him like a ton of bricks and dismissed him from his post. His congregations were terribly sad and wept when, covered in shame, he left and moved right away from the area and disappeared.

Many years later people from those same churches decided to send out missionaries into a remote area and there they began very simply to tell the story of Jesus. To their astonishment they were met with these words, 'Oh we know who you're talking about, but you're wrong, he didn't live a long time ago in a far way place and he didn't die in the way you say. He came and lived with us. He only died three or four years ago. We didn't know his name was Jesus. He didn't tell us his name. We just knew him as the carpenter.'

May you see Jesus in others, be Jesus to others.
With every blessing,
David

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 10th April at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Bangers, Mash and Peas with onion gravy followed by Apple Crumble with custard.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Phil Jones



Hello again, welcome to this month's beat report. I have noticed that a lot of vehicles are travelling too fast coming in and out of the village. PCSO Maurice and I were out with the hand held speed gun, especially on Station Road, and the Wrexham Road to measure actual speeds which I report to Go Safe. The Go Safe speed enforcement van will also continue in the area for the foreseeable future.

Dog fouling has again been reported, this time outside the Post Office and Poethlyn Terrace, Children on their way to school can tread in dog mess and take it into school; this is a serious health hazard. Pick up after your dog, remember it carries a £75 fine. Dog owners are rightfully using bags to pick up the mess, but some are leaving the bags on paths, hanging on fences and even throwing the bags into trees and bushes. This will carry a double fine of fouling and littering. Use the Bins provided.

I have received reports of suspicious people trying to sell garden equipment in the area. This may be genuine, but sometimes sheds are broken into, garden equipment gets stolen and passed on to sell. Please report any person trying to sell you used garden equipment. Write their registration number down and pass it to me, I will carry out relevant checks, my contact details are below. There is also a rise in thefts of Domestic Oil and Red Diesel, please make sure you lock your tanks and report any suspicious persons hanging around the area where there is plant machinery.

The Farmwatch Scheme helps warn rural residents about rural crime, similar to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, but concentrating on Farms and Rural locations. The scheme runs alongside Online Watch Link system where alerts are sent out by e-mail, text or automated phone call to people who are registered. advising you of crime in the area. If you are interested in joining please contact me.

I am very happy that the village had **NO** incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour last month, this makes Overton a very safe and lovely place to reside, let's all help keep it that way. Remember if you see me out, stop for a chat. You can speak to me regarding any issue that has affected your way of life. If I can't answer it I'll make sure I aim you in the right direction for help.

Non urgent ring 101, all Emergencies ring 999.

Many thanks,

PCSO Phil Jones 2858.

01978 348425 or 07854 389056

email: philip.w.jones@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

St Mary's Tae Kwon Do

The picture shows the very successful Tae Kwon Do club at St. Mary's School, Overton on Dee run by Miss Tracy Fry 3rd Dan. The club has been running for 9 months after school and has seen it's second successful grading of pupils.

Congratulations to those who have received their yellow/white belts and yellow belts this term and we hope to pass on the news of their next grading very soon!

Thanks to our helpers, who are pupils at our school and have gained their black belts recently - Alex Kokic and Nicolas Bateman who are most certainly great role models to our youngsters!



Thanks!



Please can I say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped support me and this wonderful charity "Hope for Children"! I have had some donations from the village via post and people who have donated to my sponsoring tin in the butchers!

My target is £1,500 for the end of March and so far I am at about £1,400 so am really grateful to everyone who has contributed!!

But I still have a long way to go to reach my goal of £2650 before I do my sponsored climb of Mount Kilimanjaro at the end of June. I will be selling refreshments at the Overton Amateur Dramatics play of "The Importance of being Earnest" in April and will have a few items in the promise auction to sell! Thank you again.
Jenny England
http://www.hopeheroes.org/jennifer_england

WANTED

Volunteers are most welcome to join the Oracle Editorial Committee. It involves a couple of hours one evening a month for the meeting with some proof reading and a good giggle. And an eye/ear for what's going on in the village! Leave your name in Oracle envelope at the Corner Shop or email overtonora-

Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
 Robyn Rehbock and
 Charley Middleton



Hey! Great news - the government has decided that school children work too much and they have agreed to give us 6 months off! What date will this start? Could it be...the 1st of April???!...have some nice holidays!



Confusing Grammar:

Is it more correct to say: "the herd of sheep is eating hay in the field", or, "the herd of sheep are eating hay in the field"? See below for answer.

April fool's day pranks!

There are lots of pranks you can play on friends and family on April fool's day. Here are a few easy pranks to play on people, enjoy!

1. Rude Awakening. Sneak up on a victim while they are sleeping and put some shaving cream in their hand. Then tickle them on the nose with a feather and watch them cover their face in foam.
 2. Drippy. Here is one of the simplest April fool's day pranks: use a pin to make a few holes in a plastic disposable cup. Offer a drink of water to the victim and watch while the water dribbles onto their shirt.
 3. Salty Surprise. Simple: Put some salt on the victims tooth brush and watch the surprised look on their face.
- P.S. please remember there is a time and a place for pranks. It may be funny to you but some people can get very upset at being made fun of. Choose your victim wisely.*

Here is an April Fools day word search!

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Find these words: Pranks Surprise Jokes Funny Fools First April Games Tricks Joker Jester

Neither. The correct term is *flock* not *herd*!
 Answer to confusing grammar:

Grand Plant Sale



Welshampton will be holding their 8th Annual Fair on Monday May 6th 12 till 3pm at the Welshampton Parish Hall.

The **Grand Plant Sale** is a big part of the Fair, and held on the Hall forecourt under 2 large marquees. All plants are grown by the small dedicated team of local gardeners who focus on producing a superb choice of quality plants at very attractive prices. The ever-widening range includes hardy perennials (some rarely available elsewhere), vegetables (our range & quality of tomato plants is legendary!), herbs and annuals – including individually grown and named sweet pea plants (from seed donated by specialist Eagle Sweet Peas of Stafford).

The **“Special Plants” Auction** was introduced 2 years ago, and proved to be so popular that it has become a permanent fixture. All the very select Lots are kindly donated by top plants-people from across the area, and include National Collection holders, top gardens and specialist nurseries. Their generosity gives us this unique opportunity to offer an outstanding selection of specimen plants. The Auction is conducted by Andrew Beeston of Halls in Shrewsbury.

New this year is **“Ask the Experts!”** – get free gardening advice from Margaret Thrower and top garden designer Richard Lucas. The Parish Hall is also filled with a number of stalls, all organised and run by the Fair team, home-made cakes and preserves, the Damson Delights Stall is unique and an appropriate addition to the Fair in this traditionally damson-growing area, plus quality craft items, including “heirloom” bird boxes, in oak topped with slates salvaged from the old church roof! And there’s also refreshments, home-made soups and cream teas.

All proceeds to Shropshire Macmillan Cancer Support & St Michael & All Angels Church.

Volunteers wanted

Visitors from across the globe are coming to see the mighty World Heritage Site of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & Canal. To help them see what a great place we live in, volunteers are needed aged 18+ to help at the new visitor information point at Trevor Basin.



This is a great chance to learn new skills, gain work experience and most importantly - **HAVE FUN!** It's completely flexible. You can do as much, or as little, as you want. For more information contact: Amanda Evans on 01978 814925 or 07878 750 376 or Email: Amanda.evans@wrexham.gov.uk

Playgroup News

It's Spring again, or so we are led to believe!!!

For anyone who is feeling the urge for a good clear out Playgroup will be collecting clothes, shoes, bags, bedding etc at the end of April into May for our Bags 2 School recycle initiative. We are paid by the ton so the more we collect the more we will earn! Bags will be available to pick up from the Corner Shop and at the Playcentre from 15th April.

We are also having our nearly new sale on the 27th April so if you would like to sell any childrens items please contact me on overtonNNS@hotmail.co.uk or on 01978 710688 for more details or a sellers pack.

Our AGM will be held in the function room of the Whitehorse Inn on 11th April 7-9pm.

EVERONE WELCOME!!

Many thanks, *Angie Atkins*

Medical Practice

We have another GP Registrar joining the practice. Dr Angharad Fletcher will be with us for 4 sessions (half days) per week, for the next 12 months. Dr Fletcher is married with 2 small children and lives in Chester. She is an experienced Doctor having previously worked as an ENT Surgeon. We welcome her to the practice and hope she enjoys her time working with us and getting to know some of you.

Our senior partner, Dr Paul Myres, is undertaking new missions in the field of medicine. He has been asked to extend his role in Public Health Wales to National Lead for Quality and Public Health in Primary Care. After due consideration, he will step down as a partner as from 1st April. It has been agreed that he will continue to do clinical sessions here in Overton, but not be involved in the daily operation or business of the practice. At the moment he will continue with one session per week and possibly help to cover periods of time when other doctors are either ill or away on holiday.

Our website address is

www.overtonsurgery.wales.nhs.uk All types of information is available on this site. You can read past copies of the Newsletters and also minutes of the Practice Patient Participation Group meetings. Have a look and see what might be of interest to you. Your feedback would be most welcome. You use our website to gain access to the online appointments system.

May we ask you to carefully study the repeat prescription sheets when requesting more medication? You now have several EXTRA options so make sure you tick the correct box where you wish to collect your medication to avoid confusion

Plane spotting



This Oracle plane was spotted in the vicinity, on the first day of the month.

Extensive enquiries have failed to provide an explanation but there is speculation that the income

from the Oracle's advertisers has been so successful that it has resulted in the editorial committee taking flying lessons

or

it is a way of spotting those homes identified on the 2011 census as not receiving the Oracle as mentioned in last months edition

or

it has been chartered as a new experiment in replacing the volunteer distributors by delivering the Oracle to the more outlying parts of the parish - by parachute.

If you know otherwise the Oracle would be delighted to hear your explanation.

OCC Drop-in



Overton Community Council invites you to 'drop in' on Wednesday 10th April, 10.00am to 11.00am in the Parish Room for coffee/tea and chat - an opportunity to come along and speak directly to Councillors and PCSOs about any issues or concerns you may have about your village, or to discuss an idea or project you would like to suggest.

Depending on commitments we hope that Susan Elan Jones MP will also be present.

Come in and meet the people who are your voice.

Overton Cricket Club presents
GRAND NATIONAL RACE NIGHT
Saturday April 6th at 8.30pm
at the White Horse
A race night with a difference
Wooden horses on a specially made track
Be an owner or just bet on the Tote
All welcome - Free Entry

One way snow?

In the recent unexpected March snow an Overton resident rang Rowlands Chemist at St Georges Crescent Wrexham to say that the Overton Branch was unexpectedly shut. They were told it was because the Pharmacist could not get to Overton because of the snow but that the customer was welcome to come to the Wrexham St Georges branch for the prescription ?? Is snow deeper going one way than the other?

Singing Workshop with Kate Allan
 (Actor & Facilitator)
Wednesday 24th April 2013
The White Horse Inn,
High Street, Overton.
7.30-9.30pm
 Tickets £5
 All proceeds to Nightingale House Hospice
 Contact Anne 01978 710107 for further information. Tickets are available at the Corner Shop in Overton.

Your Letters...



Dear Editor,

I moved to Overton last June and am very happy here and proud to live in such a lovely village. I read with interest the letter from John Jorgensen in the March edition of The Overton Oracle because I too have noticed some litter in the village and was wondering about taking a bag with me when I go out in order to pick up any rubbish.

Thank you Mr. Jorgensen for informing me about the litter picking kit that the 'Keep Wales Tidy' campaign will supply; I have now sent for one and am looking forward to using it. *Pene Coles*
penepecoles@yahoo.co.uk

What's On at the Rainbow

Rainbow Lunch & Learn is on **Thursday April 4th**. The activity is 'Pebble Painting'. Booking essential. Ring Jane on 01948 830730.

Darts, Dominoes & Decks (other games included) & lunch, is on **Tuesday April 16th** 10.30 - 2.30pm £10 for 2 courses & coffee. Booking essential. Ring Jane on 01948 830730.

Dementia and Carers Activity Day. Fun for you both. **Thursday April 4th** 10.30 - 2.30pm. 2 course lunch provided. £20 per couple, 1st session free. Ring Jane on 01948 830730.

Nordic Walking every Monday and Friday at 10.00am. Ring Rebecca 01948 830730

Twinning wine tasting



Around 60 people spent a most enjoyable and convivial evening in the Village Hall last month. On offer were six French wines, their identities concealed, which had to be sampled and then matched up with a written description.

To help the wines slip down without too many ill effects, were copious quantities of good home-made food. A selection of pates, quiches and tasty salads, all made here in the village, were served with walnut and French breads. The walnut bread even contained walnuts gathered in La Murette itself, no less! That part of France is famous for its walnuts.

Everyone joined in the wine tasting and great fun was had pitting taste buds against taste buds! In the end, just one person had a full score and won a bottle of their choice. Throughout the evening, the on-the-table Quiz sheets provided a non-serious but seriously sociable opportunity to get to grips with a few, often obscure, facts! (such as 'What language is the word penguin believed to have come from?' Answer: Welsh, of course! Of course?!)

The evening finished with coffee and an amazing selection of home-made chocolates and biscuits, the likes of which you'd not find in many a posh restaurant! Candied orange peel dipped in luscious chocolate, anyone?

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the evening in any way. Thanks to all those who bought tickets, and thanks too, to everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success.

All the money raised goes to help entertain the 20 or so French visitors from La Murette who will be arriving in our midst this coming August. Everyone is welcome to join in our outings and events.

For more information contact Cath on 710322 or Georgina on 710863 or see the Overton website where the Twinning content is currently being updated.

Overton April Cricket Fixtures

Saturday 20th - Guilsfield
Home
Sunday 28th - Bowmere Heath
Away



All games commence 1.30pm
We always welcome new players, come along and meet the players if you are interested

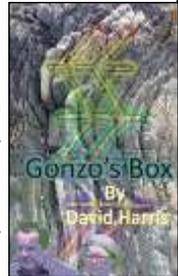
Overton's Literary Talent

Overton's new writer's group has already two published authors in the ranks!



David Harris moved to Overton 5yrs ago, where his main pre-occupations, besides writing, are family, teaching and trout fishing. Born in Edinburgh to Welsh parents, he was brought up in Liverpool. He worked as a Geologist in New Zealand, Africa, Australia, and Canada before returning to these shores.

David writes crime thrillers. His e-books can be bought on Amazon under the name David Mendus Harris. He has currently published a trilogy which has at its core a mining fraud in modern Africa whose far reaching consequences of greed, extend tentacles into the history of a remote west Scottish highland peninsular. The unlikely heroine is a 60yr old bacon butty eating, whisky drinking Sophie who is owner of a women's detective agency dealing mostly with domestic abuse. Peter Collier a nearly retired gentleman newspaper man reluctantly becomes her partner in more ways than one. The books have been likened to Ian Rankin and one reviewer said they were better than the Patricia Cornwall they had just finished!



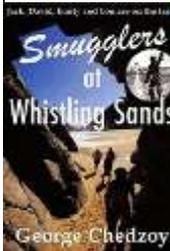
Rob Davies, who moved to Overton with his wife Kate four years ago, has written two children's novels which he is selling as e-books on Amazon. Rob, who writes under the pen name George Chedzoy, spent nearly 20 years as a newspaper journalist before taking redundancy from the North Wales Daily Post in February and becoming a freelance writer.

His novels are traditional children's adventure stories, inspired in part by Enid Blyton's Famous Five.

The books have been well received so far. The first, *Smugglers at Whistling Sands*, set in the North Wales coastal resort of Abersoch, has received 11 five-star reviews on Amazon.co.uk and the latest novel, *The Missing Treasure*, published in February, has already picked up its first review in which it was described as an "absolute masterpiece" and a "fantastic read".

So come and join us if you enjoy writing, whether purely for pleasure, or for publishing! We will be meeting once a month on Tuesdays at 8pm. Our next meeting though will be on Tuesday 16th April because of Easter.

Look us up on the Writers of Wrexham website <http://www.writers-of-wrexham.org.uk/> or email - writersofoverton@gmail.com



Off to Africa again



As most are aware, Carol Dykes has been actively involved in fundraising for Ground Level Foundational Trust for many years. The organisation helps the people of Africa (in extreme poverty-stricken areas) build, maintain and provide schools with resources. Over the years Ground Level has built schools in a few areas of Africa - thanks to lots of sponsors, donations and volunteers.

Carol is hopefully embarking on a trip to Mombasa, Africa in July this year. Due to her own health and age this will probably be the last time she will be going there in person. Carol has many photographs of the building work they have done so far and she is more than happy to show those interested. She has now saved enough money for her travel expenses but to enable her to fulfil her challenge for this visit - she is still looking for sponsors to fund painting, building more classrooms and providing more facilities to give opportunities for children - many of whom are orphans - to gain an education without paying school fees. It would be amazing if she could raise the remaining £1,500 to carry out what she is hoping to achieve this year. With sponsors donations this will really be achievable! The communities surrounding Comparla School and Mercy School all help with the labouring work while the fundraisers are buying and providing equipment, materials and knowledge and even have a go themselves.



Carol would like to thank all the people who have shown interest and have generously donated to this charity so far. If anybody would like to learn more and find out how to be involved or sponsor/donate towards providing for these schools, please contact Carol on 01978 710794 and she will be happy to share her experiences. Let's help her achieve her goal

Carol thanks everyone in advance for their kindness, support and generosity and looks forward to sharing her accomplishments with you all on her return. Good luck Carol!



Photos from Carol's last African trip

Plans for the Park - we need your help!

The Overton Community Council and local groups including Sunflowers, Playcentre, Toddler groups and Scouts to name a few, are working together with the aim initially to raise the safety of Overton's play park (at the Wrexham Road playing fields) and provide more inclusive play equipment.

The first stage is:

- to extend the fencing at the Wrexham Road end - closing this off will help prevent children running into the car park and onto the Wrexham Road:
- to move the main entrance to the play area to the middle of the fence along the side of the carpark.

We are also looking to add an exciting new piece of play equipment and this is where we need your help!

Come along see the plans of what could be possible and choose one of 3 pieces of play ground equipment you would most like to see added to our already great park to make it even better!

Come along on April 10th to the Parish Room from 10.00 - 11.00am and you will be able to vote and have a cuppa too!

We also hope to be bringing the displays to as many groups as we can to be enable you to voice your opinions. So organisations and groups - get in quick and book your dates with us!



April is Community Pubs Month

Approximately 8,000 pubs are expected to participate in the Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) Community Pubs Month campaign in April 2013. With 18 pubs closing every week, this national event encourages pubs to organise events throughout the month and to help raise the profile of the essential role pubs play in community life.

Overton's White Horse pub has a full programme to celebrate the month starting on the 3rd with the return of the Carvery on Wednesdays (choice of two meats for £6.50) followed by in **April** -



- 6th** Race Night 8.30pm free entry
- 10th** Lunch Club
- 11th** Playgroup AGM
- 13th** Skittles Evening
- 19th** Live Music Evening
- 24th** Ann Butt's Sing-a-Long for
Nightingale House
- 25th** Charity Quiz
- 26th** Pie, Pint and Meet the Brewer Night



Steve and Jane with the Joules Brewery

have recently spent £12,000 on updating the pub. This includes new lights, new wood burners, new and re-arranged pictures.

The Big Room upstairs at the White Horse is available for functions of up to 60 people and a new Meeting Room is now available for groups of up to 12 people.



Free Swimming



Free Swimming sessions are being offered for the over 50s at the swimming pool at the Maelor School, Penley. They are every Tuesday starting on 9th April 11am-12pm, but are only available during term time.

The sessions are funded by the Penley Rainbow Centre Befriending Service. If you would like to book your place, call 01948 830730.

Free Computer Course

If you are interested in learning how to use a computer there is a 6 week Basic Computer Course on Mondays 10am - 12 pm to include:

- Internet Browsing
- Word Processing
- E-mail
- Digital images – photographs
- Other areas of interest

£1.50 for refreshments

You are welcome to bring your own laptop

Please book a place on 01948 830730
Penley Rainbow Centre, Whitchurch Road,
Penley, LL13 0GB

D of E Gold Award

Two Helpers and an Assistant Leader, with Bryn-y-Pys Explorer Scouts, are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. They are short of at least one person for their expeditions (4 to 7 people are the numbers stipulated by the Award Scheme). If you are 16 to 25 years old and are looking to complete your Gold Award expedition come and work with the team. You do not have to be a member of the Scouting Movement to join us. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm at the Scout Hut on the Playing Fields on Wrexham Road, Overton.

Overton Scout Group has an impressive track record with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, over 50 members of the Group have achieved Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards over the last 25 years.

Should you be interested in taking part in an expedition, come along to one of meetings or contact Explorer Scout Leader, David Burton on 01978 710631 or e-mail adb@chessmail.co.uk. Alternatively contact Assistant Leader Pete Griffiths on 07515 351556 or e-mail pedro47.tardis@hotmail.co.uk



Bullseye at the Club

After a number of weeks of questions and darts, the final of Bullseye took place in Overton Recreational Club on March 10th between Derek Edwards & Neil Edwards and Paul Edwards & David Edwards.

After some tough questions and some very good dart pitching, Derek and Neil came out triumphant. Youngest entrant Tom Dorey did very well, before getting knocked out in the quarter finals. Chairman John Mc Cusker thanked and presented flowers to Dilys Parkinson and Joan Stant for all their hard work in putting it all together.



The winners



Spring snow

The Easter school holidays are a time to enjoy yourself in the Spring sunshine. But this year there was an unexpected activity for Overton young people - igloo building!

Scott (of the Antarctic?) Lawrenson, Alex and Charlie Williams took full advantage of the unseasonal Spring weather to build a giant igloo on the corner of School Lane.

Or is it a giant snow Easter egg?



New sports classes

Go-ahead former farmer and youth worker, Adrian Dunn is bringing his children's multi-sports coaching to Overton. He will be running A-Star Sports classes at the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1.40pm onwards every hour by school year. All children get their first class free and there is no booking fee or other charges apart from the weekly fee.

A-Star sports is a fun-filled multi-sports experience for children aged 2-10 yrs. The award winning team offers inclusive, developmental multi-sports coaching. Building on a fun ABC based foundation (agility, balance and co-ordination), children are introduced to and develop the skills for ten core sports. Learning in a positive, energy packed environment encourages children to enjoy sport. It is the ambition for every A-Star sports child to enjoy sport for life. This is why the multi-sports journey also includes further sports inspired by sport in the news for children to discover sports over and above the core ten. Classes are available for children aged 2-10 years. The youngest groups, for children turning 3 before 31st August, run from January to July. All other age groups run year round in term time.

In addition to the small-sized regular weekly classes, A-Star offers parties, holiday clubs (for children 3+ years) and events.

For more information contact Adrian Dunn on 0779 5691417, email adrian.dunn@a-starsports.co.uk or check website: www.a-starsports.co.uk/local-classes/wrexham-oswestry-whitchurch.

WHAT'S ON**April Diary for St Mary's Services****Sunday April 7th** 10:00am Family Village Praise**Sunday April 14th** 11.30am Holy Communion**Sunday April 21st** 10:00am Family Communion**Sunday April 28th** 11.30am Holy Communion**April Diary for Methodist Chapel Services****Sunday evenings** 6.30pm**Every Saturday** 10.30am -12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel**Saturday April 6th** 8.30pm Overton Cricket Club Grand National Race Night at the White Horse**Monday April 8th** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli**Tuesday April 9th** Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.**Wednesday April 10th** 10.00 - 11.00am Overton Community Council Drop-In in the Parish Room**Wednesday April 10th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.**Thursday April 11th** 7.00 to 9.00pm Overton Playcentre AGM in the White Horse Function Room**Saturday April 13th** 8.30pm Skittles Evening at the White Horse**Monday April 15th** till May Start of *Bags2School* Recycle collection at Overton Playcentre**Tuesday April 16th** 7.30pm La Murette & Overton Twinning Association AGM in the Parish Room**Thursday April 18th** 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker: Rob Carter on "War Memorabilia" Competition: A memento of the war years**Friday April 19th** Live Music Night at the White Horse**Friday April 19th & Sat. April 20th** 7.30pm Overton Am Drams present "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Village Hall**Wednesday April 24th** 7.30-9.30pm Singing Workshop upstairs at the White Horse**Thursday April 25th** White Horse Charity Quiz**Friday April 26th** 7.30pm Pie, Pint and Meet the Brewer Night at the White Horse**Saturday April 27th** 1 to 3pm Nearly New Sale in the Village Hall**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy April Birthday to Gerry Owen, Grace Johnson, Courtney Pugh, Iory Evans, Sarah Smith, Hayden Austin, Derek Edwards, Geoff Hodgson, Mervyn Haynes, Mike Dorey, David Harris and happy 1st birthday to Dexter Dodwell.



Belated birthday wishes to Danny Rogers and to son Casey James age 1.

Happy 18th Birthday to Lucy Chalk, 18 on 11th April. Love and kisses from Dad, Mum, Christian and Catherine Belated Happy 18th Birthday to Hannah Scott-Davies

Sincere Condolences to the family and friends of Iris Green who has passed away recently.

Thank you

Overton Community Council would like to thank family members who contacted them regarding the 'headstone' article published in the February edition of the Oracle. Your co-operation and assistance is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £85 at the White Horse Quiz Night in aid of Comic Relief.

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**LA MURETTE & OVERTON-ON-DEE
TWINNING ASSOCIATION
A G M**

**on Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Room**

An ordinary meeting to discuss the forthcoming visit of our French friends in August will follow. All residents of Overton parish are automatically members and are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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