



# The Overton Oracle



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Overton's Free Newspaper - delivered to every household monthly

## Pop up Kitchen

in the Village Hall Foyer  
**Monday 16th April.**  
9 'til 12



Tea, Coffee, Toast,  
Bacon Baps, Teacakes  
Run by Overton W.I.

*Come and support this new  
venture....*

## White Horse Quiz Nights

There will be a Quiz Night at the White Horse on Thursday 5th April in aid of the Twinning Association. Please contact White Horse if you would like a quiz for your organisation.



## Overton on Dee and La Murette Twinning Association

will be holding their AGM in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday April 24th 2018 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.

## The 2018 W.I.

It's time to propagate plants!



Come to an evening with Ann Harrison and see how to do it - on Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm at the Catholic Church Hall. The competition will be 'a pair of gardening gloves'. Visitors are £4 which includes refreshments, or why not join on the night?



You'll be very welcome !

## Goin' Up The Country

Last chance to get tickets for an evening with legendary Scottish Blues vocalist Maggie Bell with Dave Kelly from The Blues Band, on Friday April 13th at Overton Village Hall. Tickets available from the Corner Shop.

## Spring Cleaning Overton

It is the time of year when the hedges are sparse and grass has not begun to grow that you can see all the litter that has accumulated alongside the roads. Some is as a result of litter being discarded by motorists passing through the village but some is as a result of the wind on Dustbin Collection days which has knocked over bins and spread rubbish.



So to get Overton looking good for Spring, there will be a Community Litter Pick taking place on Saturday April 7th between 10.30am and 12pm in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy. We will be meeting outside the Scout Hut at 10.30am to collect litter picking tools, bags and high-viz jackets. Please come along to help us and everyone will be given a warm welcome. We want to 'Keep Overton Tidy'.

Well deserved refreshments will be served in the Scout Hut after the event.

For further information please contact Pene Coles on 01978 710598 or check out the Overton-on-Dee Community Facebook Page.

## Llangollen 2018

Do you have any spare beds?

Carol Dykes, Llangollen International Eisteddfod's Homestay Officer is this

year looking for more hosts in and around the village. She is looking for homes that are willing to accommodate some of the foreign visitors that the Eisteddfod will be welcoming. The dates for 2018 are July 3rd to 8th. Hosts will receive £15 a night per person plus a complimentary family pass for the Eisteddfod, and are asked to provide bed and a continental breakfast plus a hot drink & piece of cake at suppertime. If you can help please contact Carol on 01978 710794 or 07947 747530

## Council Tax

As you are aware Wrexham Council had some "Difficult Decisions" to be made. Some have been approved such as Council tax and main budget items whilst others like charging blue badge holders for parking are still out to consultation. As a Council we have received £50m less funding from Welsh Government over the last 10 years with further cuts of £13m in the next 2 years. A far lesser amount of Councils income is made up from Council tax. After months of deliberation it has been agreed and I voted for it, for our tax to increase by 3.9%. This means an average B and D house will pay an extra £45 per year. As a guide there are 22 councils in Wales with Wrexham being the 3rd lowest increase. (Rhonda is 3.3% and Neath 3.7%). At the other end of the scale Pembrokeshire have increased theirs by 12.5%!! Nobody likes paying more but I am sure you will appreciate with these massive cuts we have done well to keep it to as low as 3.9% Cllr John McCusker

## Passion for Plants

Welshampton Plant Fair, a new all-ticket event on BH Monday 7th May 2pm-4.30pm at Welshampton Village Hall. The guest speaker will be John Rippin, Head Gardener at Bodnant. Plants and refreshments on sale. Tickets: [welshampton.tickets@outlook.com](mailto:welshampton.tickets@outlook.com) or 01691 622653

## Ramblings from the Reverend



### Rev'd Canon David Child writes

There were spring time eggs long before there were Easter eggs. As the egg opened up to release new life so it came to represent the rebirth of the earth in the spring. The Christian Egg represents not the rebirth of nature but the rebirth of humanity through the resurrection of Jesus. The breaking of the egg reminds us of the breaking open of the tomb. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive and his goodness is there for all of us to share.

There are other theories which have been invented to explain the empty tomb but none is satisfactory. But St John, he tells us that when he entered the tomb on that first Easter Day and I quote 'he saw and believed'. But what did he see that made him believe and believe straight away?

In those days bodies were wrapped with spices in strips of linen and a separate cloth would have been used for the head. So what was it that John saw that made him believe straight away? It wasn't just the absence of the body. It was the presence of the strips of linen and in particular that they weren't disturbed.

One glance at those grave clothes was enough to prove the reality of what had happened and indicated the nature of the resurrection. The body hadn't been picked up and unwrapped. It had just disappeared, leaving the empty cloths and the head cloth which might well have kept its shape like a crumpled turban. Jesus' body had been transformed into something new and different and wonderful. It would have passed through the grave clothes like a discarded chrysalis from which a butterfly has emerged.

If we need more we are given more. He appeared to Mary Magdalene and more than five hundred of his disciples. And it completely changed them, before they were broken and demoralized. After the resurrection they're fearlessly and joyfully telling everyone. They're arrested, harassed, beaten up martyred but nothing can stop them now telling the good news of Jesus. So what does that mean for you? It means that there must be another dimension in addition to space and time. And it means that you are immortal. Read all about it in the Bible. I suggest St Luke's Gospel and join one of our churches in worship, St Mary's, the Methodist, the Roman Catholic Church, whichever suits you best.

Finally this will be my last 'Ramblings' before my retirement. It's been a privilege to serve you as a curate with the Rev'd David Lewis for four years and then as your Parish Priest for nigh on six years. And thank you Overton, for being Overton.

With every blessing,  
David

**Ed: The Oracle wishes to thank David for 6 years of writing the "Ramblings from the Reverend" column and wish him a happy retirement.**

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## Country Beat



This alert is being circulated due to the amount of **Scam Telephone Calls** being received claiming to be from HMRC. Over the weekend there have been a number of calls to elderly persons in the Wrexham and Flintshire area, purporting to be from the HMRC (Tax Office). The caller states that the aggrieved person owes them money. They then request that the elderly person buys iTunes vouchers to pay the outstanding bill. These iTunes vouchers can be purchased at supermarkets across the counties. Fortunately some supermarket staff have thought that this is suspicious and have stopped the elderly person from going ahead with this fraud. Some people have already been conned into sending over the details of the vouchers and enquiries are in hand to catch these people.

**This is a SCAM** don't let these people get away with it. The **Tax office will not phone people** at home demanding money and expect a payment via iTunes. Please pass this on to your family and friends to ensure no one gets caught out with this scam. Officers are visiting the local supermarkets to speak to the managers to make them aware.

Regards, Lynne

**PCSO 151 Lynne Maurice,  
North Wales Police / Heddlu Gogledd Cymru,  
Mobile / Symudol: 07854 352 815**

## Vacancy - St Mary's School, Overton

The Governing body seeks to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to undertake the supervision of the pupils in the dining hall, playground areas and school premises and any other appropriate ancillary duties, detailed in the job description.

Five days a week, 12.00 – 1.00pm Term time only with no term leave. To start as soon as possible.

For further information about the post please contact the Headteacher on 01978 710370.

This post is subject to Education Workforce Council Registration. Wrexham Council welcomes applications from suitably qualified candidates regardless of race, gender, disability, sexuality, religious belief or age. Please note that all school positions are subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service).

Closing date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 12.00pm.

Interviews: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Overton children's parade (2018 Fete)

Thank you for the lovely fabric donations! We are now looking for old wheelbarrows to decorate and parade and then display throughout the village. In the run up to the parade we are organising a series of workshops open to children of all ages!! We will be weaving textiles to develop into large puppets. Come along to the Scout Hut on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> April 3-6pm and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 11-4pm (Just drop-in or bring some lunch and stay all day!) Call Amy Caswell on 07815787508 to arrange collections or for more information.

## Farewell to David Child



On Easter Sunday, April 1st, the Reverend David Child will be holding his last service of worship at Overton St. Mary's.

This will be a sad day for our church, bringing to an end over 6 years of Christian leadership.

David has worked tirelessly to proclaim the Christian message with thoughtful sermons and sincere services. In addition he has worked very closely with the village school, and has helped develop a strong mother and toddler group.

When one considers David's work, not only with the aforementioned but with the ongoing work of baptisms, weddings and funerals, and if you also consider that David was expending his energies as a result of his convictions, and was receiving no financial reward, it is clear that he has been a truly remarkable servant of God.

Goodbye David and our eternal thanks for your tireless, unrewarded work. May our best wishes go with you for a happy retirement.

Your friends at St Mary's and throughout the village do hope to see you around the village and in many social situations on an ongoing basis.

**After April 1st, for enquiries regarding Baptisms or Weddings please contact the Rector of Bangor-on-Dee, The Rev'd Canon Sue Huyton 01978 780608. Local funeral directors have been informed.**



## Playcentre News

Pasg Hapus i chi gyd. Happy Easter to you all. Wow what a busy March we have had at the Playcentre. A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and assistance at the Playcentre and its events in March. A special thank you to Fred Edwards for an amazing Amazon talk; thanks to Paul who sorted our frozen taps before we had burst pipes; thank you to all parents for coping during a closed 'Snow Day'; thanks also to Librarian Rebecca for running 2 Songs & Rhyme afternoon sessions.

Thank you to Andy & Donna at The White Horse for the quiz night for us on a very snowy St David's day, with roaring fires and a very tough quiz master, a great fun night was had by all, regardless of the snow outside!

Our first Nearly New Sale of 2018 was a huge success that raised approx £500 for the Playcentre. Thanks to all the Committee members and a special thank you to Nicola Edwards for organising such an efficient event once again. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bob un ohonoch.

We had a lovely Mother's Day toddler service where we were also sad to say goodbye to Rev'd David Child, who has taken our toddler services since we started them. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you well on your retirement - from everyone at the Playcentre.

We continue to work with the theme of trees and have had an outside 'jungle safari shop' where the children can buy bananas to feed the monkeys. Lily has organised a tasty sensory session on tree type exotic fruits including coconuts! And of course Easter has taken over the Playcentre with egg hunts and chocolate rice nests! We continue to have Didi Dance sessions each Thursday, and our children love wearing hats as they dance like cowboys, swirling ribbons to the music or dancing an Irish jig! The fun and various activities our children experience is never ending and is a credit to the team.

Finally I'd like to share with you how valuable an experience our children have at the Playcentre. Whilst dropping off my son I was fortunate to witness 2 of the younger children communicating via Makaton Sign Language that is taught at the Playcentre. Their joy and expression of happiness towards each other was a delight to witness and an inspiration to us all. Keep up the excellent work team!

## Community Growers April Update



It was lovely to meet so many of you at our stall at the Overton WI Coffee Morning recently in the Village Hall. We now have a bright new banner for our events and a new logo, so look out for us in and around the village this

year. Our bird box painting proved very popular with the many younger members of our Community who came to our stall. We'll be doing other activities for children again this year at the Village Fete in the Summer.

Please keep taking lots of photos in and around the Village ready for our Overton on Dee Calendar next year. Keep any photos that you take digitally for the moment. You will be asked to submit hard copies at a later date. Photos should not be copied from other sources and should be your own work.

It will soon be time to start thinking about our hanging basket competition, now in its third year, as well as our Sunflower competition. More details coming soon!

Our Wicking Boxes outside the Scout Hut are currently being prepared for planting. If you are planting vegetables at home, it's time now to get in your broad beans, peas and onion sets. The Group will also be digging again soon at the Mini Plots to get the beds ready. If you have registered for a plot, please come along and join us at a 'dig'. Look out for our next 'dig in' date on social media.

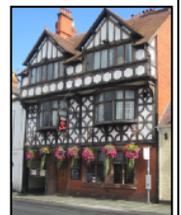
We are now on Facebook! Please like and share our page with your Friends. We'll be updating you regularly with news and photographs about our planting, competitions, events, hints for planting and sowing and other related topics. Please search, 'like' and share with others.



## Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday April 11th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. There will be a choice of a two-course menu all for £8.95.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672



## April 1918

### Albert Roberts 1878 - 1918

April is the centenary of the death of Albert Roberts. The 1891 census shows the Roberts family living in a cottage on Wrexham Road, in what is now 8 Dispensary Row. The father was Edward Roberts, an agricultural labourer presumably on the Bryn y Pys estate was born in Overton, and his wife Elizabeth came from Bangor on Dee. Their children were George b1858, Lizzie b1861, Emma b1866, Edward b1870, William b1873, and Albert b1878, all born in Overton.

By 1901 Albert's father had died. Widowed Elizabeth was still living in the cottage with sons George, William and Albert. Albert by now was a house painter. After her husband's death Elizabeth married again to a Mr Davies and moved to Brymbo. At some time after 1911 Albert's uncle, his father's brother William became landlord of the White Horse Inn, High Street, Overton and his nephews moved in too.

Albert joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 13th Battalion in Wrexham in 1916 (Private, service no. 54649) which would have been because of the 1916 Military Service Act calling up all men aged 18 to 40 years old. His brothers, William jnr. and Edward were also called up, all 3 giving their address as The White Horse.

In 1918 the 13th Battalion was in action on the Somme. Albert was killed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1918, his 2 brothers survived the war. Albert has no known grave but is remembered on Panel 36-37 of The Pozieres Memorial, France. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918.

Albert is also remembered on Overton War Memorial.



*Pozieres Memorial panels in background*

### William E Burdett 1889 - 1918

William Burdett was killed in April 1918, a hundred years ago this month. He was born in 1889, the son of the Bryn y Pys gamekeeper Francis Burdett and his wife Lizzie. The family lived at Dee Bank, next to the woods above the river. Francis came from Norfolk and moved to this area when his father was gamekeeper on the Bryn Kinalt estate for Lord Trevor where Francis was trained as a gamekeeper. He met and married Lizzie, from Wrexham Rd, Overton, after coming to work at Bryn y Pys. Their children were Emma b1888, William b1889 and Margaret b1890.

By 1901 the family had moved, and Francis was gamekeeper on the Coton Hall estate near Bridgnorth, but his wife Lizzie died in 1906. By 1911 William had left home to work like his father and grandfather, in service and was a coachman for a family in Windsor. But his widowed father with daughter Margaret had moved back to Overton to be a gamekeeper at Northwood on the Overton/Ellesmere border, giving an address in 1919 as Maes Lewis, Knolton. Margaret married Harry Morgan whose death we commemorated in the May 1917 edition of the Oracle. William had moved north to a job in Sedbergh, Yorkshire. But in February 1916, following the Military Service Act calling up all men aged 18 to 40 years old, William enlisted in Keighley, Yorkshire in the West Riding Regiment, then transferred to the 30th Company Machine Gun Corps. (formerly the West Riding Regt.) Private 60354. The Machine Gun Corp took some of the very best and cleverest men whose skill at arms, in mathematics and trigonometry were needed in the operation of the Vickers machine guns. William came from a family of gamekeepers!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Battle of Ypres began on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1918. On the 26<sup>th</sup> April a French division arrived at Kemmelberg to relieve the British defenders but the German forces attacked and captured it from the French. William was killed on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1918, aged 29. He is remembered on Panel 154-159-163A on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, which bears the names of some 35,000 men of the British and New Zealand forces who have no known grave; nearly all of whom died between August 1917 and November 1918 in this area.

William Burdett is also remembered on the Overton War Memorial.



*Tyne Cot Memorial panels*

### Relationships

The deaths we commemorate in this month's Oracle are examples that the names on the village's War Memorial were often connected and represented multiple tragedies for some families.

Albert Roberts who died in April 1918, had an older sister Lizzie who married Francis Burdett and their son was William Burdett, also killed in April 1918. So the two deaths recorded this month were uncle and nephew. Lizzie's daughter Margaret (William's sister) was married to Harry Morgan who was killed in May 1917.

So Margaret Burdett lost her husband, her brother and her uncle. All three have no known grave, which shows why Overton War Memorial was so important as a place to commemorate those who had been lost.

## St Mary's School News

### World Book Day

On March 9th St. Mary's celebrated World Book Day, a chance to share our love of reading and all things book related! This year's World Book Day was particularly special because it marks the launch of our new 'Book Swap' cupboard.

The 'Book Swap' cupboard will be in a place where children and adults can donate good quality books that have been read and no longer wanted. It will provide everyone with the opportunity to swap books and read something new; maybe even try a genre you've not even considered before. Everyone is welcome to use the cupboard and help us to establish this valuable resource. Pupils can recommend books to each other and Mrs Richards has come up with the great idea that pupils could even leave a note inside a book for the next person to discover. A big thank you must go to Mr. Rob Lawrenson for making our beautiful and quirky book cupboard.

We were also lucky enough to have a real-life author visit us on World Book Day, Mrs Emilienne Rebel, who visited each class to talk about and read from her new book 'Dream'. In Year 6 she helped us continue to write and illustrate our very own book called 'Chance', which we hope to publish! The Juniors also had the joy of



reading to the younger pupils. This is the part of World Book Day we really look forward to. Yr 6 pupil Katie told us: "I enjoy reading to the Nursery and Reception pupils so much; I'm going to miss it when I leave St. Mary's".

by Caitlin Rowley –Yr 6 Roving Reporter

### St. Mary's School Eisteddfod

As is tradition every year for St. David's Day, our school celebrates all things Welsh. With an afternoon of Welsh language and Welsh culture, each class performed a Welsh song or recited a Welsh poem. This was rounded off with a rousing rendition of 'Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau', our Welsh National Anthem.

We also held our annual Eisteddfod art competition, with this year's theme being 'Welsh Legends' e.g. Beddgelert, Gareth Bale, Tom Jones, King Arthur. (photos page 6) We had some amazing entries, in lots of different media, such as metalwork, clay, quilling, paint and 3D models. After the School winners were announced during our Eisteddfod, the artwork then made its way for display at the Village Hall, ready to be judged during the WI Coffee Morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It was a great way to share all the hard work, creativity and imagination of our pupils with the Community. Everyone received a certificate for entering and the lucky winners (apparently it was very tricky choosing them!) received a rosette.

by Niamh Jones,  
Year 6 Roving  
Reporter



## New Kit for Football Club

Overton Recreational FC have a new kit, kindly sponsored by Magellan Aerospace from Wrexham. The photo shows the first team who play in the Welsh National League Division One, wearing their new kit. Many thanks to Johnathan Hughes who works for the company and organized the new kit.



## I wish

I wish all dog owners would pick up their dog's poo and put it in a bin. It is not a difficult thing to do, but it is a kind and considerate thing to do .

I wish everybody would think hard about what they are doing when they drop litter on our pavements.

I wish people wouldn't throw their rubbish out of their cars. It is a very selfish thing to do.

I wish people would park their cars in a considerate way and I wish postmen would stop dropping their elastic bands on pavements in a thoughtless selfish manner.

I wish that all people were as considerate of others as most people are.

*Pene Coles.*

## What a coffee morning!

Despite the atrocious weather, the W.I. Coffee Morning in March was a huge success with a record breaking attendance. This was I'm sure helped by the support of the children of St. Mary's School, who took part in our Craft Competition, displaying craft depicting Welsh Heroes and Legends to coincide with St. David's Day celebrations. We are grateful to all the children, who should be extremely proud of themselves, parents and staff, who have been most supportive.

Special thanks must go to our two Judges, Josie Ralphs and Corinne Forbes Evans. They had a challenging but rewarding task to judge so many diverse and high quality exhibits, and they did a sterling job.

This will now become an annual event and the W.I. will make a donation of £50 to the school Art Department.

Thanks too must be given to all our stallholders, Ben from M E Evans Butcher who supplied our bacon, and to Cain from our Corner Shop who helped out with last minute paper bags Our members were kept busy in the kitchen, selling out of Bacon Baps and dispensing gallons of tea and coffee. Which is good practice for our W.I. Pop-up Cafe which we will be opening for the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall Foyer, 9am – 12pm. All are welcome, and the money raised will go toward the upkeep of the Village Hall. *More colour photos on Oracle website*

**Overton Blues, Roots & Real Ale Festival 2008**  
**12 Real ales and ciders available.**

**Friday May 11th:** The Cadillac Kings,  
 The Rainbreakers, Mumbo Jumbo  
**Saturday May 12th:** The Revolutionaires, Sari Schoor  
 & the Engine Room, Xander & the Peace Pirates,  
 Little Roger & the Houserockers,  
 Benjamin Bassford & Liam Ward, Big Joe Bone

**Tickets: Friday £15, Saturday £30**  
**or Weekender ticket £40**

*Tickets available from Overton Corner Shop*

Last year's event made a considerable sum of money for different organisations within the village. All profits go to local community groups & organisations and towards maintenance of the village defibrillator.

**Dear Editor,**

Following on from School News in the March Oracle about the Play-makers I just wanted to say what a positive impact this idea has had on my son. He has loved getting involved with all the different games, and the best thing for him is being able to play football. Up until recently a fellow classmate had monopolised the football and not 'allowed' my son to play. Not only have the Play-makers had a positive impact on my son, but also the classmate that wasn't letting him play football and he is playing football with this classmate now. My son hopes to become a Play-maker when he is older, so thank you very much to the Play-makers for the influence you have had on him.

*Name & address supplied*



**Overton Royal British Legion**  
**100 Club**

Results of the "100 Club" draw for March 2018. 98 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse on the 14th March by Rev. David Child.

Winners -

1st Prize £196.00 No 89 Hannah Roberts  
 2nd Prize £ 98.00 No 28 Janet Davies  
 3rd Prize £ 49.00 No 15 Keith Fowles  
 Legion Fund: £147.00

**Congratulations**

Next Draw: Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>

A number of places are now available. If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN: TEL- 01978 710678.

**Church Toilets**

The reply to my letter in the February Oracle seems to have completely missed the points I objected to, which are as follows -

1. The massive costs involved for such a project
2. The other needs of the Church such as the very poor condition of the roof.
3. The further costs of an incoming Vicar/Rector
4. Heating of the Church

Children have always attended Church, there used to be 40-60 at every Sunday School.

The letter mentions that the Church should be warm and welcoming. It is never warm in the Church during most months of the years. In fact it's freezing cold, which is a bigger reason why people don't attend. This is where more money should be directed.

So far as the large congregations go, nothing has changed. We have always had weddings, funerals, baptisms, Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday. My February letter was not read properly as I did not question the need for the facility and neither did I say that a key should be issued to those in need. The Public Toilets, by sharing the facility with the Church, could be opened and closed by a church member.

The community will only continue to support the Church if its funds are directed at protecting our existing building and the preservation of its wonderful features.

*Mike Lawrenson*

St. Mary's School Eisteddfod photos



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**What's On****April Diary for St Mary's Services**

Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion with Blessing of Easter Eggs  
 Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Family Communion  
 3.00pm Messy Church in Scout Hut  
 Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Communion  
 Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion  
 Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> To be confirmed

**April Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel**

Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Rev N Pugh Holy Communion  
 Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Circuit Service at Ffrwd Chapel  
 Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev R Parkes  
 Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am All Age Worship Mrs Meryl Thomas  
 Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Sankey Evening at the Chapel conducted by Rev Neville Pugh  
 Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev Phillip Poole

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

**Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>** 7 for 7.30pm Circuit Musical 'Jerusalem Joy' at the Chapel. Admission Free. Refreshments.

**Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - 'Dry Etching' with Susan Forgrave

**Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>** 9.00pm Quiz Night at the White Horse in aid of the Twinning Association, all welcome.

**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am-12noon Community Litter Pick. All welcome. Meet at the Scout Hut

**Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>** 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

**Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

**Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672

**Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.00pm Goin' up the Country. Maggie Bell & Dave Kelly at Overton Village Hall. Tickets £15 for Corner Shop

**Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Catholic Church Hall. Speaker: Ann Harrison on 'Propagating plants'.

**Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm. Twinning AGM in the Parish Room. All welcome

**Silent Soldiers**

In last month's Oracle The British Legion introduced the Silent Soldier campaign to remember all those who died in, or survived WW1.

Overton British Legion are looking to raise funds for 2 'silent soldier' silhouettes to be positioned for 2018 either side of the War Memorial in the High Street. We have already had a couple of offers of help but we've still got a long way to go.

Any donations would be gratefully received, please contact David Burton on 710631.

**Family Announcements**

**A very special Happy Birthday to Gertie Osbourne who is 106 on April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Happy April Birthdays** to Aneila Bell, Ruby Grace Whittall, Tim Hall, Gerry Owen, Grace Johnson, Courtney Pugh, Iory Evans, Sarah Smith, Hayden Austin, Lucy Chalk, Derek Edwards, Geoff Hodgson, Mervyn Haynes, David Harris, Eileen Palmer, Dexter Dodwell, Wullie Drysdale, Kieron Rogers. Bill Grindley, and Kelly Taylor. Belated 2nd birthday wishes to Toby Edwards. Belated 'special' birthday wishes to Jan Davies



**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Beryl Parker, nee Davies.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Fred McCue.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Elsa Mary Buttress, 86 years, who passed away peacefully on 16th March at Shrewsbury, surrounded by her family and husband of 62 years.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Paul Jones who passed away on March 19th. Paul and family lived at Home Farm, Overton for many years. Funeral Pontefract Crematorium on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2.20pm Sally-Ann can be contacted on 07905 254 699.

*Adverts are not included in the on-line archived edition of the Oracle.*

*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.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**Copy deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

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