

# The Overton Oracle



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## Beginning of an Era



Rev'd David Child is congratulated by Bishop Gregory

Congratulations to Rev'd David Child who was Licensed as Priest-in-charge of Overton & Erbistock at St Mary the Virgin, Overton on January 11th. The services was conducted by the Bishop of St Asaph and attended by a large number of clergy from the diocese and parishioners from Overton and surrounding parishes.

Bishop Gregory said "I am delighted that David Child has accepted my invitation to take up the post of Area Dean of the new Dee Valley Deanery. David has had a faithful ministry as an NSM for eight years, and is taking up House for Duty ministry in Overton, and will bring considerable skills to bear as Area Dean also."

On January 6th a special Epiphany service took place at St Mary's, Ruabon to merge the two Deaneries of Bangor and Llangollen into the brand new Dee Valley Deanery. At the service to mark the union of the Bangor and Llangollen deaneries Revd David Child was installed as the new Area Dean, taking over from Revd David Lewis who had been Area Dean in Bangor and Revd Andrew Sully who served as Llangollen's Area Dean.

## End of an Era

by Dave Austin



The life of the Fishermen's Hut which has stood for many, many years at the Darlands just off the Bangor road, has come to an end.

In the past it was a meeting place for fishermen who used to come from near and far, leave their bikes in the hut and wander through the woods to a stretch of the river known as The Darlands, returning later in the day to sit and chat of their daily experiences and no doubt about the one that got away.

As kids 65 years ago when we lived at the Firs Cottage, we spent many a happy hour playing in there. It was an old building then so

anyone might guess as to how old it really was or indeed who built it. It was occasionally renovated to provide shelter or storage and at times a place of privacy for the odd courting couples to share their more amorous favours. But sadly no more, another piece of local history gone forever, but at least this time a victim to old age and the power of nature and not that of the greed of man.

*Do you have memories of the Fishermans Hut?*

*If so write them up and leave them in the envelope in the Corner Shop or email [overtonoracle@gmail.com](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com)*



## Ramblings From the Reverend by David Child



First of all, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the tremendous welcome you gave me at my Licensing Service on January 11th. It is indeed a great privilege to serve as your Parish Priest.

In the Church February 2nd is Candlemas. Long ago Christianity recognized the need for a festival of light to break up the monotony of the winter months and to remind people that spring would soon reappear. Pagan Festivals traditionally celebrated light and newness at this time of the year and Christian Candlemas draws on these ancient rituals as it remembers Mary and Joseph bringing the new born Jesus to the temple where the old prophet Simeon recognises in the baby 'a light to lighten the nations.'

In America and Canada February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges on this day, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter will soon be over. If it is sunny, the groundhog will see its shadow and get back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

Some of you may have seen the film 'Groundhog Day'. Bill Murray plays a self-centered TV weatherman who when on an assignment to cover the annual Groundhog Day in a small town in Pennsylvania finds himself repeating the same day over and over again. He decides to take advantage of this and so without any fear of long-term consequences learns the secrets of the town's residents, seduces women, steals money, drives recklessly, gets thrown in jail and attempts suicide more than once. His attempts to get closer to Rita (Andie MacDowell), however, repeatedly fail.

When Phil explains the situation to Rita, she suggests that instead he should try to improve himself. So he tries help the townspeople, saves lives and gets closer to Rita. Eventually the time loop is broken and everyone lives happily ever after.

Candlemas, Groundhog Day is a time for us to put winter behind and like Phil, to build on past experiences, to renew our lives, to take on new challenges and to set our sights on the future spring ahead. So join us in celebrating Candlemas in our Festival of Light Communion Service on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.30. And join us also the following Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, Creation Sunday, when you are most welcome to bring your family household pets to church to celebrate God's love for all his creation in our Family Service at 10 am.

With every blessing,  
David.

## COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Bethan Large



Hello Everyone,  
As most of you may well know, we have been having problems with anti social behaviour in the village, many of you have fallen victim to it. I am happy to say after many calls into the police and us continuously on foot patrol we have finally caught up with the offenders and they have been dealt with.

I know the worst of the winter weather hasn't hit us yet so please remember some simple things when out in a vehicle in the bad weather.

- Always take a blanket, flask and a torch in case of an emergency.
- Make sure you carry de-icer and have anti freeze in your screen wash.
- The nights are ever so slowly dragging out but still bear in mind opportunists. Always lock you windows and doors even when you are in your house and check your vehicles before you go to bed.
- Many of us have garden sheds, and even though we keep our garden tools in them we all know they are not the sturdiest of structures so make sure you have a lock on the door and everything is put away after use.

Thank you,

*Beth*

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## Thank you

Lion President Joan Williams and members of Wrexham Maelor Lions Club, would like to extend there appreciation to Mike and Karen Pinder of the Corner Shop for donating a Christmas Hamper for a 4th year and selling the raffle tickets to their customers, which raised a grand total of £300. The money was gratefully received by Lions President Joan and Past Presidents David Bithell and Frank Lloyd. Once again the money will be put to good use in the community to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would like to thank the people of Overton and district for there very generous support.



*President Joan. Lion David Bithell. with Mike and staff*

### Overton children on stage

On March 23rd & 24th Overton AmDrams will present Overton Children on stage in "The Circus meets Shakespeare." Look our for more details in the next Oracle.



Children aged between 10 and 12 (ish) are invited to come along to the Village Hall on Sunday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm for fun rehearsals. For more details ring Sheila Miller on 710823 or Cynthia Davies on 710658.

### Calling all pets

Bring your household pets along to St Mary's Church on Sunday February 12th.

It is Creation Sunday and the Family Service at 10am will celebrate all God's creation.



Come along and help us celebrate, with them, all God's creation of amazing plants and animals.

### Play Centre News

What's on at the Play Centre?

- We will be holding a children's disco in the Village Hall in February (details to be confirmed.)
- And don't forget to read details of our Nearly New Sale on Page 5 of the Oracle when we will sell all of your unwanted baby and children's items.
- We are also collecting unwanted clothes for the 'bags for school' initiative again this year. Don't throw your unwanted clothes, shoes, blankets etc away, bring them to us. We get paid by the ton so it's a great fundraiser for us!!

**Overton Play Centre School Holiday Club**  
Is open throughout the half term  
for children from the age of 2 years up.  
£1.50 per half hour  
To book a place ring 01978 710784  
Next to St Mary's School.  
School Lane, Overton



March 18th is Mothers Day  
Send your personal message and greeting to your Mum via the Oracle.

Leave in the Oracle Envelope in the Corner Shop or email to [overtonoracle@gmail.com](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com) by 20th February

# Kids Kolumn

from Lily Simon and Jasmine Greenwood



Hey everyone, it's February!



And do you know what that means? It's Valentines Day! So tell your loved one how much you love them xxx

Valentine jokes

Here are some jokes you can really laugh about:

Q: What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

Q: What did one snake say to the other snake?

A: Give me a little hug and a hiss, honey.

And this poem is called "Plenty of love".



*Plenty of love,  
Tons of kisses  
Hope one day  
You will be my Mrs.*

Anyway we have to go now so happy Valentines Day and we will see you soon.  
From Lily and Jasmine xxxxx



**The Overton WI**  
**COFFEE MORNING**



will be held  
in the Village Hall  
on  
**Saturday March 3rd, 10.30am**

### Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 8th February at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Chicken & Leek Pie followed by Lemon Torte & Cream

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.



## New Chairs

The Village Hall is due to receive the second delivery of new chairs this month. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who have sponsored a chair at the cost of £30.

If any other person or organisation would like to add to our sponsor list they can contact Sue Glover on 01978 710413. Also if any village organisation would like to have any of the present chairs, either free of charge or for a small donation, they are welcome to contact Sue to organise collection.

## Overton Film Club



The next Overton Film Club screening will be Tuesday 28th February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The film will be "**A Separation**", Golden Globe winner and 2012 Oscar nominated for the Best Foreign Film. A family drama, whose starting point is a husband and wife getting separated - with both wanting custody of their teenage daughter.

FREE for Film Club members, plus a guest at the reduced entry of £2.50 — or £5 on the door.

## Overton Medical Practice

We believe we have now changed all patient prescriptions to one month's supply. We know this has taken some time to adapt and would like to express our gratitude to you all for your support. As you can imagine, the change to monthly prescription has caused a considerable increase in the number of scripts being processed at any one time and has placed an additional strain on the local chemist.

Due to this increased workload, it is really important that patients are fully aware that all prescriptions take 48 hours from leaving the surgery to being dispensed at the chemist for collection. Please allow us 48 hours us to get them processed, checked and signed by the Doctors. To make sure you have your full compliment of medications you should be putting your request in at least 1 week before you run out. We do not accept prescription requests over the phone, but can offer you the services of the online EMIS Access facility. This allows you to book Doctors' appointments and to place your repeat prescription requests using your PC.

Recently Sandra Griffiths, our Lead Receptionist, was presented with her 10 year service award. Sandra is the 8th member of the Practice Team to attain the award. She joins the "club" containing Dr Myres, Dr McNeill, Denise Ford, Helen Lewis, Liz Catherall, Gwen Griffiths and Diane Jamieson. Medical Student Carl Parfitt will be with us from 10<sup>th</sup> January for a 6 week training period. We hope he finds the experience both enjoyable and beneficial.

## Recipe of the Month



A new addition to the Oracle is "Recipe of the Month". The aim is to offer a recipe suggestion that can be made from seasonal ingredients that can be bought in the village.

February's suggestion could be part of a romantic supper for two for Valentine's night, or just a scrummy snack for anytime.

Camembert fondue to share

- 1 Camembert
- 2 tblsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp rosemary
- crusty bread
- 50g(2oz) walnuts (chopped and toasted)
- 2tblsp clear honey

Put Camembert in ovenproof dish. Make a few cuts in top and drizzle with the oil and add rosemary. Cover with foil.

Bake in preheated oven, 200°C, gas mark 6 for 5-10 mins until gooey. Sprinkle with walnuts and honey.

Serve with lightly toasted crusty bread. Also fingers of raw vegetables makes a delicious stick to dip.

Thanks to Julie Done of Woodlands Deli

## 1952 - 2012

This month celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Queen's reign. Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6th February 1952 (her Coronation took place on 2nd June 1953).



But to make the most of what we hope will be better weather the Official Celebrations will take place 2nd to 5th June 2012. The late May bank holiday has been moved to Monday 4 June 2012 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will take place on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

Have you thought about how you will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?

**Sunday 3 June 2012 is** The Big Jubilee Lunch: Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people are encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This may take the form of a traditional street party or a picnic lunch in small or larger groups. More details on <http://www.thebiglunch.com>

**Monday 4 June 2012 is** the lighting of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons:

A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

More details on <http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/>

## Overton Play Centre Nearly New Sale

Looking for good quality baby, children or maternity clothes, toys and baby equipment at reasonable prices? Need to clear some valuable space and make some money?

The Overton Playcentre Nearly New Sale could be the perfect solution – top-quality baby and children's clothes and equipment at bargain prices straight from their loving owners. Everything you need for your child can be found at our Nearly New Sale. The sales are also a great way to recycle well-looked-after or little used items whilst raising funds for yourself and for the Overton Playcentre.



### How our Nearly New Sale works.

#### **Selling with us**

Selling at our Nearly New Sale is the ideal way to recycle your well-looked-after or little used baby and children items; and make some money for yourself in the process. We will be selling to a strong and dedicated crowd of expectant parents, new parents, parents of slightly older children, childminders, grandparents and nursery managers, so your items will quickly find happy new owners.

The sale will take place at **Overton Village Hall** On **Saturday March 17th** and we will lay out all sale items as if it were a huge department store - they are displayed in age and gender clothing sections, toys, games, books, parenting equipment, maternity wear and so on... this makes it so much easier for our buyers to find what they're looking for.

As a seller you will be able to label and price up your items at your own pace Just sort through your items, label them up, put them into categories, drop them off on the day of the sale, and pick up your unsold items afterwards. Easy!

To register as a seller with us please send an email to [OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk) or phone/text us on 07730 237278. Please include your full name, address, email and contact number. In good time before the sale you will receive a seller's pack including a number, tickets and some sale guidelines. Following the sale we process the labels from your sold items and work out how much money you have made. We deduct a 30% commission from your total as a donation to Overton Playcentre and a £1 admin charge towards helping us cover the running costs. We then pop a cheque in the post to you. That is all there is to it - unless you can **volunteer** on the day. Many of our sellers find that being a volunteer on the day makes them become better sellers, as they can see which items sell at what price, and which ones don't.

#### **How to Buy**

Buying at one of our sales is really quite simple. Buyers generally arrive nice and early and join the queue - first in the queue gets in first (There is a way to get in before the public by **volunteering** for the day, see details below). We have hundreds of items up for sale, so don't worry about missing out on bargains if you are not at the front of the queue. At the entrance there will be an entry fee of £1 per adult - children are free.

When you arrive you will be handed a large shopping bag to fill. More bags are available if you need them, just ask one of our volunteers. Items will be easy to find - they are clearly labelled into sections. We cannot sell mattresses, car seats and mains electrical items. Some other items may be sold separately on our large items notice board in the refreshments area – make sure you have a look. When shopping you may also like to enjoy a well deserved cuppa and a home made cake!

Once you've found everything you need, and even more things you want, you'll go through our tills section where items will be delabelled and bagged for you. We can accept payment by cash or cheques (supported by a cheque guarantee card).

#### **Volunteering**

We need volunteers to help us between the hours of 10am and 4pm. They help us place all the rails and tables in the venue before the sellers arrive with their items. Our wonderful volunteers then lay out the items in the correct areas in the venue, and make everything look orderly and nicely presented. We then break for lunch and after that the excitement starts - the volunteer's pre-sale! A whole hour of shopping for what you want before the general public are allowed in, what a bonus! Once the general public come in, it is all hands on deck. We have dedicated volunteer roles (e.g. large items, refreshments, tills) but we will guide you through every bit of the sale. When the public has gone, every volunteer helps to sort any unsold items into seller numbers and to dismantle rails, before going home for a well-earned rest.

#### **For more information on the Nearly New Sale**

✉ Email us on [OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk)

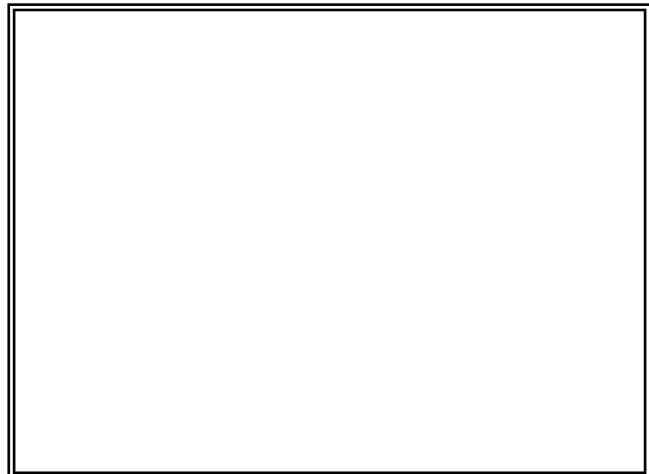
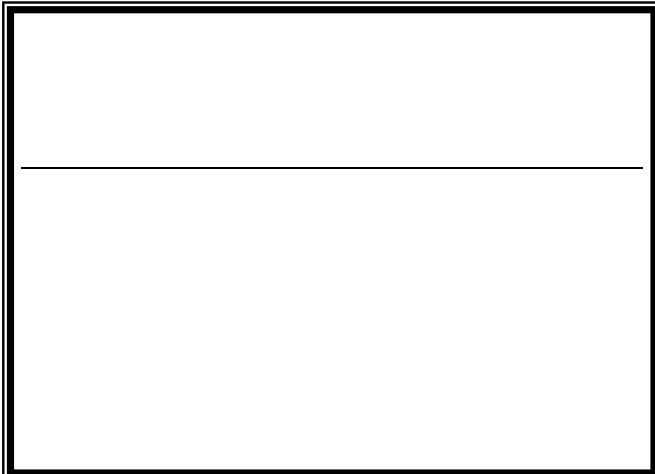
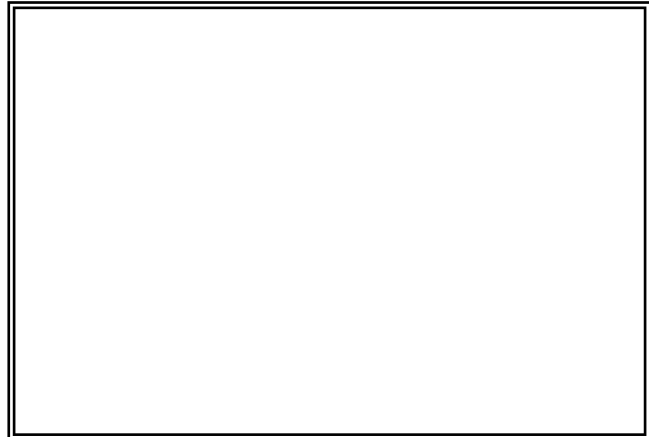
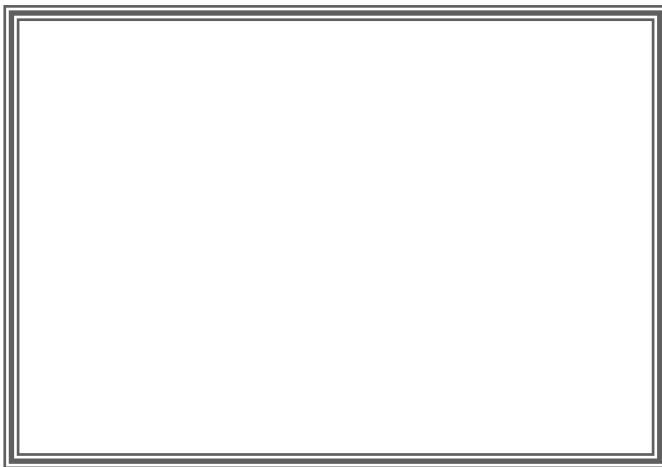
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### Death of Legion Veteran

The Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion is mourning the death of long serving member Neville Scott. Neville, who lived at Sodyllt Hall, died quite suddenly on November 24th 2011. He served in the Merchant Navy during the war for the Blue Funnel Line and was Vice President of the Overton Branch of the Legion for many years. Neville is survived by his wife Angela.

The present Vice Presidents are Sir Charles Lowther, Jean Williams and Mary Hilton-Jones. President of the Overton Branch is Peter Rosselli.

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**WHAT'S ON****February Diary for St Mary's Services**

- Sunday February 5th** 11:30am Candlemas Festival of Light, Holy Communion
- Sunday February 12th** 10:00am Creation Sunday Praise Family Service - Bring your household pets
- Sunday February 19th** 11:30am Holy Communion
- Sunday February 26th** 10:00am Family Communion

**Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings** 6.30pm

**Wednesday February 8th** 10am to 12pm 'Volunteers Open Day' at the Penley Rainbow Centre.

**Wednesday February 8th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

**Wednesday February 8th** 7.30pm The Maelor Music Society at the Maelor School Penley presents Louis Schwizgebel-Wang on Piano

**Friday February 10th** 8pm for 9pm show. Blues/rock band 'The Hamsters' at Overton Village Hall

**Monday February 13th** 10.30am Overton British Legion will be meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

**Tuesday February 14th** Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

**Thursday February 16th** 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker: Marlene Ayling on "Royal Memorabilia." Comp: Coronation souvenir

**Saturday February 18th** 6.30pm Twinning Family Beetle Drive at Village Hall. Mixed teams of children and adults £5 per adult £2.50 per child with supper

**Tuesday February 28th** 7.30pm Overton Film Club at the Village Hall. The film is "A Separation"

**Wednesday February 29th** 7.30pm The Maelor Music Society at the Maelor School Penley presents music from Violin, Cello & Piano

**Saturday March 3rd** 10.30am Overton WI Coffee Morning at Overton Village Hall

**Saturday March 3rd** Twinning Wine Tasting Evening in the Village Hall. Good wines, pate & light supper

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**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations** to Jonathan & Susie Hughes on the birth of baby Owen, a new brother for Sophie and grandson for Les Hughes.

**Happy February birthdays** to Harry Whittall & Lewis Jones (both 1), Sandy Foster, Chilley Grindley, Lyn Evans, Brian Manley, Nicola Archer, Stella Austin, Doreen Howells, Olive Roberts, Dereck Bell, Amy Perrin, Georgie Davies, Lily & Davina Simon & **Happy 90th** to Miss Owen & Fred Cooper. Belated birthday wishes to Amy Perrin

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of

**Graham Watts.** Graham and Valerie Watts came to this area in 1958 following their marriage in Sth Wales when Graham took a post as teacher at Grove Park School, Wrexham. He then moved to Yale College teaching Chemistry for 2 years. Most of his career however was spent as Maths & Science tutor at Cartrefle College where he became Head of Education. Following his retirement from there he trained to be a Schools Inspector in Wales and continued in this position for the next 10 years.

Despite his many commitments with work and family Graham found time to get involved with many activities of Overton village life. He was secretary of the Produce Show for over 20 years having a particular interest and talent for flower arranging and for floral art. He was church warden and a chorister in St Mary's Overton until their return to Sth Wales in 1999. He was an enthusiastic member of Overton Am Drams, and a committee member of the Maelor Music Society and chairman of the school governors at the Maelor School, Penley. Graham was supportive of Valerie's role in the village. She was founder member of the Playgroup and an active WI member. People who have contributed to the community life of our village are not forgotten.

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