

# The Overton Oracle



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## Welcome to Rev Peter

The Rev'd Peter Mackriell will be inducted as Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Overton and Erbistock within the Maelor Mission Area on **Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 3pm by the Bishop of Saint Asaph in Overton Church. All are invited to attend this service to welcome our new priest and his wife Jo.

## St Mary's Church Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

All your favourite carols and Christmas Bible readings, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. A very warm welcome is extended to all.



## Overton WI Christmas Fun and Games

in the Catholic Church Hall on Thursday 13th December 7.30pm  
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
All welcome. Visitors £4. Members competition: A Xmas tree decoration. Come and join the fun!

## Santa's Sleigh

Santa's Sleigh will be touring Overton on Friday Dec. 7th 6.30-8.30pm. Overton Rec. Club are providing helpers. Last year raised £1000 from local villages. If you would like to nominate a charity for this years collection contact [nickmorcumb@gmail.com](mailto:nickmorcumb@gmail.com)

## How will Santa arrive?

Father Christmas will arrive by sleigh at the Overton Scout Hut and Park at 12.15pm Sunday December 9th for the start of the Sunflowers annual Christmas event.

It's all new this year with a Magic Show (free with 2 shows), a fish and chip van, Pen-y-lan Pork sausages, fair-ground rides, bouncy castle, mulled wine, craft stalls, icing of ginger bread men and much more. Prize for best children's festive costume.

Thanks to the event's sponsors Knolton Farm Cheese and Plassey Shippon Restaurant. Proceeds are for St Christopher's School mini-bus fund, St Mary's School Overton and Dynamic in Wrexham.



## Overton does itself proud

The Overton turnout to welcome and cheer on the BBC 'One Show' Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge was magnificent. The cavalcade of support vehicles, TV Presenter Matt Baker, cyclist Abby, plus



Pudsey waving from the camper van window, passed through Overton on their 423 mile ride from Calais to Manchester. The crowds of residents, school and nursery children put on such a welcome that they were shown on the Friday 'One Show'. Watch again on Youtube or iPlayer



## Village Christmas Tree

Overton Community Council have arranged for a Christmas tree to be installed outside the village hall during the first week of December.

Many thanks to Mike Lawrenson for arranging for the delivery of the tree, and Bebbington and Wilson for installing it and adding the lights.



## Rhos Orpheus Choir & more

Come and get in to the swing for Christmas at St Marys Church on Friday 14th December at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm) for an evening with the Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir and Overton St Marys School choir. Tickets are £8 or a family ticket is £20 and will be available from Overton Corner Shop or you can pay at the door.

**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.



## Seeds from St Mary's

by Rev'd. Peter Mackriell

Hello! It's good to meet you.

When Gabriel came to Mary to announce the coming of Jesus, he greeted her with the words, "Do not be afraid". Jesus came to his friends after his resurrection and said, "Peace be with you". God's reassurance as we take risks and face new challenges runs through the story of Jesus, from Christmas to Easter. Step out, be bold, I am with you, God seems to say.

As I write, I am beginning a new journey, from Kelsall (near Chester) to Overton and Erbistock; from one village community that I have served for the last 8 years to 2 communities that are less familiar to me. I don't quite know what to expect, coming to a new place, but I have worked in this diocese before and those I have already met in the churches have been warm in their welcome. I am looking forward to meeting people in both communities and to serving you in the years to come. But that doesn't stop me being nervous. Changing job and moving house are two of the most stressful things we can do - and I'm doing both of them! Please pray for me, as I will be praying for you.

I don't know what Mary's qualifications were for being the mother of God's son. She was probably a teenager and she wasn't married; it was scary enough becoming a mum, even without an angel and talk of God's plans. But Gabriel said "Do not be afraid" and she was faithful to her calling. Some of my work has been with deaf and disabled people, and I also have connections with L'Arche, a network of communities living with people with learning disabilities. In this work you learn that qualifications are not everything and, whatever skills we have, we don't always feel ready for what God has in mind for us.

Recently, I have been learning more about what it means to trust God and to be patient. My wife, Jo, and I are looking forward to being with you - but, unfortunately, we won't now be moving to the Rectory until the new year. So, I will be commuting on Sundays and mid-week to fulfil my responsibilities in the parishes. I will feel rather like the holy family did at Christmas - homeless - and so if you see me wandering round the village, do say hello. And, perhaps "Peace be with you".

And, of course, I will say happy Christmas!  
I hope to meet you soon.

Peter Email: [revpeter@maelormissionarea.uk](mailto:revpeter@maelormissionarea.uk)



## Country Beat



by PCSO Lynne Maurice

As we are well aware Christmas will soon be upon us and due to this busy time of the year, we may forget about our own personal safety. Can I remind you all that criminals don't forget and this is an ideal time for them to strike when our guards are down. In order for us not to become victims of crime can I ask you to take a few simple steps that can avoid you becoming prey to crime this Christmas.

- When collecting money from Post Office or bank make sure that you put your money away, whilst at the counter in a secure purse or wallet.
- Never carry PIN numbers in your purse/wallet and make sure it is placed inside a secure handbag or pocket.
- Never leave your handbag in a shopping trolley unattended no matter how short a time. Thieves this time of year will be watching and before you know it your purse will be gone.

On behalf of myself and Mike we would like to wish you all a safe Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Regards,

Lynne

Mobile: 07854 352 815



## Community Growers Update

Members of the group have been enhancing different parts of the village. Some have been taking cuttings to grow on while others have made bird boxes from recycled wood. The tubs outside the Village Hall have been replanted with hardy plants and we have also hung some Winter hanging baskets outside the Cocoa Rooms to brighten the area up.

*See photos on Oracle website*

The wicking boxes have been cleared for the winter but each has been 'replanted' with an ecological theme. There is a very interesting 'Reduce Your Plastic' Tree which has been 'decorated' with rubbish picked up in the Village. Please look out for details on the Village Noticeboard regarding our monthly litter picks and do come and give us a hand.

**Overton Calendars** are still on sale at the usual outlets and make ideal stocking fillers as Christmas presents. They are a snip at £6!

**Overton Lunch Club** is on Wednesday

Dec. 12th at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

There will be a choice of a 2-course menu all for £8.95. To book tel: 01978 710672



## Books for Sale

Overton Library is selling off some of its children's books to make space for new books, so pop in and see if there's anything that takes your fancy.

## Dear Editor

My little Staffordshire bull terrier Jack Russell cross was savagely attacked by an Alsatian cross on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. The other dog has already had 6 different homes. My dog Buster was taken to the vet and I'm pleased to say is making a full recovery. All dog owners - keep your dogs on a lead. Thanks.  
*Nick Russell*

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## St Mary's Church Xmas Bingo Night

Everyone welcome on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Doors open 6.45pm Eyes down 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall. Light refreshments & a Prize Draw.



**Thank you** Can we express our gratitude for the good wishes, cards and gifts we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We were overwhelmed by it all and we appreciate everyone's kindness.  
*Walter and Olive Roberts*



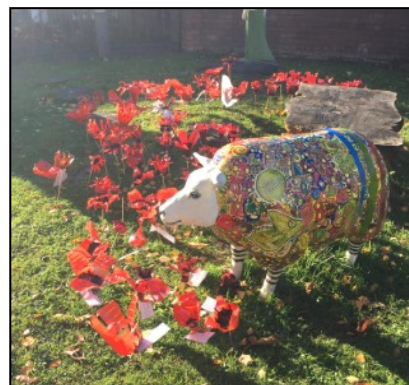
### St Mary's School Remembers

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the School gathered at St. Mary's Church for our Remembrance Service, led by Year 6. It was particularly poignant this year as we commemorated 100 years since the end of the First World War and pupils read out the stories behind the names of the soldiers on Overton War Memorial who lost their lives in the final year of the war in 1918.



The service began with Year 6 explaining the Royal British Legion's 'Thank You' movement; showing gratitude to the entire generation who lived through the war and helped shape our life as we know it today. Our lives would be very different if it wasn't for the people who lived through the First World War: men, women, children, pioneers, scientists, artists and volunteers from across the Commonwealth who answered the call. Eight local men lost their lives during hostilities in 1918 and to hear their stories read out by Year 6 pupils felt like a fitting way to remember these brave men. We were privileged to have representatives from Overton's Branch of the Royal British Legion join us for our Service; lowering the Standard as the Last Post sounded and joining the School in laying a wreath at the Church Memorial.

Children across the school were also busy creating poppy artwork as part of our commemorative events. Pupils in Foundation Phase made a beautiful poppy art installation for the front of the



School. (photo right) Year 5 pupils created an eye-catching display of poppies made from recycled bottles which cascaded down the pulpit in Church as an effective centrepiece for our Remembrance Service. (photo above left)

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November we were thrilled to welcome David Burton in to School to talk to Year 6 about the 'Great Pilgrimage 90' that took place in August this year. We heard about how Overton's branch of the Royal British Legion joined over 1000 other branches to recreate the pilgrimage that veterans and war widows made back in 1928 and march to the Menin Gate.

David showed us fascinating images of the battlefields and memorials he visited including Tyne Cot and the Menin Gate itself. Seeing the names of the soldiers from Overton, who we had learnt about, inscribed on these vast memorials was very poignant. Finally, seeing a photo of Overton's poppy wreath placed at the Menin Gate, with a verse which was written by last year's Year 6 class, was really moving, knowing that our School had played a small part in such a significant event.

**By Olivia Burton, Editor-in-Chief, Tirion Owen, Roving Reporter and Mrs Williams, Year 6 Teacher**

### Paul Jones & Dave Kelly at the Village Hall!

at 19th January 2019 8.00pm - 11.00pm

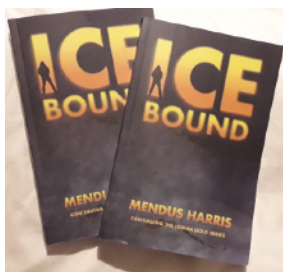
These 2 legends of British blues need no introduction. Founders of the legendary Blues Band they have been at the forefront of the UK blues scene for over 50 years. Paul was a member of 60s band Manfred Mann and until recently, presenter of the long running BBC Radio 2 Rhythm and Blues Show. Dave is arguably the UK's finest blues guitarist and has played with legends like Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf.

Tickets £20 Email: [petevans@btinternet.com](mailto:petevans@btinternet.com) or available at The Corner Shop.

### Local Author Book Signing

Overton's answer to John Le Carre, David writing as Mendus Harris has successfully launched 'Icebound', 3rd book in the Lomax Gold Series online. The main character Ed finds himself stranded on frozen Dog Island in Labrador.

David will be doing a book signing in Overton Library on Saturday December 1st at 10.30am, so do come along for a chat and to buy a signed copy ready for Christmas!



### Memorial Service

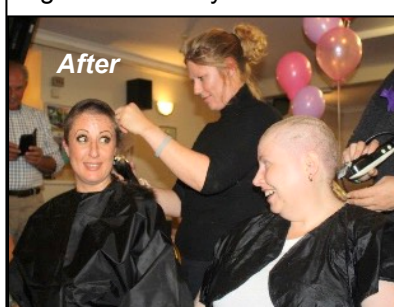
The memorial service for Mary and Jim Smitheram, formerly of Chapel House, School Lane, Overton, will be held at Overton Methodist Chapel on Tuesday December 4th, at 3.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Anyone who knew Jim and Mary is very welcome to attend.

### Hair raising

In October myself and my friend Hélène Parker shaved our heads to raise money for a new mobility vehicle for my little boy. We also donated our hair to the Little



Princess Trust. It was an absolutely fantastic night where friends, family and our community came out in force to support us. We were hosted by the wonderful folks at the Overton Recreational Club and a great night was had by all. We had ambitiously set our target



for the event at £1,000 but amazingly we smashed that and raised a little over £1,750 which is fantastic and gets us a good step closer to our overall target of £4,000.

*Jordana Farrow*



## Overton Christmas Openings

### THE WHITE HORSE

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Xmas Fayre menu. Pre booking required.  
 Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Live music with John Wallis.  
 Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm Quiz Night in aid of HACK Horse Sanctuary  
 Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm Live music with Stevie J Kromer  
 Saturday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Musical variety evening hosted by Chris Greves.  
 Christmas Eve - Open all day. Food from 5.30pm  
 Christmas Day - Open 12.00 - 2.30pm for drinks only.  
 Boxing Day - Open all day. Food served 12-2pm  
 Sunday lunch menu only.  
 Boxing Day evening - the White Horse party! Free hog roast in the evening and music by Chris Greve and friends followed by disco.  
 Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm Live Indie rock music  
 Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve pre-booked 4 course à la carte menu - 29.99 pp. Followed by disco - open to all.

### OVERTON SURGERY

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

### M. E. EVANS TRADITIONAL BUTCHERS

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 8am – 6pm  
 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 7am – 5 pm  
 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 10am -4 pm  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8am – 1pm  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Closed  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Closed  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9am – 4pm  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8am – 5pm  
 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7am – 2pm  
 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec – Closed  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec – Closed  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – Closed  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – back to normal hours.



### CORNER SHOP

Christmas Eve 6am-4pm  
 Christmas Day Closed  
 Boxing Day 8am-12pm  
 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 7am-6pm  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 7am-6pm  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 7am-6pm  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 7am-6pm  
 Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 7am-4pm  
 New Year's Day 8am-12pm



Thanks to our customers for their patience during the extension and refurbishment of the shop. We welcome any suggestions for any products or services that you would like to see in the shop.



### OVERTON RECREATIONAL CLUB

Sat. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Bingo & Cake Sale for Hope House  
 Sat. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> **Overton Club Celebrates 50 years - Party Night**  
 Sun. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & Sat. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Bingo  
 Sun. Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Bingo & Grand Raffle  
 Christmas Eve 7.00pm-11.00pm  
 Christmas Day 12-2pm & 7.00-10.30pm plus Family Games Evening  
 Boxing Day 12.30pm-12.00am  
 Thurs. Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-11.00pm  
 Fri Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm-12.00am & Sat. Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm-12.00am  
 Sun. Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm -12.00am plus Christmas Quiz  
 New Year's Eve 7.00pm-1.00am Party Night with Disco & Karaoke  
 New Years Day 12.00-2.00pm & 7.00-12.00am

### LAST UK POSTING DATES

Tuesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 2nd class  
 Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> -1st class  
 USA - Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Australia - Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>

### OVERTON LIBRARY

Closes on Saturday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and reopens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018.

### DUSTBIN DAYS

Thurs. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> General Waste  
**Friday** Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Recycling/Food Waste  
**Friday** Jan 5<sup>th</sup> General Waste  
**Friday** Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Green Waste  
 Then back to Thursdays

### OVERTON PHARMACY

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

### OVERTON POST OFFICE

at the Parish Room Tuesday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am-12noon then Tuesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

**MAELOR VETERINARY CENTRE** In Emergency please telephone 01978 711975

### Congratulations

Congratulations to 9<sup>yr</sup> old Bella Atherton from Knolton Bryn has been named **YOUNG STORYTELLER OF WALES 2018**. Bella won the 7-11yrs category for original story at the annual competition held at Venue Cymru, Llandudno in November. Storyteller & author Fiona Collins devised the contest to help keep storytelling alive in our Welsh youth. It is the 2nd time Bella has entered and this year she told a story she had written herself entitled "THE DOG THE CAT AND THE 3 BROTHERS" with a theme of the power of kindness and how it can change people for the better. Bella was home schooled for 2 yrs and has recently returned to St Mary's School Overton, where she has told her story to her class. Bella will hold the title for a year.



### Thank you

Overton Community Council would like to thank the Overton Community Growers for tidying up and replanting flowers around the 'Best Kept Village' sign and surrounding area. In addition to this the outside of the Village Hall and Cocoa Rooms is bursting with colour with all the beautiful flowers recently planted. Residents and visitors to Overton often comment on how pretty the village looks. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work, you do a great job.

### Who did it?

The year was 1961, the Cold War was at its frostiest, and the Russians have succeeded in putting a man into space. Back home at the London HQ of MIJ, P's top agent, Double OMG is murdered. The audience in the Village Hall very much enjoyed working out who were the guilty parties, whilst appreciating an excellent supper. Ably led by Director Sheila Miller, the cast seamlessly included 3 new members to the Overton Amateur Dramatic Society, and with the support of the backstage and front of house team, gave the audience another fun filled evening.



*Murdered Mike Done - surrounded by suspects from L Richard Done, Catherine Eve, Karen Whittaker Nikki Farrar & Stephen Sorfleet.*

### Playcentre News

Assembly Member Ken Skates visited Overton Playcentre to hear about the difference a new Welsh Government scheme is making to parents.

Overton is among those in the Wrexham area to provide 30hrs of early education and childcare to working parents of children aged 3 & 4 for 48 weeks of the year.

Rachel Harris, manager of Overton Playcentre, said it is already helping local families. She said: "A number of our parents have described the offer as life-changing!"

Mr Skates said: "This childcare offer is making a real difference to parents in Clwyd South, reducing the strain on family income and helping ensure childcare is not a barrier to them taking up employment or increasing their hours."

Overton Playcentre, a parent-led charity which has been running for 50 years, currently relies on volunteers to raise nearly £7,000 a year to cover running costs. It was recently awarded £8,200 in National Lottery Awards for All funding to develop an outdoor learning area. Rachel said: "We may be small but we have a big vision for the future!"



*Ken Skates AM joins in with "The Wheels on the Bus"*

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### Overton Playcentre Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 8th 12-4.30pm & Sunday 9th 12.30-4pm at St Marys Church

Decorated Christmas Trees, Festive afternoon tea, Craft stalls on Saturday **FREE** Entry. All welcome

The best dressed tree competition will be judged in different categories with an overall best in show tree!

**Local businesses, charity groups and families are invited to sponsor and decorate a tree!**

£30 per business or £15 for a charity group or family



### Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for November 2018. 100 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on the 14th November by the Rev David Child. The winners are -

- 1st Prize £200.00 No 37 Gerry Owen
- 2nd Prize £100.00 No 56 Michael Coxe
- 3rd Prize £ 50.00 No 55 Tim Hill

Legion Fund: £150 **Next Draw: Wed December 12<sup>th</sup>**

To join please ring DAVE AUSTIN: Tel 01978 710678.

### A Village Remembers

On a bright crisp Sunday morning a large crowd gathered around the War Memorial as usual, to remember the fallen. The tolling of the church bell was more poignant this year as it marked 100 years to the minute when hostilities ceased in the "war to end all wars."

As the Autumn leaves fell it was impossible not to see the analogy of the many young men and women who have lost their lives in war. Families would be silently remembering their loss.

Peter Jackson, who recently directed the brilliant new film, "They shall not grow old" from archive footage from the First World War said the way to commemorate the soldiers was for each family to research and remember their relative. For me I remember Corporal Joseph Birchall, my Grandfather, who served as a stretcher bearer. For my husband, his Grandfather, Corporal Benjamin Clarkson England. He has a postcard written by Benjamin from a German prisoner of war camp dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Both grandfathers survived the war.

Let us hope that the sacrifice of many service men and women both past and present will be remembered and that we can continue to strive for peace for our children and grandchildren.

*Sue England*

The Oracle has also received an email and thanks from Jane Jones whose Great Uncle's name, Thomas H Jones is on Overton War Memorial. The information in the Oracle article has meant that Jane and her husband have recently been able to visit and find Thomas's grave in France.



Thanks to Overton Rocks for adding their painted stones to the War Memorial area.

## Happy 50th Birthday 1968-2018

There has been a snooker table up in the Club for many years sited in what is now our main lounge. Made from a sailing ship's timbers, it given to the village by Major Peel of Bryn-y-Pys. But use of the room declined and in 1968 it was shut by the Village Hall Management Committee to prevent it from being vandalised. To avoid losing the facility for ever, Tom Haynes a local builder, with Bill Bussey, Ron Cox, Den Owen, Raymond Haynes and Ivor Parkinson looked into re-opening the room. A committee was formed and work began on massively extending the facility. This involved a lot of demolition work, and bringing steel girders from Ifton Colliery. The inside was



*Pulling the 1st pint in 1968, Albert Burgess, 'Pigeon' Bill Davies. Fred Chesworth. & Raymond Havnes*

decorated with paint from Noreen Haynes shop in Willow Street which along with building materials was obtained on a "pay us when you can" basis. Watney's brewery gave a £500 gift, bench seating was purchased at a sale in Penley Camp for 50p each and 2nd snooker table was bought from the Whitchurch Swallow Club for £25, dismantled and carried in Haynes half ton van. Everything was done voluntarily with committee members cleaning the beer pipes, restocking, cleaning and ironing both snooker tables for the first 10 years. Money was in short supply so fundraising was always going on. In the mid 1970s the club had it's liquor license revoked for 6mths after police raided the Club, resulting in half a dozen members being prosecuted for drinking 20 minutes after the prescribed closing time. So everyone all drank Coke and orange juice until the license was restored and the Club was renamed "Overton Recreational Club".

**PARTY TIME!!**  
*celebrating*  
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**Saturday 8th December 2018**  
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- 2 8oz Ribeye Steaks for £20 or
- 2 items from the Grill menu for £20

*Fri Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Live music with Stevie J Kromer*

*Sat Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Musical variety evening with Chris Greves.*

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## What's On

### December Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.00pm Induction of Rev Peter Mackriell by Bishop Gregory  
 Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion Rev Peter Mackriell  
 Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Family Communion Rev Peter Mackriell  
 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight  
 Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion Rev Paul Barrow  
 Monday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Christmas Eve Crib & Christingle  
 11.00 pm. Christmas Communion Rev John Darch  
 Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10am Christmas Communion Rev Paul Barrow  
 Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Group Eucharist

### December Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

#### Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 80th Anniversary Celebrations



4.30pm Afternoon Tea  
 6.30pm Circuit Service Rev P Poole & Rev N Pugh  
 Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev Neville Pugh  
 Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev John Wiggall  
 Wednesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Festival of Carols  
 Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm All Age Worship Rev Neville Pugh  
 Christmas Day Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Rev Neville Pugh  
 Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev Phillip Poole

**Saturday December 1st** 10.30am-12pm Festive Coffee  
 Morning in the Catholic Hall. Stalls & Xmas Draw

**Sunday December 2nd** 3.00pm Induction of the Priest in Charge by the Bishop of Saint Asaph in St Mary's Church.

**Tuesday December 4th** 1.00pm St Mary's Church Senior's Christmas Party in the Village Hall

**Thursday December 6th** 10.30am-2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn 'Needle Felting Santa's' with Coral Devlin

**Saturday & Sunday December 8th & 9th** Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church

**Saturday December 8th** 7.00pm to late Party Time celebrating 50 years of Overton Recreational Club

**Sunday December 9th** 12.15pm Santa arrives at Scout Hut

**Tuesday December 11th** 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

**Tuesday December 11th** 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas Bingo Night at the Rainbow Centre, Penley.

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

**Wednesday December 12th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Please book - see page 2

**Thursday December 13th** 12.30pm Lunch Club at Enfys Cafe in the Rainbow Centre. Book on 01948 830730

**Thursday December 13th** 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting Christmas Fun & Games at the Catholic Church Hall

**Friday December 14th** 7.30pm Rhos Orpheus Choir & School Choir in St Mary's Church

**Sunday December 16th** 6.00pm 'Carols by Candlelight' at St Marys Church.

**Friday December 21st** 7.30pm St Marys Church Xmas Bingo



## Family Announcements

**Happy December Birthdays** to Paul Whittaker, 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, Pene Coles, Aeddán Farley-Morris, Lauren Elizabeth Cheshire, Sean Clarke, Aneira and Osian Barlow.

Happy Birthday to Catherine Starkey on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, love always from George, Jayson, Elizah, Allyce, Mum, Dad, Granny and Samantha.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Barbara Griffiths of 4 Maelor Court, who died peacefully in the Emral Nursing home aged 89 years. Barbara and Arthur lived in Overton for 30 years. Barbara joined in village keep fit classes, and both Arthur and Barbara enjoyed participating in Overton Recreational Club activities and village life.

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