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Awards for Poppy Appeal Collectors

At the Royal British Legion coffee morning in June, award certificates were presented to several people who have worked for many years selling poppies around the village on behalf of the Legion's Poppy Appeal. The awards were presented by Kevin Forbes, Poppy Appeal Organiser for North Wales. The awards presented were as follows: - Mrs Mary Jones - 5 years; Barbara James - 10 years; Josie Ralphs - 10 years; The Corner Shop - 10 years; Beattie Roberts - 20 years; Gwenan Done - 25 years and Betty Williams - 50 years an incredible effort! Not present on the day were Pat Edwards - 10 years; Margaret Evison - 15 years and The Post Office - 50 years another marvellous effort!

A special award for merit was presented to Roy



Walker (*see left*) for 30 years service including over 25 years as Branch Secretary, until he retired at the last AGM.

The coffee morning raised over £220 and thank you to everyone who contributed time and money.

From left to right: Karen & Mike Pinder, Beattie

Roberts, Betty Williams, Mary Jones, Josie Ralphs, Barbara James and Gwenan Done.



Meals on wheels



A new Meals on Wheels service has been launched which will cover the villages of Penley, Hanmer and Overton-On-Dee. Meals are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

A 2 Course home-made meal costs £4.50 and is delivered at lunch time. If you would like more information then telephone 01948 830730

July Drop - in



Overton Community Council invites you to 'drop in' on Wednesday 3rd July 10.00am to 11.00am in the Parish Room for coffee/tea and chat - an opportunity for Overton residents to come along and speak directly to Community Councillors about any issues

or concerns you may have about your village, or to discuss an idea or project you would like to suggest.

Lloyd Kenyon your County Councillor, your local PCSO as well as Community Councillors will be available for you to meet and discuss any local matters.

Come in and meet the people who are your voice



OVERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2013

Exhibits need to be brought to the Village Hall before 11.00am on the morning of the Show.

Show opens at 2.30 pm. Presentation of Prizes at 4pm



Ramblings From the Reverend **by Rev'd David Child**



The new Rector was getting bogged down with administration. The Roman Catholic Deacon and the Methodist Lay Preacher felt sorry for him and they wondered how they could cheer him up. Perhaps at this stage, I should reassure you that, *'all characters in this story are fictitious and any resemblance to real persons, living or dead is purely coincidental'*.

Anyhow the Deacon and the Lay Preacher were keen fishermen and they decided to ask the Rector if he'd like to join them on a fishing trip. Although he had never fished before the Rector was pleased to accept their kind offer and the following Saturday there they were fishing from a little boat in the middle of the lake. After a while the Roman Catholic Deacon said 'I'm cold, I'll go back and get a sweater'. He got out of the boat, walked across the water and returned with his sweater. Soon the Methodist Lay Preacher said, 'This bait's no good, I'll go and get some more'. He climbed out of the boat and walked across the water and returned with the bait. The new Rector wasn't going to let the others think they had more faith than him, so he said, 'I'm getting hungry, I'll go and fetch my sandwiches.' He climbed out and started to sink – glug, glug, glug! As they hauled him out, the Roman Catholic Deacon said to the Methodist Lay Preacher, 'Perhaps we should have told him about the stepping stones'

Do you remember the story of Jesus walking on the water? The disciples had gone fishing, all night long their boat had been battered by a storm, but early in the morning Jesus comes walking towards them across the water. He calls out, 'Don't be afraid, it's me.' Peter asks if he too can walk on the water. He gets frightened and begins to sink, but Jesus holds him up and when they get back into the boat there is peace and the disciples realise that Jesus is the Son of God.

You'll miss the point of this story if you concentrate on trying to work out what exactly happened and don't ask what it means. Justin Welby in his first sermon as Archbishop of Canterbury tells us that what this story means is that each one of us needs to listen to Jesus and to 'get out of the boat and go to Him.' That means getting out of our comfort zone, taking risks, speaking and acting as Jesus wants us to. Every time we leave the comfort of our own traditions and places, every time we go into the waves and reach out for the hand of Jesus, the world slowly but surely changes for the better.

With every blessing,
David

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Phil Jones



Hi, welcome to this month's Beat Report

I've no doubt that you heard the Police Force Helicopter overhead recently. Times like this are very scarce in the village, however on this occasion there was a requirement for it. You may have heard in the press that 2 vehicles were entered that were parked near the Bangor Road area of Overton. A male was seen in the area wearing a balaclava, he ran off and a thorough search of the area was carried out, unfortunately on this occasion he was not found. You can rest assured that the Police response to these incidents is very swift, the Force helicopter only takes minutes to arrive at Overton if such incidents happen in the future. Officers are despatched immediately, including the dog section if required. However, as I say, these incidents are very rare and this occasion was big news as it doesn't happen here very often.

I keep going back to personal security of your homes, vehicles, sheds, garages etc. Make sure you take necessary steps to secure your property, make sure if you have remote central locking that you remember to lock your cars, these remotes are very good these days so you won't even have to leave the house to lock your vehicle. As it gets a bit warmer people leave windows open in their homes. Remember if you go out to lock your windows; don't make it easy for offenders!

I again have noticed vehicles travelling too fast through the village, especially on Station Road past the Police Station towards Penley! The problem of speeding motor bikes through the village has increased with the recent nice weather. They will get caught and will get dealt with accordingly.

Anti-Social behaviour has stopped so that's very positive, let's keep it that way.

PCSO Stephen O'Connell has now moved to another area to serve, I would like to thank Steve for all his hard work in the area and wish him good luck in the new patch. We have a new PCSO starting at Overton Station. Her name is Robina Ahmed who is transferring from Wrexham Town. I've no doubt she will witness a big difference with Rural policing, however, I'm sure she will fit in well with the Overton Policing team. Robina will be covering Cross Lanes, Bangor on Dee, Worthenbury, Tallarn Green, Bronington and sub hamlets in-between.

Thanks for reading.

PCSO Phil Jones 2858

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Non urgent calls 101 or in emergency call 999
Overton Police Station covering area's Overton, Penley, Hanmer, Bettisfield & Horseman's Green.

Playgroup News

Happy Summer Holiday's and here's hoping we get some decent weather!!

A quick update from last month, the final figure for bags 2 school recycle collection was £145 and the Clairvoyant night raised £266.50! Thanks for everyone's help with both.

Throughout the summer we are planning to attend car boot sales and are looking for donations of any kind to sell. "One man's junk is another man's treasure"! We can sell anything from lawn mowers to toys and clothes. Donations can be left at the Playcentre.

Don't forget we are open throughout the summer holidays so when the kids start to climb the walls, let them have a day of fun at the Playcentre!
Best Wishes, and happy holidays

Angie Atkins

OVERTON PLAYCENTRE

HOLIDAY CLUB

for children aged 2 to 8 yrs

We are open between 8am - 6pm
throughout the summer holidays

£1.50 PER ½ HOUR

PHONE OR JUST CALL IN

01978 710688

All our staff are qualified, CRB checked
and have many years experience.

Overton July Cricket Fixtures

Saturday 6th - Guilsfield - Away

Saturday 13th - Bowmere Heath - Home

Saturday 20th - Hinstock - Away

Saturday 22nd - Ludlow - Away

All games start 1.30pm New members welcome



The Village Hall 2013 AGM is on Monday 15th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Anyone interested in taking an active part in running the Village Hall, or who just wants to see what goes on, is most welcome.

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 10th July at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Baked Gammon and Parsley Sauce with New Potatoes and Peas followed by Apple Flan and Custard

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
Robyn Rehbock and
Charley Middleton



Hey everyone! Are you ready for the summer holidays?



**Here are some tongue-twisters;
see who can say them the fastest!**

1. I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.
2. One-one was a race horse; Two-two was one too. One-one won one race; Two-two won one too.
3. How many cookies could a good cook cook, if a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.
4. She saw Sheriff's shoes on the sofa. But was she so sure she saw Sheriff's shoes on the sofa?
5. He threw three free throws.

Thinking of going to the cinema on a wet day in the summer holidays? Here are some films that are coming out soon.

- The Smurfs 2
- Smash and Grab, the Story of the Pink Panthers
- Top Cat
- Despicable Me 2
- One Direction: This is Us
- My Little Pony: Equestrian Girls



Here are some Riddles for you to Solve!

What goes up but never comes down?

Your age

What gets wetter the more it dries?

A towel

What did the ocean say to the beach?

Nothing it just waved

St Mary' School Sports Day results

Victor Ludorum: Nicholas Bateman,
Joint Victrix Ludorum: Beth Harrison & Charlotte Done,
Outstanding Sportsmanship: Megan Tobianski,
Sports Day Cup was won by Alyn House



Kids take over the Library !

Top 5 reasons why your child must visit their local Overton library on Monday 22nd July, between 2.00 and 4.00pm?

- Blast off with books this summer, make visiting your local library one of your weekly summer holiday activities
- It is FREE to become a member, borrow books and go on the computers
- **Dare your child enter the 'Creepy House', this year's fantastic summer reading challenge?** Every child who enrolls will receive a starter pack to track their reading, stickers as they progress, and a medal and certificate at the end.
- ONE DAY ONLY - Monday 22nd July FREE replacement card to all children who enrol onto the 'Summer Reading Challenge' who've misplaced or lost their card.
- Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence. Let's help make Overton children life long readers!

This year we challenge you all to visit

Overton and Wrexham Libraries as much as possible.

To find out more about Creepy House visit

www.creepy-house.org.uk



Tae Kwon-Do success

Congratulations to Lynn who assists with the teaching of children at the Overton Tae Kwon-Do school with Instructor Tracy Fry. 3 members of her family have gained their 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Nicolas, 11 and his brother Joseph, 12, started training at Wrexham Tae-Kwon-Do in 2009 and 2 months later their mum Lynn decided to join them.

Recently Joseph and Lynn travelled down to the TAGB Academy in Bristol to take their grading assessment in front of five 8th Degree Masters. Nicolas had already achieved his Grading last October.. All three are now 1st Degree Black Belts.



What does 'Clwyd South' mean to you?

The Assembly Member and Member of Parliament that represent Clwyd South are looking for a logo that represents the area. The competition is open to anyone who lives in our constituency and entries can be in any format, a picture, photograph or electronic illustration.

Designs should distil the spirit of the constituency. The winning design will be used on all correspondence & information during our terms of office. Send by **July 31st**: to Ken Skates AM, The Malthouse Business Centre, Llangollen, LL20 8HS or email to Ken.Skates@wales.gov.uk.

Medical Practice

If you are aged over 40 and our records indicate that you have not had your Blood Pressure checked in the past 5 years, you may have received a letter from us recently. There is no need to panic! We would like to offer you an appointment for a BP check and possibly a cholesterol check with one of the Nursing Team. This is simply a precautionary measure! Contact reception to arrange your appointment, then relax.

During the next couple of months there will be some changes to the baby immunisations regime. A Rotavirus (intestinal infection) vaccine is being introduced for babies at 2 months and 3 months. The MenC jab at 4 months will cease.

MP & AM surgery

Susan Elan Jones, Overton's MP and Ken Skates, Overton's Welsh Assembly member will be holding a joint public advice surgery in Overton on Friday, 6th September at the Cocoa Rooms, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

These are operated on a first come, first served basis. No appointments needed, just turn up and all will be seen.

Should you require any further information please ring Eileen on 01978 824288



Magnificent Mural

This term at St Mary's School, the older pupils at Key Stage Two have been creating a mural of Overton and the surrounding area. With so many local areas of beauty and interest, the pupils have been very busy sketching various locations within the village in order to create a final design. Hillary Roberts, a North Wales artist has been working with our pupils, and together they have used a variety of techniques such as felting and printing to create a fantastic piece of work which is now proudly on display within the school.



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

St Mary's School is fortunate to have a very supportive and hard working PTA who organise various fundraising events throughout the year. Funds raised by our PTA make a significant difference and supplement our own budget. This year, thanks to their hard work and effort, we have been able to purchase additional I-Pads and Notebooks for use by all of our pupils.

In order to continue and develop their vital support, the PTA have decided to become known as a 'Friends Association' in order to welcome local residents who may wish to support the school. The Friends Association hold regular meetings throughout the year and always welcome additional support. If you would like further details regarding their work and dates of future meetings, please contact the school.

Carol Dykes trip to Africa is postponed till March because of the organisers illness, but meanwhile she will keep on fundraising for the schools they are helping.

Sunflowers in the Park

Sunflowers will be holding a 'Picnic in the Park' on July 13th 12-2pm. A chance to get together and have fun. Bring along a family picnic and come to Overton. There will be teas, coffees and cakes (and a raffle) in the Scout Hut if you forget your picnic (or if it rains!!). Bring along any family games we can all play too! And of course we will be announcing the winner of the Sunflower Flower Quiz!! so get your copies in before or do it at the picnic!



Cash for Cricket Club

Overton Cricket Club have just received the great news that our Community Chest Grant from Sports Wales has been successful to the tune of £1,490. This will ensure training to level 1 coaching standard for 2 members of the club, relevant first aid training and a whole host of much needed equipment.

Congratulations to Matthew Lawrenson on achieving 'cricketeering' status, as a volunteer at the recent ICC champions trophy at Edgbaston, Birmingham. He rubbed shoulders with many a cricketing great, Alistair Cook, Ian Botham, Mike Atherton to name but a few.

Sunday afternoon tea



Contact the Elderly and Penley Rainbow Centre are working together to fight loneliness and social isolation in older people. They are setting up a small friendship group to take out 7-8 older guests for Sunday afternoon tea once a month in the Penley/Overton area.

- Would you be a host, welcoming the group into your home for tea and cake just once a year? All that's needed to host is a downstairs loo, not too many steps and a big teapot!
- Or would you help with the driving, picking up the older guests and going along with them to enjoy the tea, then taking them home safely afterwards?

A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Also, if you are over 75, live alone, and need a hand getting out and about, please ask about joining the group as one of our guests. It's free to join and you will be picked up from home.

If you want to help make a difference, tel: Rebecca Cupit on 01948 830730 or Liz Morgan of Contact the Elderly on 01938 810635. Or email elizabeth.morgan@contact-the-elderly.org.uk

Overton Cemetery

May we request that any relatives of May Jones contact the Clerk to Overton Community Council to discuss the maintenance work which is required as the headstone in Overton Cemetery appears to be unsafe.

If no relatives come forward it may be necessary for Overton Community Council to lay the headstone down.

Please contact Katrina Chalk,
Clerk to Overton Community Council
Tel: 01978 710 055

Situations vacant

Cleaner/Housekeeper required in Ruabon.
3 hours per week (flexible) initially, potentially increasing to 5 hours per week (flexible), to include some ironing. Please telephone 01978 824673

Part-time Book-keeper/administrator required to support a growing small business based in Ruabon. Strong organisational skills and IT literate. 10 hours per month (flexible) initially, potentially increasing to 2/3 days per week (flexible) in September. Would suit a parent of young children looking to work part-time inside school hours and holidays. Please telephone 01978 824673.

Penley Rainbow Centre Craft Days

Rustic Ragging (Rag Rugging)

Thursday 4th July

10.30am – 2.30pm



Rag Rugging is an old skill that has been used for hundreds of years to turn old, unwanted textiles into hard-wearing, decorative rugs. It was particularly popular in the UK in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when most people could not afford to buy carpets or rugs and needed to make their own floor coverings.

Today the tradition of Rag Rugging is being kept alive by craftspeople, who use the technique to make decorative wall hangings as well as rugs.

Come and join us and if you have any stories about your own experiences please feel free to tell us during the day (including any homemade tools you use to use or maybe still have!)

Origami

Thursday 1st August

10.30am - 2.30pm



Learn how to fold decorative napkins make toilet roll ends more attractive and find out what other interesting things you can create

Origami is the Japanese word for paper folding. ORI means to fold and KAMI means paper. Together, they form the word, "origami." It is an art form that has been handed down from parent to child through many generations. Origami involves the creation of paper forms usually entirely by folding.

To book a place please call 01948 830730

£12 per person which includes a 2 course home cooked meal and tea or coffee.



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WHAT'S ON**July Diary for St Mary's Services****Sunday July 7th** 10.00am Family Village Praise**Sunday July 14th** 11.30am Holy Communion**Sunday July 21st** 10.00am Family Communion**Sunday July 28th** 11.30am Holy Communion**July Diary for Methodist Chapel Services****Sunday evenings** 6.30pm

Except July 28th when there will be an All Age Worship at 11am, and no evening service

Every Saturday 10.30am - 12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel**Every Wednesday** 10.30 - 12noon Weekly Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church in aid of Nightingale House**Wednesday July 3rd** 10.00 - 11.00am Overton Community Council Drop-In in the Parish Room**Wednesday July 3rd** 1.30 - 2.30pm Nordic Walking Open Day at Penley Rainbow Centre**Thursday July 4th** 10.30 - 2.30pm Penley Rainbow Craft day - Rag Rugging and Lunch Club at 12.30pm**Saturday July 6th** 2.00pm Overton Methodist Church Garden fete at Holly Cottage, Knolton.**Monday July 8th** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli**Tuesday July 9th** 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 - 7.30pm.**Wednesday July 10th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.**Saturday July 13th** 12 - 2.00pm Sunflowers "Picnic at the Park" at Overton playingfield or Scout Hut**Saturday July 13th** 1.30 - 2.00pm Village Treasure Hunt. Start from outside Overton Recreational Club. £5 per Team. Maximum 4 to a Team.**Monday July 15th** 7.30pm Overton Village Hall AGM in the Parish Room. All welcome**Tuesday July 16th** 12.30 - 1.30pm Penley Rainbow Lunch Club**Thursday July 18th** 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker will be Christine Salisbury on "Your True Colours". Competition - A black & white photograph**Thursday August 1st** 10.30 - 2.30pm Penley Rainbow Craft day - Origami and Lunch Club at 12.30pm**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS****Congratulations** to Josef & Clare Henstock on the birth of a new son George Peter, a brother for Evie.**Congratulations** to Paul & Jane Nicholls (nee Edge) on the birth of lovely baby Florence May. With love from Auntie Jan & Uncle Colin and all your friends in Overton.**Happy July Birthdays** to Colin Davies, Alice Foster, Philippa Whitley, Jasmine Grindley, Dave (coal) Jones, Miranda Austin, Matthew Lawrenson, Mike Pritchard, Paul Edwards and Davina Pritchard.Happy **50th Birthdays** to Jackie Kellet and Ruth Overthrow.Happy **60th Birthday** to Avril Williams**Congratulations** to Mark Whittall and Kate Best on their recent Engagement**Congratulations** on their 10th Wedding Anniversary to Jackie & Dereck Kellet.**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Cynthia Morrison from the Cloy who has passed away.**Garden Fete**in aid of Overton Methodist Church
at Holly Cottage, Knolton

on Saturday July 6th at 2.00pm. Tickets 50p

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