

# The Overton Oracle



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Overton's Free Newspaper - delivered to every household monthly

St Marys Church  
presents

## Xmas Bingo Night

Everyone welcome

Friday 22 December

Doors open 6.45pm,  
Eyes down 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall.

Light refreshments  
available  
and a Prize Draw



## Come and visit Father Christmas

Sunflowers presents

### Father Christmas in Winter Wonderland

on Sunday December 3rd at Overton Scout Hut and  
park, 12 noon to 3.00pm.

There will be a BBQ, Christmas crafts, cakes  
and much much more.

The proceeds of the event will be for the Haynes  
family and St Christopher's School, Wrexham.

The event is sponsored by Knolton Farm Cheese.

Sunflowers is a group set up by parents in the local community of  
Overton who have children with additional learning needs.



## Keep the date in your

diary for a super event coming  
up in the New Year.

Clue ? "It's behind you"  
on page 2.

"Oh yes it is" "Oh no it's not"

## Overton W.I.

### 'An Evening of Festive Fun'

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
at the Catholic Church Hall.

Visitors £4 incl. refreshments  
Please come along ...you'll be  
most welcome!

## Christmas Pud?

St Mary's School are selling their  
super puddings again at £6 each -  
traditional plum, chocolate and  
sticky toffee this year, plus the

accompanying sauces,  
can be purchased at  
school from PTA  
members.



## Overton's Christmas Trees and Lights



Decorations will once again bring seasonal cheer to  
Overton for Christmas. Many thanks go to the Overton  
Village Hall Management Committee for donating £100  
from the recent craft fair towards the cost of the Christmas  
tree and lights outside the village hall. Thanks also to  
Mike Lawrenson for arranging for the Christmas tree to  
be delivered and set up, and to Bebbington and Wilson for  
putting the lights on the tree and installing the Christmas trees along the  
High Street.

Overton on Dee Community Growers are hosting a

## CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP

on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 7.00-9.00pm  
in the Village Hall

by Alice Tattum, florist at 'Flowers In the Window.'

Tickets: £12 each, available from The Corner Shop  
or 01978 710328 or from any of The Growers.

Price includes tuition, florists wire, door ring and spruce.  
Bring along your own additional foliage, decorations and scissors  
to create your own individual, stunning door decoration.  
Alternatively, Alice will have decorations and foliage for you to  
buy on the night.

All proceeds to the Overton on Dee Growers for additional  
planting around the Village.

**Please come along and support us!**

Refreshments available, kindly provided by Overton WI  
Booking essential as places are limited.

## Come along to the Christmas Fair

at 2.00pm on  
Saturday December 2nd  
at the Methodist Chapel

**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](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com)

by December 16th at the latest.



## Ramblings from the Reverend



### Rev'd Canon David Child writes

Christmas Day is a holiday. Holidays are a time for recreation. Some lucky people are able to go away, skiing or snowboarding. Those with family responsibilities may take the children out for a romp in the open air. Some people go for a brisk walk to keep themselves fit knowing that there'll be a lot of eating and drinking on Christmas Day. All these are forms of recreation.

Look at that word: if you split it in two you realise it means 're-creation' or making ourselves fresh. However fresh we were at the beginning of the week, by the weekend, we need some recreation to restore us to our ideal condition for enjoying life. Much more so when the holidays come.

Isn't there a sense in which the whole world needs a holiday? Our life is far from ideal. We're loaded down with memories of events that have hurt us and guilt for times when we've hurt others. We start life as innocent children but as soon as we have a choice, we start to disobey God and attacking each other. If only we could get back to the way creation was meant to be.

Christmas tells us that God has done just that. God began the process of re-creating the human race when Jesus was born. Jesus shows us what human beings were intended to be, he's the ideal and when we believe in him God can start remaking us as we were meant to be.

Jesus really was a human being. Being human means needing food and drink and recreation. It means sharing in the life of a particular nation. It means learning from the bottom up. It means being tempted, being angry, knowing grief, being abused and feeling pain. These are inevitable parts of human experience. But if Jesus is the ideal, then being human doesn't inevitably mean disobeying God and hurting other people. Jesus is the pattern for us to follow, to which God is trying to make us.

So enjoy your recreation at Christmas. And remember while you're trying to restore fitness to your mind and body, God's plan is to give you a spiritual makeover, so that you become more like Jesus. God's plan is to create a new heaven and a new earth. He started it on that first Christmas and he's now at work in you.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and with every blessing,  
David

**Keep the date in your diary. What for?**

**It's a pantomime here in your own village!**

**"Oh no it isn't" Next clue page 8**

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## Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice



I'd like to start this month by wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

A few tips that may help you to keep yourself and personal possessions safe over this period. Christmas will soon be here and due to this busy time we forget totally about our own personal safety, home security and vehicle security. Can I remind you that criminals don't forget and this is an ideal time for them to strike when our guards are down.

**Personal safety** – When collecting monies from Banks or Building Societies, make sure that you put your money away, preferably while still at the counter in a secure purse or wallet. Only carry small amounts of cash, take what you need. Be vigilant at cash machines, keep your PIN safe and make sure no-one is watching you. Going to your Christmas Parties – always make sure someone knows where you are going, who with and what time you're expected back. Stay with your friends and look out for each other. Never go off with a stranger and avoid taking short cuts down dark alleyways, car parks and parks. Never leave your drinks unattended at the bar or in a nightclub.

**Vehicle Safety** – Always make sure your vehicle is locked and don't leave valuables on show, put all your Christmas presents in the boot. Remember your vehicle is like a shop window for thieves. If you can see any property left inside, SO CAN THE THIEF. If you are going late night shopping always make sure you park in a well-lit area.

I still have the Card Minder wallets with RFID protection is anyone wishes to purchase them at £1 each.

Stay safe and have a lovely time over this festive period.

Regards,  
Lynne

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### Dear Editor

As a member of the Overton community who was in attendance at the Remembrance Service at Overton Cenotaph on Sunday 12th November, I felt commendation needed to be given to the young musician who played the Last Post. This is not an easy piece to play, as many people are aware, but I felt that she played extremely well, especially taking into account her young age.

As a musician myself I know how nerve wracking it can be to play any piece in front of an audience, however I felt she dealt with the nerves well and did what any musician should do, carry on under any circumstances. So well done Isla Hawkins! Keep playing as you will develop into an excellent musician.

*Name and address supplied*



## Tree Planting Ceremony

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, St Mary's School went to Overton Park to witness a tree planting ceremony. To replace a very old tree which had lost its life in a storm, a special tree has been donated by the Community and dedicated to the children of Overton. Rector David Child led a service to bless the tree, and we prayed for it to grow and flourish. This reminded us of how God cares for us and helps us to grow, and how we in turn have a duty to care for each other and our environment. Now the children of Overton and even their children's children will grow up with this tree and watch it grow. It is amazing to think that this tree might be alive for hundreds of years. We all helped to plant it with soil and sang the very apt songs, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'He's Got the Whole World in his Hands'. There was also a heart-warming poem by Overton's resident poet, Steven. We are truly thankful to the Community Council for this beautiful gift of nature!



**Year 6 Goes Back in Time** In November, Yr 6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelters as part of our World War 2 topic and we experienced life as WWII evacuees. We packed our lunch boxes, and some of us even braved repulsive spam sandwiches! We dressed as evacuees, complete with homemade gas mask boxes, and on arrival were greeted by a talkative WVS lady Mrs Hodkinson, who taught us how to be 'perfect' evacuees so we would get picked by host families. "It was scary and exciting all at the same time," explained Beth. Amelie summed up her experience: "I loved the trip it was awesome being an evacuee!" We strongly recommend a visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters if you've never been.

by **Clarrie MacDonald-Brown and Catlin Rowley – Year 6 Newspaper Editors**

**St Mary's Healthy School Award Celebration** Our Student Council chairs, Jess and Lotte, were excited to be invited to Glyndwr University to attend the Healthy School Scheme Awards. Many local Wrexham schools attended and we were thrilled to be awarded the highest award there is for the 2nd time, along with only 3 other schools. The event was fun to attend; there was even a magician for entertainment and our teacher and Healthy Schools Co-ordinator Mrs Lawrenson was called on to be his magical assistant! Food was provided – healthy, of course, with a beautiful selection of fruits, vegetables and hummus dips. It was an honour to be presented the Healthy School Award by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wrexham (*photos on Oracle website*)

by **Jess Hill and Lotte Rebel – Head Student Councillors and Year 6 Roving Reporters**

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## Welcome to Stuart

Welcome to Stuart Delday, caretaker manager of the White Horse, Overton for Joules Brewery. Stuart will be at the White Horse till mid January when the new tenant and family will take over and be moving in. Stuart welcomes everyone to pop in to the White Horse over the next month. But as a Scot, who was born in the Orkney Islands, we are sure he knows how to celebrate Hogmanay!



*Stuart and Jemima in the bar*

## Overton Community Council Winter Update

\* **Overton Community Chest Grant** Part of the grant has been awarded to the Overton Playcentre. However, there is a significant amount still to be allocated. If your club, organisation would like to be considered under the Community Grant, please contact the Clerk on 01978 710055 or [occ.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:occ.clerk@btinternet.com) for an application form. The new closing date for applications will be 31st January 2018. The grant will be awarded on 13th February and will need to be spent before the end of March 2018, to coincide with the end of our financial year.

\* **Annual Grants** The following organisations were awarded annual grants this year: The Oracle, Overton Playcentre, and the Overton Twinning Association.

\* **Remembrance Day** We were very proud to lay a wreath during the ceremony on Remembrance Sunday.

\* **Hedgerow on the Wrexham Road** We had planned to vigorously cut back the hedgerow on the Wrexham Road in early 2017, as it has become very thick and top heavy. Unfortunately we have had to postpone this until November this year. As this is part of the Conservation Area of Overton, we sought advice from the Ecology and Conservation Officers at Wrexham Council to ensure it is all properly carried out. There is a small section of wall which will need attention, we have arranged for the wall to be inspected once the hedge has been cut back. Whilst the hedge will look very bare, it will gradually begin to spring back into life in the New Year.

### Ralph W Hargreaves 1892 – 1917

This December is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Ralph Hargreaves whose name is on Overton War Memorial.

Ralph was born at Llanycefn, Overton in 1892, the son of Walter and Lucy Hargreaves. The house stands on the Overton side of the River Dee opposite the Boat Inn.

Walter Hargreaves was a Barrister and Solicitor and in 1901 he and his wife employed a cook, nanny, parlour maid, housemaid, groom, stableman and coachman. In 1911 at the age of 19 Ralph was an accounts clerk for a Chartered Accountant in London but his fellow lodger was clerk for a tea and rubber importer. What did his parents think when he then gave up accountancy and travelled out to Ceylon to be a tea planter? He was 22 when war broke out and he enlisted in the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps. The corps were sent first to Egypt and then to Gallipoli.

In 1915 the Welsh Guards was formed by order of King George V to complete the national complement of regiments of Foot Guards identified with the countries of the United Kingdom, and Ralph, born in Wales in Overton, was one of the first recruits to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He was promoted to Lieutenant and the battalion was sent to France where in 1916 he was wounded. It is possible that he came back to Overton to recover from his wounds before rejoining his regiment.

In 1917 the Welsh Guards were part of the Battle of Cambrai. Ralph aged 25, was killed on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1917. He has no known grave. His name is on Panel 3 of the Cambrai Memorial at Louverval, France which commemorates more than 7,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South Africa who died in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917 and whose graves are not known.

Ralph Hargreaves is also remembered on Overton War Memorial.



*Cambrai memorial*

### Successful Exhibition

The Overton Needlecraft Group based in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom would like to thank everyone who came to visit our exhibition in November. We had a very successful weekend particularly on the Saturday. Thanks for all the lovely comments about our work - it encourages us to carry on.

Anyone who would like to join us on Tuesday afternoons between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, please come along or contact Beaty Roberts on 710493.



*More photos of the exhibition on the Oracle website Gallery*



### New Mini-plots

The Overton on Dee Growers are pleased to announce that they are currently creating an Overton on Dee Community Garden area, with separate gardening plots. The site is currently under construction on land behind the Bowling Green. A number of 'Grow Your Own Mini Plots' will be made available to Villagers once this is completed where vegetables, flowers, herbs or all three may be grown. If you are interested in a Mini Plot please contact the Growers Secretary by email on [cathroberts100@aol.com](mailto:cathroberts100@aol.com).

With grateful thanks to Overton on Dee Bowls Club for allowing us to use the land.

### Congratulations

to local farmer Will Evans who was winner of the Digital Innovator of the Year Award at the 2017 British Farming Awards. Frustrated at how farmers are often portrayed in the media, mixed farmer Will began his Rock and Roll Farming podcast this year, with the idea of interviewing farmers and those involved in agriculture and dispel some of the myths that have surrounded food production.

On winning the award, Will said "Farmers and those working in our industry can often be judged, but the podcast is a way of humanising our industry and telling the story. I didn't think for one second I would win this award and it means a lot to have done so. I'm just a Welsh farmer doing what I do and I'm just hugely grateful."





## Overton Christmas Openings

### THE WHITE HORSE

Thursday Dec 21st Christmas Quiz Night  
 Christmas Eve 12pm - 12am  
 Christmas Day 12pm till late  
 Boxing Day 12pm-10pm  
 New Years Eve 12pm - 1am Hogmanay Party Night  
 New Years Day 12pm till late

### OVERTON SURGERY

Closed Monday Dec 25th, Tuesday Dec 26th and Monday 1st January.  
 On closed days and outside surgery opening hours ring  
**Out of Hours Provider on 0300 123 55 66**

### OVERTON POST OFFICE

Week commencing Dec. 18th  
 - normal opening  
 Closed from 23rd - 27th December.  
 Re-open Thursday 28th December  
 - normal opening.



### OVERTON PHARMACY

Closed 25th and 26th December & January 1st. Emergency chemist at St Georges Crescent, Wrexham.

### M. E. EVANS LIMITED

Sat Dec 23rd - 7.30am - 5pm  
 Sun Dec 24th - 6.00am - 1.00pm  
 Closed 25th, 26th, 27th.  
 Thurs Dec 28th - 7.30am - 5pm  
 Fri 29th - 7.30am - 5pm  
 Sat 30th - 7.30am - 3pm  
 Closed Mon. Jan 1st  
 Jan 2nd - return to normal hours



### PREMIER - SALOP ROAD

Christmas Eve 6am - 10pm  
 Christmas Day 12 noon-3pm & 7-10.30pm  
 Boxing Day 6am - 10pm  
 Wednesday 27th 6am -10pm  
 New Years Eve 6am -10pm  
 New Years Day 6am -10pm

**ALSO OPEN FOR FUEL**

### CORNER SHOP

Christmas Eve - 8am-4pm  
 Christmas Day - Closed  
 Boxing Day 8am-12pm  
 Weds 27th Dec 7am-6pm  
 Thur 28th Dec 7am-6pm  
 Friday 29th Dec 7am-6pm  
 Sat 30th Dec 6am-6pm  
 Sun 31st Dec 8am-4pm  
 New Year's Day 8am-12pm  
 Then back to normal.



### OVERTON RECREATIONAL CLUB

Saturday 8th, 9th & 10th Dec. Finals Weekend  
 Saturday 9th Dec. Open Mic Night with Myles  
 Sunday 10th Dec. Bingo - eyes down 8.00pm  
 Saturday 16th Dec. Presentation Night, Christmas Bingo & Christmas Raffle  
 Sunday 17th Dec Christmas Quiz 8:30pm.  
 Thursday 21st Dec Bingo - eyes down 8.00pm  
 Sunday 24th Dec open 12.30pm to 12.00am  
 Monday 25th Dec 12pm - 2.00pm & 5.00 -11.00pm Children welcome  
 Tuesday 26th Dec 12.00pm-12.00am Sky & BT Sports available  
 Sunday 31st Dec 12.30pm - late. New Year Disco  
 The Club is open every Friday from 5:00pm.

### MAELOR VETERINARY CENTRE

In Emergency please telephone 01978 711975

### OVERTON LIBRARY

Closes on Friday Dec 22nd and reopens on Wednesday

### DUSTBIN DAYS

Thurs. Dec 21st General Waste  
**Friday** Dec 29th Green Bin

### Last posting dates

Wednesday Dec. 20th - 2nd class    Thursday Dec. 21st -1st class

**Playcentre News** It is the last month of what has been a very special year for us at the Playcentre, celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! We concluded our celebrations last month with a Thanksgiving church service, which was a lovely way to wrap up the year. Thank you to Reverend David Child for his service and to Margaret Evison for talking about the Playcentre. *(photo on Oracle website)* The children of the Playcentre joined together with those of St Mary's Schools and The Community Council to plant a new tree in the Millennium Avenue, which replaced a fallen one. This was a wonderful occasion, bringing all the communities' children together. We see this new baby tree not only as one joining the others in the Avenue but as a mark of the Playcentre beginning its next journey to complete the next 50 years. We are very much looking forward to having our **Christmas Nativity** in the Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am. All children are welcome. Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm we are doing a **Children's Pyjama Christmas Story Night** with a special visitor making a guest appearance. The cost is £5 for 1 child and £10 for a family. This will be a magical night with a festive drink and mince pie for the parents, and a cosy atmospheric story being told with milk and cookies to the children. We have a Wonderful **Christmas Raffle**, with prizes full of shopping and meals for 2 vouchers, so please look out for the sale of these and raffle tickets which can be brought at the Playcentre. Draw date is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We have some great fine bone china mugs celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, again these can be brought at the Playcentre, £6 per mug, and they will make great Christmas presents! We close for Christmas on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and are open again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 for holiday club. On that final festive note, on behalf the Overton Playcentre we wish you all a Splendid Merry Christmas and Wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

*Sarah Evans*

**Wilfred Anthony O'Brien 1917-2017**

Anthony Wilfred O'Brien was born in Overton in the cottages, Wrexham Road on the 28th October, 1917, one of eight children. Some Overton residents might remember his brother Frank who latterly lived in Parkside. Anthony started his working career aged 14 as apprentice gardener for Sir Watkin Williams-Wynne. When he was 16, he worked at the Co-op in Overton village (where the Cup & Saucer cafe used to be).

At the outbreak of war Anthony signed up to join the Royal Marines. After training as a member of a mortar platoon, he was posted and fought in Libya and Egypt. During this time, Anthony had a remarkable reunion at Cairo railway station when he met his brother Tom who had emigrated to New Zealand and joined the New Zealand Army, and his brother Jack who was a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps. The three spent the day together. Anthony went on to spend four days at the New Zealand camp. He often commented how much better their conditions were. A momentous occasion for all three of them.

Anthony returned to the UK to prepare for D-Day and landed on the Normandy beaches on day 6. He then went on to fight his way through Europe, continuing to Lubec on the Russian border. On one occasion when we commented how cold it was at -8, he recalled being dug in on the banks of the river Mars in Germany on Christmas Day in 1944 when the temperature was well below -8. and his company was given rum to keep warm each morning! Anthony left the army in 1945 by which time his family were living at "The Homestead" in Turning Street. He had a long career in nursing becoming a divisional nursing officer in Manchester. He was married to his dear wife Pat for 66 years. When he retired they went to live in Trefriw, near Llanrwst before moving back to Penley 30 years ago. Sadly, Anthony died on June 8th, after a long illness just a few months before his 100th birthday. He loved his garden and surrounding countryside. He proudly commented that he'd been retired more years than he'd worked.

**Thank you.** The hedge and pathway bordering the playing field on the Wrexham Road was robustly cleared by members of the community council and Laurence Chalk, all of whom volunteered to carry out this huge task. The entrance to the village now looks so much more attractive and the pathway easier to walk along. Thank you very much to everyone involved.  
*Lesley Pugh*

**Congratulations** to Hannah Scott-Davies, 22 of Eastwick Plant Centre, recently graduated from the Manchester Metropolitan University with BA(HONS) 2:1 in International Fashion Promotion. A former pupil of Ellesmere Primary and Lakelands School, she is now working in Selfridges, London with the fashion brand, Diane Von Furstenberg.



*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.*

**Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club**

Results of the "100 Club" draw for November 2017. 98 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse on the 8th November by Mrs Diane Child. Winners -

- 1st Prize £196.00 No 51 Sheila Matthews
  - 2nd Prize £98.00 No 90 Rachel Coney
  - 3rd Prize £49.00 No 21 Mrs Lyn Evans
- Legion Fund: £147 Next Draw: Wed. December 13th  
A waiting list for new members is now in place. If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN: TEL- 01978 710678.

**More December photos**



*St Mary's School's WWII evacuee experience at Stockport AirRaid Shelters*



*St Mary's School Healthy School Award presented by the Mayor*

*Overton Playcentre 50th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving*



## What's On

### December Diary for St Mary's Services

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Playgroup Xmas Nativity  
 Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am Christingle Service  
 4.00pm Advent Carol Service Bangor on Dee  
 Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion  
 Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Communion  
 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

### Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

10.00am Joint Communion Service at Erbistock  
 3.00pm Crib Service  
 11.00pm Christmas 'Midnight' Communion

### Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Communion  
 Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

### December Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Rev Phillip Poole  
 Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Circuit Service at Llangollen  
 Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm All Age Welcome,  
 Deacon Lisa Rathbone

### Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 3.00pm

Carol Service, Rev Phillip Poole

### Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 9.15pm

Holy Communion Rev Phillip Poole  
 Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm Mr David Pickstone

**Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>** 8pm for 9.00pm start The Blues Band at Overton Village Hall

**Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2.00pm Christmas Fair at the Methodist Chapel

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** 12-3.00pm Father Christmas in Winter Wonderland at the Scout Hut

**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>** 1.00pm Overton Seniors Christmas Party in the Village Hall.

**Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - 'Making Christmas Wreaths'

**December 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>** Father Xmas Float around the village  
**Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** 3.30pm-7.00pm The Rainbow Centre Penley Christmas Fair.

**Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** 7.00pm-9.00pm Christmas Door Wreath demonstration & practical workshop

**Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>** 7.00 for 7.30pm Christmas Prize Bingo Night at the Rainbow Centre.

**Tuesday December 12<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 December 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

**Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking essential.

**Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Catholic Church Hall. An Evening of Festive Fun.

**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm and

**Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am St Marys School Foundation Phase - 'Lights, Camel, Action' in the Village Hall

**Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6.45pm for 7.30pm Christmas Bingo Night in the Village Hall in aid of St Marys Church



## Family Announcements

**Happy December Birthdays** to Gwyn Owen, Nick Russell, Joseph Thomas, Iris Edwards, Carol Morrison, Howard Jones, Walter Roberts, Daniella Jones, Gareth Evans, Lisa Edwards, Aled Owen, Helen Roberts, Brian Williams, Amelia Lloyd, Aeddán Farley-Morris, Aneira and Osian Barlow. Belated November birthday wishes to Ruth Clarke.



**'Oh yes it is!! It's a Panto  
 "Rock 'n Roll Sleeping Beauty"  
 at Overton Village Hall.  
 Be there 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January  
 Keep the date and look for more details  
 in the January Oracle.**

## Thank you

When Mike and Zena left the White Horse in November they donated their large whisky bottle full of change to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and it yielded £95.39! A big thanks to Mike and Zena, and all those who put money in the bottle

## For Sale

Silver Cross Classic Sleepover Pram and Pushchair. Navy. £40. Tel: 01978 710246  
 Sony 40" TV compete with user manual £175 Tel: 01978 710402  
 Zanussi Upright freezer, very good condition £115 Tel: 01978 710402

## Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Turkey Dinner followed by Apple crumble & homemade custard, all for £8.50. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672



## PLEASE REMEMBER

**Next copy deadline is  
 16<sup>th</sup> of December.**

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