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Overton's Free Newspaper - delivered to every household monthly



Carols around the village

on Monday
December 14th at 6.30 pm.
Meet in the car park.
All welcome.

Calling All Musicians

The Overton Music Group will be meeting every Sunday until Christmas at 2pm upstairs in The White Horse. Anyone who can play an instrument, no matter how proficient, will be made very welcome. Contact Pene Coles on 01978 710598 for further details.



Guess how Father Christmas is arriving at the Scout Hut THIS year! Come & visit

his grotto Dec. 12th 12-3pm. Sunflowers present a Xmas afternoon, teas, cakes, crafts, face painting and carols.

The Overton Community

Gardeners haven't held a meeting for the last couple of months but we hope to get together again very soon. We have got lots of good ideas to discuss. For more information please contact Pene Coles on 01978 710598

Christmas shoeboxes

St Mary's Baby & Toddler Group have been busy filling shoeboxes for the charity Teams4U. They managed to fill 7 boxes for babies, boys, girls and also a couple for mum's.

The shoeboxes will be sent to disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe.



School joins British Legion ceremony

On Nov 11th, Remembrance Day pupils from St Mary's joined the Royal British Legion to remember the people from the area who paid the ultimate sacrifice in past conflicts. The service in church was led by Year 6 who focused on the lives of Arthur Studley, Thomas Henderson & Stanley Haynes 3 young men from Overton who lost their lives in the disastrous Gallipoli campaign a 100yrs ago in 1915.

After the church service the whole school together with the British Legion and other members of the community gathered around the village war memorial to lay wreaths and observe the 2 minutes silence.



The school feel that it is vitally important that we all remember the sacrifices of those gone before us and hope that this link with the Legion will go from strength to strength as the service has already become an important part of the schools' calendar.

Local support

Overton Community Council supports all aspects of the community such as local services. This includes the Medical Centre whose staff are going through a very difficult and testing time.

It is important that we, as a community, recognise these pressures and show understanding and consideration over the coming months.

Thank you, Overton Community Council

Happy Christmas to all Oracle Readers, Contributors & Distributors

Please note that because of the Christmas and New Year holidays at the printers, contributions for the January edition should be left at the Corner Shop or emailed to overtonoracle@gmail.com by December 16th at the latest.

Ramblings from the Reverend

by Rev'd Canon David Child



There's this story of a school teacher who arranged for her children to perform a simple Nativity Play. She got a little boy to play Joseph, a little girl to play Mary, some girls to be angels and some boys the shepherds and the wise men – all very trad.

She then wondered how she could get the other children involved. So she got them each to come up to the crib, look at the doll, image it to be the baby Jesus and to say whatever they thought people might say when they see a new born baby for the first time.

One said 'Oh, isn't he lovely, another said 'Isn't he cute'. But then one little girl looked at the 'baby' thought for a moment and said, 'Oh, he's just like his dad?' She was right – that's just what people do say when they see a baby but she was also right in saying that Jesus is just like God who he called 'Abba' or Father.

But what do we mean when we say that Jesus is the Son of God? If you attend our Carols by Candlelight or our Christmas Communion Services, and you are all most welcome, you will hear that wonderful poem at the start of St John's gospel which includes those words, '*The Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*' By 'Word' St John means that Jesus is the way God communicates with us – that everything that Jesus says, God says, that everything that Jesus does God does; that Jesus is the human face of God.

But the words that John uses aren't words that we use in our everyday language and they're not easy to understand even for someone who studies the Bible. But God makes it easy for us. He comes to us as a baby. Everybody loves a baby, babies love their parents and babies thrive on love. They remind us that love is the only thing that really matters.

So if God wants to communicate with us, to show us what he is really like, what better way than coming to us as a tiny defenceless baby totally dependent on us. In that way he shows us that what we call love with all its affection, tenderness, vulnerability and strength is what we mean by God. That God is love. Love came down to us at Christmas to ask us if we would accept him and return his love or reject him and break his heart. What will be your response this Christmas?

With every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.
David

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Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice



I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween and Bonfire night. There was some scary stuff around the village, I can tell you, but some people went to a great deal of effort and they looked brilliant. Well done to all of you.

Down to the serious stuff now I'm afraid. I've had complaints from residents as regards the rubbish that is left behind after football matches in general. If anyone is involved with any of the teams, home or visiting, can you please stress to parents, spectators etc. to please put their rubbish, plastics bottles and the like, in the bins provided. This seems to be a problem in a lot of villages so please help to keep our village clean and tidy. Also the car park at the Scout Hut on Wrexham Road is rather manic on match days. Anyone involved in parking vehicles at this location, please can you make sure you **DO NOT** park down the middle of the car park so as to allow access to any emergency vehicles should they be needed. Many thanks, in anticipation for your co-operation with this.

Also as I mentioned in last month's article regards the dark nights approaching, well they are here, and we need to keep our properties safe and well lit during this time. As I mentioned use the timer switches to make it look like someone is in. Also Christmas is not far away and some of you will have started your Christmas Shopping. Don't leave presents on display and tempt thieves who do not wish to do their own Christmas shopping.

There has been a lot of speculation in the local papers about cuts to the police budget and it seems obvious that cuts may be made in areas where there appears to be figures of low reported crime. Obviously it is down to personal discretion what needs to be reported and what doesn't and whilst I hope common sense prevails, it is important to let us know if you have any suspicions or information you think we may need to be made aware of. We need you to help us, and working together we can make for a safer and more peaceful village for us all. If it's important to you, it's important to us, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

If it's serious or something that needs to be logged on the system then ring the 101 number for non-emergency issues and obviously 999 for emergencies. Otherwise you can call in to the station for an unofficial chat or any advice you feel you may need.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Many thanks
Lynne

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Congratulations

to Katrina Chalk, Clerk to Overton Community Council who has successfully completed an Open University Business Management course and has passed her exam.

Cubs Challenge their Fears

On a Thursday November evening Overton Cubs were overrun with different animals, from snakes to lizards to mammals and large spiders!! Thanks to 'Animals Out The Box' for a fantastic evening!

The Cubs were enraptured with the exotic animals and the wide variety that they saw and handled. June Lincoln and her husband clearly have a passion for animals and took the time to talk to the Cubs about each animal. Some Cubs faced their fears with the scary spiders, held a very big Boa Constrictor and met a beautiful Raccoon Dog called Bandit.



More fab photos on the Oracle Website Gallery www.overtonoracle.com

Kids Kolumn

This month's contribution is from Caitlin Baker



December - T'is the season to be jolly, when little boys and girls dream of getting the presents they want, when the paper white snow glistens in the sun light when bright green Christmas trees are decorated with brightly coloured baubles, glittery tinsel and fairy lights - which all comes together on one magical day which is the 25th of December.

But all the lucky girls and boys in different countries all around the world get a special visit by a man who in the Netherlands is called SinterKlaasje (Saint Nicolas), who leaves special little gifts behind your front door.

In the Netherlands they sing a traditional song which goes:



SinterKlaasje Kapoentje,
Gooi wat in mijn schoentje,
Gooi wat in mijn laarsje
Dank je SinterKlaasje.
Saint Nicholas, Little Rascal,
Put something into my little shoe,
Put something into my little boot,
Thank you, little Saint Nicholas!



I hope everyone is getting ready for a great Christmas to have lots of fun and spend time with their families.

St Mary's Parents Teachers Association News

Recently we held a Spooky Party in the Village Hall and received great feedback which is always lovely! So we have decided to do it all again for Christmas! This will be in the Village Hall on **December 18th, 4-6pm**. All primary aged children are welcome but must be supervised by an adult. Treats will be available to buy and there will be some festive stalls, so please remember to bring some extra pennies. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped to make this such a fun party, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Here is one of the pictures, but lots more on the Oracle Website Gallery - www.overtonoracle.com

We would also like to thank everyone that has already joined our 100 club and to congratulate our winners! You are able to join the club at any time; it costs £12 per number for a year. The forms can be collected from the school office. We announce the winner at our coffee mornings which take place on the first Friday of each month; it would be so good if we could entice a few more people to pop along. We simply have a cuppa and a natter for an hour, which can only be a good thing.

100 Club Winners

October ~ Yvonne Vibhishanan

November ~ Jane McFarlan

Please look out for Raffle lists which will be posted in the class rooms shortly and then tickets will be sent home.

The children's Christmas Gift Shopping event will be held on December 15th at school and a letter with more details will follow shortly.

Thank you to all our volunteers, without you we would not be able to raise the funds that our school needs and we could not create the fun events that our children love so much. If you would like to join us please email us at overtonsochoolevents@gmail.com or join our FB page St Marys, Overton; PTA and Fundraising Group.

It remains for us to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and we will update you with our activities in the New Year.





Overton Christmas Openings

THE WHITE HORSE

Dec 1st - 22nd Christmas Party menu
 Sat. Dec. 12th Fab vocals of Molly-Jane Cheeseman
 Thursday Dec 17th Christmas Quiz Night
 Saturday Dec 19th Christmas Draw
 Christmas Eve 12pm - 12am Xmas Jumper Night
 Christmas Day 12pm-2pm join us for a pre-lunch drink
 Boxing Day 12pm - 10pm (with Carvery 12 - 2pm
 - must be pre-booked)
 New Years Eve 12pm - 1am Hogmanay Party Night

OVERTON SURGERY

Closed Friday Dec. 25th, Monday Dec 28th and
 Friday 1st January.
 On closed days and outside surgery opening
 hours ring
Out of Hours Provider on 0300 123 55 66

LAST POSTING DATES

2nd Class within the UK -
 Saturday December 19th
 1st Class within the UK -
 Monday December 21st



OVERTON CHEMIST

Open Thurs. Dec 24th 9am - 5.30pm
 Closed Dec. 25th. Open Dec. 26th 9am - 1pm
 Closed Monday Dec. 28th
 Closed Friday Jan 1st. 2016

MAELOR VETERINARY CENTRE

In Emergency please telephone 01978 711975

DUSTBIN DAYS

Fri. Dec 18th Green Bin
 Sun. Dec 27th General Waste
 Mon. Jan 4th Green Bin
 Sat. Jan 9th General Waste
 Then back to Fridays

OVERTON RECREATIONAL CLUB

Friday 11th Dec Comedy night in Village Hall 7:30pm for 8:00pm
 Saturday 12th Dec Christmas Knockouts Finals night. 7:00pm
 Sunday 13th Dec Christmas Sunday Bingo 8:00pm
 Saturday 19th Dec Christmas Bingo 8:00pm, Finals Presentation
 8:45pm and Christmas Raffle.
 Sunday 20th Dec Christmas Quiz 8:30th.
 Thursday 24th Dec Fun and games night 7:00pm
 Friday 25th Dec 12:00pm till 2:00pm and 6:00pm till 11:00pm.
 Saturday 26th Dec 1:00pm till 12:00am. All main Sky sporting events.
 Thurs. 31st Dec 7:00pm till late.

WOODLANDS DELI

Dec 24th 8.30am - 4pm
 Dec 25th 26th, 27th, 28th closed
 Dec 29th 10.00am - 4.00pm
 Dec 30th & 31st 10.am-4.00pm
 Jan 1st closed.
 Jan 2nd 10.00am - 3pm
 Jan 4th closed
 As normal from the 5th

TROTting MARE INN

We are closed Christmas Day.
 Open Boxing Day for food till
 5pm
 New Years Day Open for drinks
 from 12.30 but no food.

M. E. EVANS LIMITED

Mon Dec 21st - 7.30am - 5pm
 Tues Dec 22nd - 7.30am - 6pm
 Wed Dec 23rd - 6am - 7pm
 Thurs Dec 24th - 6am - 3pm
 Dec 25th, 26th, 27th - closed
 Mon Dec 28th - 10am - 1pm
 Tues 29th - 7.30am - 5pm
 Wed 30th - 7.30am - 5pm
 Thurs 31st - 7.30am - 4pm
 Jan 1st, 2nd, 3rd - closed
 Mon Jan 4th - return to normal hours

CORNER SHOP

Dec 24th 6am - 5pm
 Dec 25th Closed
 Dec 26th 8am -12pm
 Dec 27th 8am - 4pm
 Dec 28th 8am - 12pm
 Dec 29th 7am - 6pm
 Dec 30th 7am - 6pm
 Dec 31st 7am - 5pm
 Jan 1st 8am - 12pm
 Then back to normal



OVERTON LIBRARY

The library will be open
 23rd December till 6
 pm
 and will then be closed
 until Sat. 2nd January.

COSTCUTTER

See seasonal opening times on
 shop door

**Overton Village Hall
 Comedy Christmas Cracker
 Friday 11th December
 7.30 for 8pm till late**

Vince Earl
 (Ron Dixon in Brookside) back by popular demand
 Larry White "the keyboard comic"
 Kevin Caswell-Jones, up and coming Wrexham comedian
 Compered by Eddie Daley

**Tickets £10 from Overton Recreational Club
 Corner Shop or John on 01978 710875**

Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday
 December 9th at
 12.30pm at the White
 Horse. The menu will
 be Christmas lunch
 with all the trimmings
 followed by Christmas
 pudding.
 All for £8.00.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin
 on 710672

Happy Birthday Moonbeams & Penny Whistles

The little gift shop on the High Street in Bangor on Dee (between the Royal Oak & the Buck) celebrated a year in business at the end of October with a big Birthday bash.

The independently owned shop specialises in unique, personal gifts at an affordable price and stocks lots of products from local crafters. Over the last 12 months it has gained a loyal customer base and has developed a reputation for offering something a little bit different and accommodating special requests. The day was a huge success and saw many customers both old and new stopping by to join in the celebrations with a slice of cake and a glass of fizz. There was a free prize draw, a raffle and the launch of some of the new Christmas lines.

Also announced at the party and new from November 2015, Moonbeams is now serving a selection of flavoured teas and coffees and delicious cupcakes so you can now grab a treat while you browse for Christmas gifts.

Shop owner Kellie Barnard said "The last year has been amazing, I've met some great people and the party was a way to thank existing customers and welcome some new faces. I love my job, I feel very lucky to be able to help people find the perfect gift for special occasions. We welcome browsers and are very excited to see what the next year holds."

For enquiries telephone 07920130402 or check out on www.facebook.com/Pennywhistles



Crafts on Display

An impressive and colourful exhibition was held in the Chapel schoolroom, of the work completed by the Handicraft group over the last year. Work on display was made by Beaty Roberts, Ann Walker, Josie Ralphs, Barbara James, Mary Jones, Betty Campbell and Jean Hughes.

The group meets every Tuesday 1.30 to 3.30pm at the Chapel schoolroom and new members are always welcome.

Photo left: Betty Campbell with some of her craft work

More photos in the Gallery of Oracle online www.overtonoracle.com

New to Overton - Iyengar Yoga

I would like to start a beginners Iyengar Yoga Class in the Overton area on Tuesdays between 5.45pm and 6.30pm. Iyengar Yoga is shown to improve posture, strength, stamina and flexibility and has beneficial health effects. Even if you've decided yoga's not for you in the past, I believe Iyengar Yoga will change your mind. Google more about it and see article on www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/diet-fitness/article4587671.ece?shareToken=1f16211953e7e5d8d9b8437d8ae2ba36

I would like to gauge local interest and then start a class from January 2016.

Please text me on 07910 484461 or email maisie_mouse@hotmail.com for more details.



Maisie Langridge

Thank you

Many thanks to the residents of Parkside who donated so generously to the Poppy Appeal Collection.

And a special thanks to the lady who spoke so proud and passionately of her 3 grand children currently serving in the armed forces, her generous donation truly emphasised the spirit of the Nation during this time of Remembrance.

Many thanks,

Dave Austin



Congratulations

Sara Natasha Williams of Caedyah Farm Overton attained a 2:1 BSC Honours degree in Food, Nutrition and Well-being from Harper Adams University.

She is currently working at Waitrose Head Office in Bracknell as part of the Quality Control and Food Technology team, on secondment from her employers Primafruit of Evesham.

Congratulations from Mum, Dad, Fiona, Katy & grandparents Tom & Beryl.

Thanks for the Beer Festival

Due to my holiday in Australia being extended from one month to two months for medical reasons I missed the Annual Overton Beer Festival but the other members of the organisational committee did an absolutely excellent job without me.

I would like to thank Dave and Shirley Samuels, Peter Lynch and Katrina and Laurence Chalk for all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank Christian Chalk, Sue Glover, Sue England, the members of Overton Twinning Association and Kev, manager of The White Horse, for their help on the night and also Joules Brewery for sponsoring the event.

Thank you too Mike Evans the village butcher for supplying the sausages, thank you to all the local Brewers who brewed the beers and Bandjack who provided the musical entertainment.

The Beer Festival is one of Overton's Community Events and any money raised is always put back into the village. Community Spirit is strong in Overton and all who are lucky enough to live in the village should feel very proud of this.

Pene Coles



More photos from Overton Cubs



More pics from St Mary's PTA Halloween Disco



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



What's On

December Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday December 6th 10.00am Christingle Service
 Tuesday December 8th 1.30pm School Nativity
 Wednesday December 9th 6pm School Nativity
 Sunday December 13th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3-5pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday December 20th 10.00am Family Communion
 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 Christmas Eve December 24th 3.00pm Crib Service
 11.00pm "Midnight Communion"
 Christmas Day Dec 25th 10am Christmas Day Communion
 Sunday December 27th 10.00am Group Eucharist

December Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday December 6th 6.30pm Mr Ian Valentine
 Sunday December 13th 6.30pm Mr Tim Guy
 Wednesday December 16th Festival of Carols
 Sunday December 20th 2.30pm Deacon Lisa Rathbone, All Age Worship
 Friday December 25th 9.15am Rev Phill Poole
 Sunday December 27th 6.30pm Rev Phill Poole

Tuesday, December 1st 3.30pm Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in the Village Hall.

Wednesday December 2nd 10.30am St Marys Coffee Morning in Church

Thursday December 3rd 10.30-2.30 Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - Decorating your Christmas Cake Effectively with Icing, with Rebecca Cupit

Friday December 4th Maelor Music Society Christmas Party. Excellent supper with entertainment on a Christmas theme.

Saturday December 5th 10.00am-2.30pm Rainbow Centre Christmas Fair

Tuesday December 8th 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 7.20-7.30pm

Tuesday December 8th Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, Christmas Prize Bingo at the Rainbow Centre

Wednesday December 9th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday December 9th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday December 10th 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Village Hall. Entertainment

Friday December 11th 7.15pm Maelor Belles WI at the Rainbow Centre - Christmas Party

Friday December 11th 7.30pm Comedy Xmas Cracker at the Village Hall

Saturday December 12th 12-3pm Sunflowers Father Christmas Grotto at the Scout Hut

Monday December 14th 10am Toddlers Christmas Service in St Mary's Church. All Welcome.

Friday December 18th 4-6pm PTA Xmas Party in the Village Hall

Family Announcements

Congratulations on birth of Branwen Elsie to Sarah & Will Evans, a sister for Gwendolyn, Ffion & Mair
Happy December Birthdays to Gwyn Owen, Nick Russell, Joseph Thomas, Iris Edwards, Howard Jones, Walter Roberts, Daniella Jones, Carol Morrison, Lisa Edwards, Jill Jones, Mack Phillips, Helen Roberts, Gareth Evans and Amelia Lloyd.
Happy 21st Birthday on 14th Dec. to Sarah Jane Hellingman, Love from Mum, Dad and Claire.
Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Brian Williams.

Sincere condolences to the family, and friends of Vic Green who has passed away recently.

Sincere condolences to the family, and friends of Miss Margaret Owen who passed away on Nov 19th.

Sincere condolences to family and friends of Toby Fowles who has passed away recently.

Sincere condolences to family & friends of William Wallace Booth who has passed away on Nov 12th.

For Sale

Wanted

Old working wood-burning stove wanted for garage. Doesn't have to be pretty – just be able to heat the garage. Any size considered – even an old Raeburn!!
 Many thanks. Tel: 07778 122801

Vacancies

Overton Recreational Club is looking for Bar Staff, mainly weekend work. Anyone interested please contact Dave: 07757 240719 or John: 07902 966075.

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