

The Overton Oracle

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Welcome to our Polish visitors



This year during the week of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, Overton will play host to Choir Voivodship of the Police in Bialystock. Bialystock is the largest city in north-eastern Poland. They are a mixed choir established in September 2003, consisting of police officers, employees, their families and friends.

The choir will compete in the A1 Competition for Mixed Choirs on Saturday 12th July, but they will also be performing on the S4C stage on the Eisteddfod field on Friday 11th July at 2.30pm.



'Their name liveth for evermore'

How often do we notice things around us? Do you know where these words are in our village High Street? They are on the front of the village War Memorial opposite St Marys Church, with the names of the 30 men of Overton who lost their lives in the Great War.

August 4th 1914 was the date of the commencement of The Great War. On Sunday August 3rd 2014, one hundred years on, the Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion will be commemorating the start of World War I with a church service in St Mary's Church at 10.00 am. As part of this service the Legion will be laying up the old East Denbighshire County Standard, which had been carried at County events by Gerry Owen of Overton Branch for many years. Everyone from the village is welcome to attend and we hope to see you all there.

We are delighted that Overton Community Council was able to obtain grants to relay a new base for the War Memorial and to repoint the lime mortar around the memorial itself. We think that everyone will agree that W D Stant Ltd, who carried out the work have done an excellent job. We will be re-dedicating the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in November.

As part of the Legion's commemoration of those from Overton who fell during the First World War, the Oracle has agreed to give space so that in the month that each one died we will be writing an article about them. The first will be Charles Johnson of Knolton, who died on 26th October 1914 in France just 84 days after war was declared. If any of the families of those names on the War Memorial would like to add any memories, family photos or facts they have, please e-mail the Oracle or write your notes and drop them into the Corner Shop.

And we hope to see you at St Mary's Church on the 3rd August.

An old picture of the War Memorial



OVERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2014

Exhibits need to be brought to the Village Hall 9.00 to 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 Canon David Child



Many people (passports permitting!!) will soon be flying to sunnier climes and exotic locations for their holidays. Flying has these days become routine when families are separated by 100s of miles or by continents. There's this story. A grandmother learnt that her grandson, living and working with his wife in Hong Kong had had a new baby – her first great grandchild. She had never flown before but she was determined at the age of 84 to go and visit them. She had this overwhelming feeling that she just had to hold this baby in her arms.

She talked it through with her children, they were anxious but she was very determined and she would go on her own. So they clubbed together to get her a seat in 'business class'. The day came; she was so excited to be on a plane for the first time. A business man came and sat next to her, got out his Laptop and started to work. 'Isn't this wonderful' she said to him, 'So thrilling. Just think this huge plane with all these people and all this cargo will actually fly through the sky!' She then tested her seat belt, re-checked her reading lamp and adjusted the air vent repeatedly. She located all the emergency exits and pointed them out. She patted his hand and informed him if the flight attendant offered him a soft drink, that it would be OK as it was included in the ticket price. She found the safety instruction card and read it out to him twice and when the flight attendants gave their instructions she took notes! It was a magical moment for her, a moment that she'd dreamed about and now it was really happening.

The business man decided to give up all attempts at work. He was touched by her enthusiasm and he too became sensitized to all that was happening around him and how truly amazing it really was. He got a kick just watching her savouring the experience of a life time and basking in the glow of that moment. And the other passengers he looked at, they were bored, preoccupied or asleep. They had become victims of the 'frequent flyer syndrome' – no wonder, no excitement, no miracle. It was the same old hat, the same old grind, business as usual, just going through the motions.

We too can so easily become victims of the 'frequent flyer syndrome' – preoccupied, bored, uninspired, just stonewalling our way through life. But it's dangerous because it can rob us of the vitality and joy of life. This world is amazing, the people we love and the people we meet are truly amazing and wonderful. This whole universe is amazing and wonderful and so too must be the person and the power who brought it into being.

With every blessing, David

Country Beat

by PCSO Phil Jones



Hello.

Could I make you all aware that there has been a rise on items being taken from gardens, i.e. statues, garden ornaments, we have had thefts in Overton/Hanmer areas. Please keep a check of your items, if possible fit CCTV to protect your belongings. If you see anyone suspicious please ring it in on 101. Our Community Safety department have a booklet for security products, if you require one, email me or call me on 07854 389056. One idea is a halogen security light that when triggered the light comes on and starts recording footage, ideal for remote outbuildings.

It was nice to drop in to the June British Legion Coffee morning. I myself have served in the Territorial Army for 34 years so it was nice to meet up with comrades again.

There has been reports of youths congregating in cars on the car park at the rear of the Doctors Surgery, I'm aware that youths like to meet up, however these meeting points should be away from residential homes. There has also been reports of youths speeding up School Lane and flying over the newly installed speed bumps. This has serious consequences as the vehicle could go out of control and possibly injure someone. During the last council meeting it was mentioned that there has been a rise in cars stopping on the zig zag lines outside St Marys, this has to stop please. Patrols will again be stepped up in the area.

Introducing our new Rural Crime Officer PC Paul Davies for Flintshire & Wrexham. Paul has been a police officer for over 10 years, 8 of which have been in community policing as a community beat manager, and has been a member of the Nth Wales Police search team for 6 years. As well as his day to day role as a CBM he has carried out the role of Divisional Wildlife Officer for Wrexham, the last 18 months of which have been as a divisional wildlife co-ordinator for the Wrexham County. He received the North Wales Police Divisional Wildlife officer of the year award for 2010 & 2012.



Prior to joining Nth Wales Police, Paul worked in agriculture, horticulture and pest control industries and has a keen interest in rural matters. Paul is looking forward to working with the new Rural Crime Team and the rural and farming communities, to offer help and reassurance, and also to working towards reducing rural crime in North Wales. Paul is currently in the process of learning Welsh and has already attained level 3.

Remember I can be contacted using the details below. Thank you

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Playgroup News

We hope everyone has a fantastic summer, don't forget we will be open all throughout the holidays!

Each month I thank everyone who has helped us fundraise, everyone does a fantastic job and it makes me so proud to be working within such an amazing team. For this month I want to say a big thank you to all the staff working at the Playcentre, Margaret, Angela, Nicole and Charlotte do amazing work with our children. I would like to thank them for their continued commitment and energy. They often go beyond the call of duty, working extra hours weekends and evenings not only to help with charity fundraising events but also to help with the decoration and maintenance of the Playcentre. We all fully appreciate how hard they work and how dedicated they are, and this deserves extra special thanks.

Margaret recently gave up yet another weekend to pack bags at Asda, together with her team of parents they raised £300! A special thanks to Andrea and Sam who have spent many years helping at the Playcentre as previous committee members and yet still find the time to continue to offer their support. Have a fun summer everyone!!

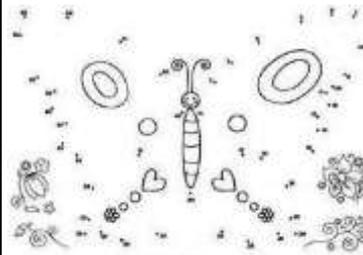
Best wishes
Angie Atkins

Kids Kolumn

Hello everyone!
School is nearly finished for the year!



Are you excited?



Join the dots to make the picture of a summery butterfly

Here are some facts about the sun that has been making our summer days sunny!

- * The sun is 4.6 billion years old
- * The earth could fit into the sun 1,000,000+ times
- * In the very centre of the sun it is 15,000,000 ° hot
- * The sun is 92.96 million miles away from earth
- * Light takes 8 minutes to travel from the sun to the earth.
- * The sun is the largest thing in our solar system.
- * The sun is a common star that has planets orbiting it.
- * There are many stars that are bigger than the sun



Unscramble all of the words to do with summer into the boxes

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XBCTED	□□□□□□
DCAPE	□□□□
KAPR	□□□□
NYCIAOTA	□□□□□□□□
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PNICMAG	□□□□□□□□
MUMERS	□□□□□□
HERTOS	□□□□□□



Recipe to make a strawberry ice lolly

Ingredients: 250g strawberries, 100ml natural yogurt (or orange/lemon juice), 1 teaspoon of honey.

Put all of the ingredients in a blender, when it has been liquidized put it into a mould. Leave to set for no less than 4 hours.



Colour in the picture with your favourite summer colours



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 01978 710688

OR JUST CALL IN

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



Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on **Wednesday 9th July** at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be Cold meats and salad buffet followed by fruit salad ice cream.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

Alpacas and tea

Overton Womens Institute's June outing was a visit to Mulberry Alpacas. 16 ladies enjoyed an afternoon visit to the alpacas at Knockin Heath and as you can see from the photos the alpacas gave them a warm welcome!



After then visiting nearby Hall Farm Nursery at Kinnerley they were guests of Kinnerley W.I. who also provided a warm welcome and an excellent afternoon tea in Kinnerley Village Hall.



If you want to know what we are about, why not come to the next W.I. meeting on Thursday 17th July.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Parish Room and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Photos are available in colour on the Overton Oracle on-line <http://www.overton-on-dee.co.uk/oracle>

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

There was no way 16 year old Luke Haynes was going to have his hair cut for anybody, not for the Amateur Dramatics even though the parts he portrayed were set in the 1940s, not even for his trip with his school friends to Lesotho in Africa in February.



Luke before haircut

So it came as a shock to everyone when he announced that he was going to have a grade one haircut. He then decided to have it cut and raise money for charity, and he chose to do it for Cancer Research. The next decision was who was going to do it. So it was a visit to the hairdressers, and Robin Langley at Ego XCentric said he was more than willing to give up some of his time to perform the operation. More decisions then had to be made like "when and where" was this event going to take place. The Maelor School was the obvious choice for the venue and the date April 4th was chosen.

The sponsor forms were out and money was coming in, there was no going back. During the dinner break about 150 of his friends flooded into the school hall. Robin Langley kept his promise and was waiting patiently on stage. Luke's hair was tied back to keep it all together he sat bravely on the chair knowing full well that very soon his 15½ inches of wavy hair would be placed in a box. As Robin prepared for the cut the gathering crowd chanted a countdown from 10 to 1 and as soon as they reached number 1 screams were heard around the hall as the whirring cutters sliced a path from his forehead and over his scalp. The noise in the hall accelerated as a few moments later the long wavy locks of which he was so proud were placed on his lap. Luke stood up out of the chair to a tremendous round of applause.

He eventually raised over £550 for his chosen charity Cancer Research and his hair was sent to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children who are suffering from cancer. Luke would like to thank everybody who sponsored him and also to Robin Langley for doing the deed.

Luke says that as his hair is slowly growing back he's beginning to feel normal again.



Luke with Robin Langley

Your Letters...



Dear Editor,

19th June 2014

IS THIS WHAT WE WANT?

Did you know that Knolton Farmhouse Cheese Ltd is proposing to build an enormous construction, 83 foot high, on the outskirts of our Conservation Village?

Not only would it be clearly visible for miles around but it would be in plain view of many homes in Overton. Knolton Farmhouse Cheese have submitted a planning application for a major expansion to include this monstrosity of a "milkdryer unit", together with yet more ugly storage buildings and a car park.

It is anticipated that there would be a substantial increase in noise, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from the milk dryer and other processes. Currently, some villagers are already aware of an irritating hum from the site and judging by the dimensions, the proposed construction would be a lot more audible than a hum!

Then there would be the inevitable increase in heavy goods vehicles through the narrow High Street of Overton Village, at the junction by the Methodist Chapel and along Salop Road and the B5069. Think of the noise and pollution from yet more HGV engines and brakes, and the congestion the vehicles would cause when overtaking parked vehicles.

What about the waste products from the processing plant? Are these going to be spread on the fields and pervade the village with their stink? Or are they going to be taken out in HGVs – with more traffic pollution?

Surely this development should be located on Wrexham Industrial Estate with its easy access and excellent infrastructure – not in a lovely rural setting in close proximity to a Conservation Village. This proposed major expansion by Knolton Farmhouse Cheese would obviously need a huge financial investment. So if you allow this development to go aheaddo you think it would stop there? So what would be next? Do you really want to see this rural neighbourhood ruined irrevocably?

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, have your say by sending your comments online to:

<http://planning.wrexham.gov.uk>. Search for case number P/2014/0360 Knolton Farmhouse Cheese Ltd. Then check that your comments have been received by telephoning 01978 298994.

Or write a letter to: Head of Planning Department, Wrexham Borough Council, 16 Lord Street, Wrexham LL11 1LG. Quoting reference P/214/0360 Knolton Farmhouse Cheese Ltd. Then check that your comments have been received by telephoning 01978 298994.

Name and address supplied



The view from the B5069

← *Now*

Proposed →



Overton has wit!

The Corner Shop ran a Caption Competition to find a suitable title for this picture of the High

Street when it was being resurfaced. The winners were drawn by Sean Clarke on behalf of the Overton Oracle.

1st "Call 999, we need emergency surfaces!"

Michael Bird wins £10 voucher for Corner Shop

2nd "Over a ton of tarmac missing off our High Street? One of the seven mysteries of Wales!" from Pam Davies

3rd "Case of missing road dismissed due to lack of concrete evidence" from Michael Bird

To view all the other amusing entries, see

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My work in Uganda

During my recent time in Uganda I have significantly improved my skills and knowledge of other cultures and their surroundings. The whole trip was full of completely new situations for me, from getting on a plane to experiencing church in a mud hut!

The general morning routine would begin at 6am with fighting my way out of the mosquito net, a stone cold shower without a functioning door, breakfast of corn bread and butter (no electricity so no toaster) and warm mango juice, meanwhile putting on sun cream, insect repellent and listening to the morning meeting with the plan for the day. We travelled by minibus, and passed several families all crammed on one bike, both motorbikes or push bikes, the 'papa' in control of the vehicle while the 'mama' was on the back holding the baby. If this didn't set alarm bells off then the two children on the handle bars did!



Georgie and friends



Scrubbing walls

The school we worked on had classrooms that would never be seen in the UK. The children love being educated and engaging in activities so its only fair their surroundings reflect how happy they are as individuals, despite everything. On our first official day we scrubbed the walls on the building inside and out, using hot water boiled over a fire, using brushes and soap we had provided. The next few days we spent painting and after a second coat this is when we began to see the real difference; it began to look like a school with painted alphabet and number line on the wall and specific pictures and shapes that the teachers had requested.

While this was being done the play equipment arrived and was set in place, but couldn't be used for several days till cement was dry, which proved difficult for the children to understand. It is hard to say no to 400 children when they are running, screaming, singing and dancing around the pickup while it was being unloaded. On the Friday after last minute finishing touches it was time for the 'opening'. Wow they love to talk - the ceremony lasted for 4½ hours and it was very touching to see how our work was appreciated and how happy it made everyone We could not have been more welcomed into their culture and lifestyle, it was truly eye opening.



The play equipment arrives

The second week we did the same again at another school. It seemed to be easier physically, I had started to get used to the heat and the hours of working. We had lots of helpers which we thought was fantastic till we realised we needed to show them how to do it all properly. It proved difficult as there were many language barriers but we all had a laugh and a joke with each other and managed to get everything finished in time. It was also easier as it was the students Easter break, however we still had the chance to interact with the orphans that lived nearby.

On Sundays we had a day off and spent the morning in church, a whole new experience. There were dances and many songs, some even threw flowers while the choir was on stage My favourite was the service in a mud hut during the journey home. I was a bit sceptical but when we stepped inside there was such a strong sense of hope, everyone happy cheery and strong minded, visually you wouldn't think they had any worries or stress, when their lives are guaranteed to be full of it.



And not forgetting Carol

Overall the whole experience couldn't be put into words! It's been one big lesson which has changed my way of thinking and expanded my skills, knowledge and understanding more than anything could. I have so many people and charities to thank for sponsorship and continued support, Overton British Legion, Lions International, The Charlotte Hartley Foundation and MPCT my college. A thank you to all involved and hope I can do it again in 2 years time.

Georgie Davies-Hunter

Ed: Georgie now sponsors one of the children she met in Uganda.

K a t h P r i c e - J o n e s



Many of you will be aware of the death of Kathleen Price-Jones last month, a well known and respected figure in our community.

Kathleen was born at 'Bank Farm', Llansantffraid in 1924. The family including younger sister Freda moved to Little Overton Farm. Both girls attended St Marys School and afterwards, The Convent. In her early teens Kathleen joined Young Farmers and won the "Hoeing Roots" competition. At home she worked on the farm doing manual work. Both sisters attended Overton Parish Church and were members of the choir. When the Rectors wife Mrs Silian Jones started the Girls Guildry both girls joined and became leaders. They also became members of the Overton Women's Institute and Kath was a member of the auxiliary Home Guard.

In 1951 Kathleen married Hugh Price-Jones (of Nant Climbers Farm), at Overton Parish Church and they went to live at Meadow Farm near Ham-

mer. In the late 1950s her father, mother and Freda retired to the 'Berwyns' in Overton. Kathleen and Hugh came back to Little Overton Farm along with daughters Carol and Gaye. It was here that son David was born.

Kathleen took a very active part in Overton village life, in the Church and many other village organisations, especially where refreshments were required! She enjoyed doing so as she was an excellent cook! She was leader and enrolling member of the Mothers Union, became a member of St. Marys Parish Church Council, and Overton Community Council. Kathleen was W.I. president for 9 years, a permanent committee member and County Judge of cakes and preserves. She was the main instigator in changing the WI produce show into the present Overton Produce Show held every September. She managed to squeeze in time to serve on the carnival committee each year, raising money for the Frank Wingett Cancer Appeal. In 1992 she catered for 3 days during the Queen's visit to Overton's Charter Celebrations, was a member of the organising committee and was presented to the Queen. She also participated in making our French Twinning friends welcome and playing host to Llangollen Eisteddfod competitors in the village.

In the 1970s when Colonel Fitzhugh was High Sheriff, Kathleen, Hugh and Gaye were invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace. In 1977 daughter Carol married Elwyn and 2 years later Kathleen's first grandchild Wynford, was born followed by Rhiannon in 1981. In 1988 David married Liz and Kath and Hugh moved to "The Orchards", a new build in the orchard of Little Overton Farm. In 2001 Kathleen and Hugh celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Wynnstay, Ruabon. The following year whilst judging at the Erbistock Produce Show she suffered a slight stroke. After a period in hospital she returned home, but some time later suffered a severe stroke after which she needed the help of carers at home. Hugh passed away in 2005 after which with great determination Kathleen managed to start walking with the aid of a "trolley" and to attend the Rainbow Centre in Penley several times a week until 2 years ago.

Kath wore so many hats and with so much enthusiasm. Her ready smile meant that she brought out the best in people. Without people like Kath in our community, organisations could not flourish and the village would be the poorer for it. We remember her with affection and gratitude.

A l a n ' s n e w t o y !



Alan Edwards of St Marys Avenue, a well known gardener around the village, has just taken charge of a new grass cutting machine at his work at Rowan Foods on the Wrexham Industrial Estate.

As you can see by the number plate his colleagues have had some fun!

It reads AL 1 YEH

Photos are always available in colour on the Overton Oracle on-line

Seemed a good idea !!

Well my good idea finally arrived on Saturday 31st May, bicycles on the car, picnic packed, jelly babies and Jaffa cakes for survival—we were ready to go, 'Ride the Night' (the 100km bike ride raising money for Breast Cancer Care, Ovarian Cancer Action and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust) had arrived, it seemed daunting when we arrived at Windsor that all the planning and preparation was finally going to pay off. The butterflies in my tummy wouldn't stop fluttering and thoughts of "would I be able to complete the ride" were in my head.

There were 2000 women there, all shapes and sizes and all ready to set off on an epic journey. We left the park at 9.40 pm following a safety briefing, cheers of here we go, and the ride song "sisters are doing it for themselves". The ride into London following the river Thames was pleasant although the traffic was busy, and the crowds out enjoying their pub drinks were very supportive cheering us along. Then we hit London, panic set in as we traversed through taxis, cars, buses and other cyclists. My worst moment was on the Westminster bridge at 12.35 am when I looked at the traffic and thought gosh during my training the most traffic I saw was a tractor !.



We reached Buckingham Palace, 30 miles completed at 1.00am, and sadly the queen was not up to meet us, she was sensibly tucked up in bed. The support team Steve and Amanda Overthrow met us with Mars Bars, sandwiches and hugs of support and a support text message from Sue England to "Keep going" sent us on the next 31 miles. We stopped at all the feeding stations for a rest and a catch up with other riders, stories of bravery and fighting cancer for themselves, and loved ones were part of the reason to

keep going, and the thought of a full English breakfast at the end was also on my mind !. We arrived back at Windsor park at 5.15 am, completing the 61.1 miles in 5 hrs 40 minutes plus stopping time, my personal best ever. The support from the other ladies was overwhelming at times, especially on the last ten miles back when it seemed forever to cycle, this is when the team spirit was more evident in the riders .The support from my co rider Janet Jones was wonderful, she put up with a lot of moaning and groaning during the last few miles, however I couldn't have completed the ride without her.



Thank you to everyone who has donated and offered me lots of kind words and thoughts of support. I have raised £800 so far and I am still open to donations. Was it a good idea ?? Yes, it was, I think I underestimated the traffic and riding a bicycle 61 miles through the night, but listening to all of the wonderful stories, and my own personal story of my mum's lost battle with ovarian cancer, we need to find a cure for this dreadful disease.
Ruth Overthrow

Old licensees wanted

Steve and Jane are trying to put together a list of licensees of the White Horse since its reopening in 1901. He would like to appeal for any information on names and dates etc.

Did any one celebrate a special occasion at the pub? If so when and who were the licensees at the time. He would like to put up a board somewhere in the pub with all the names. Any information will help him sort out the list of names he has already been given.

And have you noticed that The White Horse has recently put up a new repainted sign. Jane and Steve are pictured holding it, and it now hangs proudly outside the pub.



Stay safe in your home

The North Wales Fire and Rescue Service offer a FREE Home Fire Safety Check for your home. They provide

- general fire safety advice for the home
- Free supply and fitting of smoke alarms if necessary
- Advice on how to plan your escape

They will telephone to arrange an appointment which is convenient for you, they do not "cold call".

If you are interested phone Mike Davies on 01978 367870

From the grapevine

As reported elsewhere in the Oracle, grant aid was secured by Overton Community Council to repair the War Memorial. On the day before work started, a group of councillors dug up the plants around the Memorial, carefully replanted them in buckets and took them away to be nurtured whilst the building work was being completed. Later that evening, a councillor walked past the Memorial and couldn't believe it, to see a beautiful crop of new flowers! Having been contacted late in the evening, the Clerk initially thought it was a joke, but at 7.30am the truth was there for all to see!

Under normal circumstances the Clerk might have contacted the Police to complain that the flowers had been stolen, but this was the opposite! Eastwick Nurseries, who normally look after the planting around the War Memorial, was contacted. The Clerk was told that one of the owners had driven past the previous afternoon and had seen that all the plants had gone and assumed that they had died or been taken. The Memorial must have looked so sad and forlorn, that it was felt that something must be done about it and they immediately replanted! Having been told that they had been removed to allow the building work to start (in the next hour!) Eastwick quickly volunteered to help take them up again, and now work has been finished they have been replanted.

Every time there is the need for plants around the Memorial, Eastwick Nurseries always provide them free of charge and the village is delighted and grateful to them, that it always looks so good. On this occasion they went above and beyond the call of duty!

Village Hall A G M

Overton Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be hold on Monday 21st July 2014 in the Parish Room at 7:30pm. We extend a welcome to everyone in the village.

We are also going to be marketing the use of the lawned area to the side of the hall for outdoor events and parties. Watch this space.

Your Letters...



Dear Editor,

A big thank you to Wrexham Borough Council and Overton Community Council. When our relatives went home on the May Bank Holiday Monday we decided to go for a walk. But to our dismay we could not access the Millennium Meadow because I could not get my scooter through the kissing gate.

My husband rang Wrexham Council the next day and he spoke to Katrina Chalk (Clerk to OCC) and between them they have come up with this fantastic gate which now gives people who are disabled access to our countryside. Sion Roberts (Wrexham Council) and Katrina Chalk kept us well informed as to what was happening. We were well impressed with the service. Thank you so much.

It is a bit of a bumpy ride but it was so wonderful to be able to access the park. I hope everyone with a wheelchair or scooter will now be able to enjoy the freedom of the countryside. Because there is an identical gate leading out to the Argoed Lane, I was able to go up the Millennium Meadow and out onto Argoed Lane and it was wonderful.

Thanking everyone concerned,

Myra and Vince Worthington



The Overton Oracle is seeking an auditor to audit its annual accounts. If you can help please contact the Treasurer at overtonoracle@gmail.com or: 01978 710631

Overton July Cricket Fixtures

- 5th - Harcourt - Home
- 12th - Guilsfield - Home
- 19th - Harpers - Away
- 26th - Hodnet & Peplow - Home



*All games start 1.30pm
New members welcome*

Question time for A M

Sixth form students at the Maelor School had the chance to put an Clwyd South's Labour Assembly Member Ken Skates on the spot during a *Question Time* event in June, to answer questions from pupils on a wide range of subjects. The Wrexham-born AM was quizzed by a group of about 60 students, and head of sixth form Susan England said she was eager to make the Q&A session a regular event.

Mr Skates said: "It was a really enjoyable morning and it was great to meet and talk to such a clued-up group of young people. We had some really in-depth discussions about a range of issues including Scottish independence, university fees, mental health provision in Wales, local transport and the building of the new prison in Wrexham."

Mrs England said: "It went very well and the group appreciated Ken's interest in the topics they raised. We are hoping he will be able to come every term to keep up the contact with the students, who felt at ease discussing their issues with him."

Mr Skates said: "The Maelor is a fantastic and improving school, and its performance in recent years is testament to that. There's a great atmosphere and learning environment, and the enthusiasm and friendliness of the pupils are among the many other reasons I like coming here. I look forward to my next visit."

Thank you

The Overton Branch of The Royal British Legion held their coffee morning in June and raised £314 for the Branch funds. We would like to thank all those who contributed, from the team in the kitchen making teas & coffees to those branch members who took on the tasks of manning the door and selling raffle tickets, to those organisations who took tables and to everyone who attended. Special thanks to Branch member Colin Bamber who donated £30 to pay for the hire of the Village Hall. Thank you everybody.

School Outing

Year 2 at St Mary's School had a great day out at SeaQuarium, Rhyl. They spent time in the Touch Pool seeing creatures at close hand, followed by a tour around SeaQuarium. Lunch was spent on the beach with time to explore and escape the hungry seagulls! After lunch, to the delight of the children, the seals performed a show.



St Mary's School enjoyed a successful Sports Day at the end of June. Clwyd won the overall sports day cup. The list of winners and photos will be in the August colour edition of the Oracle.

Commercial adverts are not included in the on-line version of the Oracle.

Business adverts can be viewed in the Business section of the Overton-on-Dee website page

To advertise on the website please click on link on Business page

Overton has wit! The other entries

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Now twinned with Turning Street

Paddy you forget the lines.

Who didn't pay their road tax?

Overton invents new method of traffic speed control

Mike Pinder drags his wallet home at night and removes road surface

I told him the lawn mower was malfunctioning!

The Romans would have done this in a day

Just trying to scrape a living – tar very much

Is this what Mars looks like?

After numerous complaints from the villagers, Dawn was told to stop looking for the bar of chocolate she thought she dropped outside the shop

Disaster as Overton hosts first world blind ploughing competition

Fracking starts in Overton The cobble stones will be arriving next week

Time Team visits Overton Overton to host world scaletrix championship

Overton finally gets rid of cyclists

Overton's tribute to WWI?

Overton goes hard-core as drivers face the music

Overton road to be paved with gold. Think again Wrex-ing-ham!

Taken from the High Street. - - - Dumped down School Lane

WHAT'S ON

July Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday July 6th 10.00am Family Village Praise
Sunday July 13th 11:30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 20th 10.00am Family Communion
Sunday July 27th 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday August 3rd 10.00 Commemoration of World War I Service

July Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday July 6th 6.30pm Rev Richard Sharples
Sunday July 13th 6.30pm Local arrangements
Sunday July 20th 6.30pm Holy Communion with Rev Una McLean
Sunday July 27th 6.30pm Mr Phil Edwards

Every Saturday 10.30am -12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel

Every Wednesday 10.30 - 12 noon Weekly Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church in aid of charity

Thursday July 3rd 10.30 - 2.30pm Penley Rainbow Lunch & Learn - Activity: Introduction into Pointillism

Saturday July 5th 2pm Garden Fete in aid of Overton Methodist Church at Holly Cottage, Knolton

Saturday July 5th 12.30pm Dog Show at the Maelor School, Penley in aid of Cancer Research UK

Monday July 14th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

Tuesday July 8th 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 9th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at The White Horse. Booking required.

Thursday July 17th 7.30pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker: Gerard Curran on "Sight Savers Third World help" Competition: A Spectacle Case

Monday July 21st 7.30pm Overton Village Hall Annual General Meeting in the Parish Room.

Missing!

Missing - a male tabby cat with white mark on chest missing since June 2nd from Ivanhoe, 3 Willow Street

Please contact Nigel or Tracey Yorke on 01978 710502 if you know of whereabouts.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy July Birthdays to Colin Davies, Alice Foster, Philippa Whitley, Jasmine Grindley, Dave (coal) Jones, Miranda Austin, Matthew Lawrenson, Mike Pritchard, Paul Edwards, Davina Pritchard, Jackie Kellet, Ruth Overthrow and Avril Williams



Congratulations to Peter Owen and Alison Williams who were married on June 14th.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of ex Overton resident Barbara Southgate who passed away recently.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kathleen Price-Jones.

The **St Mary's Coffee Mornings** every Wednesday through to the end of August. If you fancy a coffee and a chat between 10.30 and 12.00 on a Wednesday, please come along. Proceeds go to charity and last year we raised £ 740 for Nightingale House.

Garden Fete



in aid of **Overton Methodist Church at Holly Cottage, Knolton** on **Saturday July 5th** at 2.00pm. Tickets 50p



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