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### Afternoon Tea on Mondays in the Parish Room

If you miss the warmth and company of Two Doves on a Monday when it is closed, **Overton** Community



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Council would like to invite Overton residents to come to the Parish Room on Mondays between 2.00pm and 4.30pm commencing 5th December, for a spot of afternoon tea.

There will be no charge; all we ask is that you come and have fun.

#### ..... **Dates for TWO Christmas**

#### **Tractor Runs**

If you enjoyed last December's illuminated Tractor Run through the



village, then this year we have TWO! Sunday December 4th Llangollen & District Young Farmers Association have an Illuminated Tractor Run in aid of various good causes. Leave Llangollen at 5pm, travel the A5 through Froncysylte, Chirk, St Martins, Overton, Ruabon and Trevor before heading back to Llangollen. Friday December 23rd is Brian

Jones' Charity Christmas Tractor Run around the Maelor District villages from 6pm. More details on Facebook.

It is hoped that Father Christmas might be touring Overton in December. Look out for details of where and when on the village Facebook page.



## **Christmas is coming! The Christmas Tree Festival**

Preparations are well underway for Overton's Christmas Tree Festival, for which community groups, businesses and organisations in the area are decorating their own festive tree and bringing it along to display in St Mary's church. For more details on how to enter the Christmas Tree Festival, contact Val Stevenson on 07484 118484 or



val.46stevenson@btinternet.com. Winners will be announced at the Carol Service on Sunday, December 18th at 6pm.

The festival will be launched at 4pm on Saturday, December 10th, with carol singing in the churchyard and refreshments, led by the Jubilee Choir and Brass Quartet. A brass fanfare will start us off and there will be well-known carols for all to join in, as well as Christmas music played by the Quartet. Everyone is welcome!

If you sang with the Jubilee Choir in the summer please join us again to help lead the singing. If you didn't sing with us at the Jubilee event but would like to join us for this, you will all be very welcome. There will be one practice on Friday 9th at 6:30 pm. Please do come along everyone will be welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

### **The Advent Tree**

As well as a forest of trees inside the church, the OCC are also going to display an Advent Tree outside the Church, which they hope community groups and organisations will help decorate with their own baubles, one each day from the 1st to the 24th. To help decorate the Advent Tree, get in touch with Charlotte on charlotte copeman2002@yahoo.com for details.

### Gifts from the heart

For the last few years a nativity scene has been created in the Lady Chapel at St Marys. It was a great success and very many of you took the time to enjoy the peace and joy it offered. This year we are planning a different display and as always, it would be nothing without the support of the village. We are teaming up with the Salvation Army to offer a gift to a child, from the hearts of Overton.

If you could please donate a small gift for a child, wrapped or unwrapped, labelled by age/gender, or a cash donation for us to purchase a gift on your behalf. They can be placed under the tree display in the Lady Chapel from 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December. The display will be a reminder of the kindness and joy of giving and be available for the village to come and enjoy. The



Salvation Army will come and collect our gifts and they will distribute them in time for Christmas. Thank you Overton for your continued support; we do hope our display will lift your hearts as much as your gifts will lift the hearts of so many children.

# 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 15th at the latest.

### Seeds from St Mary's

#### by Rev'd. Peter Mackriell

The Christmas story features several journeys and all of us will be familiar with the sight of Mary riding a donkey, accompanied by Joseph, on the road between Nazareth and Bethlehem.

It would have been a journey of some 80 miles. With Joseph walking and the donkey trudging along, I guess that would have taken a week or so - longer, maybe.

As well as being a physical journey, this was also an emotional journey; for Joseph, reconnecting with his familial roots in Bethlehem, as he returned to his hometown for the census, perhaps to stay with family. And for Mary, as she prepared to give birth, travelling to an unfamiliar place, with the words of an angel still echoing in her mind, knowing that her child would be God's chosen one.

The other journey that is very familiar to Nativity-watchers is the later one undertaken by Magi, wise men from the far east, star gazers who are drawn to a historic birth. Their journey has been immortalised in T.S.Eliot's wonderful poem, in which one of the travellers says, "A hard time we had of it." The events of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, are certainly on the more sober side of Christmas.

We are all conscious of the journeys that refugees make and, whatever our proposed solution to the migrant crisis, we recognise that people are making both physical and emotional journeys. Many refuges have a hard time – not least, those from Ukraine who have come into our community. We make them welcome, but I know they are very conscious of what they have left behind. We need to continue to support them and to pray for them – as well as praying, this Christmas, for peace.

The metaphor of a journey is often used about life and it has been my privilege over the last four years to walk with people from Overton and Erbistock, and the surrounding area, along their journeys; on significant occasions such as christenings, weddings and funerals; when faced with tough choices and challenges; and, more simply, in weekly worship and Christian fellowship. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that journey.

As Mary travelled to Bethlehem, she carried the infant Jesus in her womb. Whether or not she rode on a donkey – the Bible doesn't actually tell us – the journey was perilous and she must have had concerns about travelling when pregnant. But she had confidence that God was looking after her and her child. His child. She had a certain assurance.

When we are passing through difficult times, it is good to know that God travels with us too. We can carry Jesus, his teaching and his love, in our hearts, affecting the way we behave and helping us in the decisions we take. In the hardest times, we can draw comfort from knowing God's presence – which is why it is good to get to know him in the ordinary times, when the journey is easy.

As I travel on, leaving Overton earlier than I had hoped, I do so in the knowledge that the Jesus who was born like us continues to be with us. Wherever you may go this Christmas, or in the coming year, may you have such assurance too.

Happy Christmas! Peter



#### **Flay Otters or Fawlty Towers?**

The sell-out nights were testament to the delight Overton felt to have their Amateur Dramatic Society back in action. And what a return to the stage! The production of two Fawlty Towers plays, 'A Touch of Class' and 'Basil the Rat' were ably directed by Catrin Owen. The well loved TV series provided the ideal start after a 3 year break, with many of the audience knowing the hilarious script almost as well as the cast.

The curtains opened to reveal impressive sets, and the large cast provided opportunities for familiar as well as new members of the OADS to get involved. A truly entertaining evening, and everyone can't wait for the next production in March.



#### Thank you for the support

The Chairman and members of the Royal British Legion, Overton on Dee Branch would like to thank the local community including all those who participated in the village tribute to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. It was wonderful to see so many people attending what was the first Remembrance Sunday since 2019 to be held without Covid 19 restrictions.

This month we would also like to pass on the news that at our Annual General meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October, David Austin was unanimously voted in as our new Chairman. We all look forward to working together with Dave in supporting the aims of the Royal British Legion in Overton. Jean Williams Secretary.

On behalf of the Chairman and members of the Royal British Legion, Overton-on-Dee Branch

#### **Poppies everywhere**

The impressive poppy display created by Tracey and

her team flowing over the altar at St Mary's Church, was appreciated by a national audience. Tracey sent photos to news channel GB News and they were featured on the Breakfast Show.

Presenters Stephen Dixon and Anne Diamond were clearly hugely impressed, and they referred to the fact that there were also purple poppies, in remembrance of animals that lost their lives at war.



### Help us to help you

The staff at the practice are committed to providing the best possible service for you. We are aware that patients may be struggling to get through on the telephone and we wish to reassure our patients that we are investigating solutions to help mitigate this. We would care to take this opportunity to



thank all of our wonderful patients who are considerate and kind towards our hard-pressed receptionists. We do understand that demand for our services does cause unsatisfactory call queueing but respectfully ask that for those people who wish to express their frustrations that they do not do so upon our receptionists. We are sure that you will appreciate that receptionists have a challenging role and that they are always working very hard on your behalf to provide appointments for you with the appropriate clinician in a timely manner.

Dee Valley Medical Practice is engaging with our telephone system operator with intent to provide a virtual call queue system. Such systems maintain a caller's place in the queue and calls back to connect them to a receptionist when they reach the front of the queue. We are also looking at enhancing opportunity for patients to book their own appointments online through a patient self-triage tool provided by accuRx. We intend to commission both of these tools and trust that they are successfully implemented.



• Unfortunately, staff retention and recruitment issues have impacted upon our Post Office service as the qualified staff are members of the reception team. Until we can successfully recruit we are forced to reduce our Post Office opening as we must prioritise resources on our healthcare service. With effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and until further notice we will only open the Post

Office from 08:30 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. on a Monday and a Friday. We have kept Post Office informed. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this causes the community.

#### **Bangor-on-Dee**

Contractors are on site now at our new branch surgery premises on Station Road, Bangor-on-Dee. We are refurbishing the former showroom building at the front of the property first in two phases. By January 2023 we intend to have the new dispensary and waiting room ready so that we can transfer our dispensing activity from Chapel House. The process to move our dispensing licence has been initiated and we have lodged a Contract Variation Request with Betsi-Cadwaladr University Health Board. The new dispensary cannot open until the Health Board have sanctioned the move and we trust that this will be approved at their board meeting due 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Construction will continue in the second half of the building which is intended to provide 3 consulting rooms, a treatment room and an HCA room by Easter 2023. This is a significant enhancement of local clinical service delivery as compared with Chapel House. Patients will appreciate that the new site offers ample off-road parking. We remain grateful for your ongoing support in our strenuous efforts to provide the highest standards of care and our endeavours to continue improving the service.

Should anyone have any queries concerning the move of the branch surgery from Chapel House to Station Road they are welcome to address them to the Business Manager, Tony Marriott.

#### **Overton Oracle bell ringing update**

Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8<sup>th</sup> September, three of the Overton on Dee bell ringers, along with bell ringers from across the country, tolled a single half muffled tenor bell for 30 minutes. The bells remained half muffled until after the funeral including for a Quarter Peal rung in her honour after Sunday service, the day before her funeral. Thanks to the generosity of The Friends of St Mary's, new muffles have been purchased for the six tower bells. The existing muffles were very



old and many of the buckles has fallen off, making them very difficult and dangerous to put in place. Tower bells are muffled for solemn occasions and give an eerie echo sound. The new muffles have Velcro fasteners, come in a very smart embroidered storage bag (*see photo*), and were used for the first time on Remembrance Sunday.

Overton and Bangor on Dee bell ringers have joined forces recently to help each other, especially since the return of the refurbished bells to St Dunawd's Church. Two of their ringers have regularly attending the Overton practice on a Tuesday and a new group of learners (two of which have joined following my last Oracle update in September) alternate between Bangor and Overton for their teaching sessions. A new date has been arranged for the Peal attempt – 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. *Clare Morris* Tower Captain Congratulations

Congratulations to Alice Murray and her Overton business 'Giggles and



Games', for winning the Best Wedding Entertainment Award at the 2022 North Wales Wedding Awards held at a glittering presentation evening at Rydal Penrhos.

Alice said "I am so overjoyed that our little family business has been voted Best Wedding Entertainment from North Wales Weddings

Guide. Giggles celebrated its 10th birthday this year, having evolved from a university assignment. Thank you to all our supporters, it genuinely means the world."



### St Mary's School News - A Time to Remember and World Cup Fever

It was a particularly poignant Remembrance Day service this year, as we all gathered together in person for the first time since 2019. We were pleased to be able to welcome family, friends and the wider community to join us in our Act of Remembrance at St Mary's Church. Members of the Rainbow Foundation, clients and carers from the Penley hub, also



joined our Service. Representatives of the Overton branch of the Royal British Legion joined Year Six pupils, who were leading the service, with Legion member Richie Jones kindly taking on the role of Standard Bearer. As the two-minute silence fell at 11:00am, the Standard was lowered as we remembered the fallen service people of Overton, along with countless others who fought and gave



their lives across Britain and the Commonwealth during times of conflict, and who continue to do so. We concluded with a prayer of Peace. Thank you to everyone who came and shared in our time of reflection.

World Cup fever has been building here at St Mary's! To get us all in the spirit,

we were thrilled when former Wrexham football player, Waynne Phillips, agreed to join us for a Q&A session about his life as a professional football player, coach and now radio commentator for Radio Cymru. Our Criw Cymraeg team asked Waynne questions in Welsh, which he happily answered, and it was a great way to practise our Welsh listening skills. Members of the audience then asked Waynne lots of questions about his life. His passion for the game is clear, and we learnt how hard work, dedication and resilience helped him in his career. Afterwards, pupils were thrilled when Waynne came round each class for photographs and signed autographs. The best thing is, Waynne has agreed to visit us again for a football skills session with pupils! The most excited person of all was most definitely Mr Morris, our resident Wrexham AFC super fan!

by Year 6 Reporters Caitlin Rooney and Josh Carpenter

### **News from the Recreational Club**

Well December is upon us once again and this year that can only mean one thing - it's the FIFA World Cup! Hopefully by the time you read this our home nations will be progressing well! We will be showing most Wales and England games - just ask if there are others you want to watch. The final will kick off at 3pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is Darts Knockout night - £5 per person entry. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £75 / Runner Up - £25.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we have a quiz with a difference - It's "Music at the Movies" so come along and put your musical knowledge to the test!

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bingo with special festive prizes as well as cash. Our fabulous Christmas Raffle will also be drawn that night so get buying your tickets now.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** is our Christmas Party Night! Join us for a fun filled festive evening with DJ Tim on the decks. Its free entry and families are welcome.

On Christmas Day we will open from 12 - 2.30pm.

**Boxing Day** will be a day packed with Premier League football.

And for **New Year's Eve** we are rewinding back to the 80s and beyond with a "Turn Back Time" theme. Dress as your favourite singing sensation and have a night to remember while we ring in 2023!!

Check out our opening hours on Page 5 and follow our Facebook page for further information on events.

As always, we thank all of our customers for their ongoing support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!



**WI Update** The November meeting was a magical evening for everyone when Jack Dent amazed the audience with his demonstration of magic through the ages, showing the routines of Houdini, Tommy Cooper and Paul Daniels

amongst others. In December we look forward to our Christmas lunch at the Trotting Mare on December 10th, and a Festive social evening on December 15th. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and if you are struggling for ideas for a last minute festive gift why not try out this recipe.



**CHOCOLATE RUM TRUFFLES** (makes about 30) 60z/175g good quality plain or milk chocolate

4 fl oz/125ml double cream

2 tblsps/30ml Rum or Cointreau Cocoa Powder or Icing Sugar to finish



Break the chocolate into small piece. Bring the cream just to boiling point, remove from heat and sir in the chocolate until melted. Add the liqueur and leave mixture in fridge until very firm. Dust your hands with either cocoa powder or icing sugar, then taking a teaspoonful of the mixture at a time, roll into balls around 2cm diameter. Sieve a little cocoa powder or icing sugar onto a plate and roll each truffle around until covered. May be stored up to a week in the fridge – if you can bear to leave them that long! Margaret O'Neill 01978 710451

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## **Overton Christmas Openings and Events**

#### **THE CORNER SHOP**

Saturday	24th December	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday	25th December	Closed
Monday	26th December	9.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	27th December	9.00am - 1.00pm
Wednesday	28th December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	29th December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Friday	30th December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday	31st December	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday	1st January	9.00am - 1.00pm
Monday	2nd January	9.00am - 1.00pm

#### **FERDI'S LOCAL**

Christmas Eve9am-8pmChristmas DayClosedBoxing Day2pm-8pmNew Years Eve9am-8pmNew Years Day2pm -8pmUsual opening hours all other dates.<br/>We wish you all a Merry Christmas<br/>and a Happy New Year

#### OVERTON POST OFFICE at the Medical Centre

Open Mondays and Fridays 8.30am to 6pm Closed Dec 26th. Open Dec 30th. Closed Jan 2nd. Open Jan 6th LAST UK POSTING DATES 2nd class - Monday December 19th 1st class - Wednesday December 21st USA - Saturday December 10th Australia - Thursday December 1st

### **OVERTON RECREATIONAL CLUB**

3.00pm - Close Christmas Eve Saturday Christmas Day Sunday 12.00pm – 2.30pm Boxing Day Monday 12.00pm – Close December 27th Tuesday 5.00pm - Close Wednesday /Thursday/Friday 7.00pm - Close New Years Eve Saturday 7.00pm - Late New Years Day Sunday 2pm - Close January 2nd Monday 5pm - Close We wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year!

#### **TWO DOVES COFFEE & GIFT SHOP**

We are closed on Christmas Eve December 24th, and the following week. We open again in Tuesday January 3rd.

Season's Greetings to all our customers

### THE WHITE HORSE INN & WHAT'S ON

Friday 23rd2pm - midnightChristmas Eve2pm - midnightChristmas Day12pm - 3pmBoxing Day1pm - 10pmDec 27th to 30th 5pm - 10pmNew Years Eve3pm - lateNew Years DayClosed

Telephone 01978 784727 for bookings and information We have a very warm welcome waiting for you at the White Horse this festive season, with loads of fun to be had for big kids and small! We have live music from Fortune Sellers on **17**<sup>th</sup> **December**, featuring Overton's very own Stephen Kenyon-Owen, and karaoke on **9**<sup>th</sup> **and 23**<sup>rd</sup> **December**. Saturday Brunch Club returns on **3**<sup>rd</sup> **December** and on **16**<sup>th</sup> **December** we have our popular Pizza and Prosecco night. After all our Halloween fun we can't wait for our kids party on **18**<sup>th</sup> **December**, where we will have fun, music and maybe even a special visitor .....

And after all the festive excitement we'll be reflecting back on the year with our Quiz of the Year on Boxing Day.

### **OVERTON SURGERY**

Closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and Monday 2nd January 2023.

In a life threatening emergency dial 999 For Urgent Medical Attention ring the out of hours service on 111 For non-urgent Medical Advice ring NHS Direct 0845 46 47

### **OVERTON LIBRARY**

The library will close at 6pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, and reopen again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. 2023.

'Eirian the Eel' Exhibition opening Jan 9th, more details in the next Oracle.

### **OVERTON PHARMACY**

Christmas Eve 9:00-13.00 Christmas Day. Closed Boxing Day. Closed Tuesday. 27th. Closed Wednesday 28th 9:00 -18:00 Thursday 29th. 9:00 -18:00 Friday 30th 9:00 -18:00 New Years Eve. 9:00-13:00 New Years Day. Closed Monday Jan 2nd Closed Tuesday Jan 3rd 9:00 -18:00

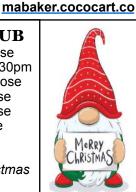
### WILLOW & WREN

Open Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 9.00am - 12.00pm Closed over the Christmas/New Year period: Open from Tuesday 10th January 2023

Open from Tuesday 10th January 2023 from 10.00am - 4.00pm

### **EASTWICK PLANT CENTRE**

We will be closed for the two winter months of December and January - with the exception of every Saturday morning when our opening hours will be 9.00am to 1.00pm We will re-open on February 1st. For enquiries please contact us via Facebook or email at eastwickplants@gmail.com



**MA BAKER** 

pick up will be on

I will be back and

baking on Thursday

January 12th 2023

Last day for orders and

Friday December 23rd.



Don't let your stamps go to waste! From January 31st 2023, regular Royal Mail stamps will have a barcode on them. Old style regular stamps (without a barcode) need to be used up or swapped out before the end of January.

The stamps that are changing are the stamps that will be familiar and feature the profile of Her Late Majesty The Queen on a



plain background. Special stamps with pictures on and . Christmas stamps without a barcode will continue to be able to be used.



The newly formed Overton Knit & Natter group

meet every Thursday 11.30am-1.30pm in the Two Doves. We are a small group of ladies who enjoy knitting, crocheting, crafting and talking. We would love new members as we have lots of great plans to surprise the community! We placed our first varnbomb on the post box near the Corner Shop for Remembrance Day. This will be the first of

come and learn a new skill or just pop along for a natter, all are welcome.

many so keep your eyes open for new additions to the community! Knitting, crocheting or crafting is known to be good for positive mental health, with the added bonus of making something you can be proud of. So if you would like to join our little group,

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.

PROMINING Overton Royal British Legion 120 Club

Results of the "120 Club" for November 2022. 120 members entered. The draw was made on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Winning numbers were selected by Peter Hughes.

Winners: 1st Prize £240.00 No 73 Myra Worthington 2nd Prize £120.00 No 21 lory Evans 3rd Prize £ 60.00 No110 Doreen Howells Legion Fund: £180.00 **CONGRATULATIONS** 

Next Bonus Draw will be on Tuesday 13th December If you wish to join please ring Dave Austin Tel: 01978 710678 or contact him by Facebook Messenger. "IF YOU DON"T PAY - - - YOU DON"T PLAY"

More photos of OADS production of Fawlty Towers



More photos of St Mary's School Remembrance Service





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## What's On

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December Diary for St Mary's & St Hilary's				
Dec 4th 10am All Age Worship11.00am Holy CommunionDec 11th 11am Holy Communion9.45am Christingle				
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 6pm Carol Service 4.00pm Carol Service				
Dec 24th 4pm Crib & Christingle				
11pm First Communion of Christmas —-				
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> —- 9.45am Christmas Communion				
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 9.30am All Age Worship				
https://www.stmarysoverton-on-dee.org/worship				
December Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel Sunday Dec 4th 2.30pm Rev Neville Pugh				
Sunday Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Mrs Meryl Thomas				
Sunday Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Mr Martin Woodhall				
Sunday Dec 25th 10.30pm Rev Neville Pugh				
Sunday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.30pm Rev Richard Parkes				
Services at Our Lady And The Welsh Martyrs				
Every Saturday 5.00pm Mass and				
Sunday December 25 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day at 9.00am Saturday December 31 <sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve at 5.00pm				
Every Monday 10.00am-12.30pm Overton Art Group				
in the Catholic Hall, Wrexham Road.				
Every Thursday 11.30am - 1.30pm Knit and Natter group at The Two Doves Cafe, Overton				
Saturday December 3rd Recreational Club Darts Knockout				
night. First Prize - £75				
Sunday December 4th Llangollen & District Young Farmers				
Illuminated Tractor Run through the village				
Saturday December 10th Carol singing in St Mary's churchyard				
with mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles				
Tuesday December 13th 6.50pm Overton Community Council				
meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so 6.50pm-7.00pm.				
Wednesday December 14th 7.00pm Festival of Carols at Overton Methodist Church.				
Thursday December 15th 7.00pm Overton on Dee WI Meeting				
in the Village Hall.				
Saturday December 17th 10am - 12pm Overton Methodist				
Church Coffee Morning.				
Sunday December 18th The White Horse Kids Christmas Party with a special visitor				
Sunday December 18th Recreational Club's Christmas Bingo				
Thursday December 22nd 7.00pm Overton on Dee Branch				
Royal British Legion meeting in the Parish Room				
Friday December 23rd Brian Jones' Charity Christmas Tractor				
Run through the village				
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**Tree Identification** I was asked if I could identify the tree with very large leaves at Poethlyn Terrace. I consulted the RHS for identification and they said it resembles Sorbus 'John Mitchell' .It is named after William John Mitchell who, for many years, was Curator at Westonbirt Arboretum, the garden where this cultivar was "discovered". Lesley Pugh

## **Family Announcements**

**Happy 90th Birthday** to Phil Edwards for his special birthday was on the 21st November.



Happy December Birthdays to George Clarke, John Eve, Paul Whittaker, Gwyn Owen, Joseph Thomas, Iris Edwards, Carol Morrison, Howard Jones, Walter Roberts, Daniella Jones, Gareth Evans, Aled Owen, Lisa Edwards, Helen Roberts, Brian Williams, Amelia Lloyd, Aneira and Osian Barlow, Pene Coles, Aeddan Farley-Morris, Lauren Elizabeth Cheshire, Sean Clarke, Sarah Jane Hellingman, Glenys Roberts, Dilys Parkinson, Catherine Starkey, George Smith and Mark Blythen.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Simon Stock who passed away recently.

#### **Dustbin Days**

Thurs Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Waste & Recycling/food Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> General Waste & Recycling/food Thurs Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Garden Waste & Recycling/food Thurs Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> General Waste & Recycling/food Thurs Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Recycling & food waste only

### Nightingale House Christmas Tree Collection

Our team of volunteers will collect and recycle your REAL Christmas tree in return for a donation towards patient care at Nightingale House hospice.



- 1. Visit <u>charityxmastreecollection.com</u> or call 01978 314292 to book your collection.
- 2. Remove all decorations from your tree
- 3. Leave your tree outside your house in a visible location before 7am on Saturday 14th January 2023

Bookings close Monday 9th January 2023 at 11.59pm

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