

# The Overton Oracle

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## Next OCC Drop-in

The next Overton Community Council Drop-in will be in the Village Hall on Sat. July 25th. Information will be available on Fracking, both for and against. Please come along to learn more about the subject.

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**Garden Fete** in aid of Overton Methodist Church at Holly Cottage, Knolton Bryn on **Saturday July 4th** at 2.00pm



Stalls, Skittles & Tombola. Tickets £1 including refreshments or pay at the gate. ALL WELCOME

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**All welcome to come along**

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee & Trustees will be held on **Monday 20th July** at 7:30pm in the Parish Room. This is an open meeting and we welcome anyone who has any interest in the Hall as a user or in the running and the upkeep of our wonderful community building, to come along.

## Overton Methodist Church Flower Festival



Friday 10th & Saturday 11th July 10.30am to 4.00pm, Sunday 12th July 11.00am to 3.30pm. Many thanks to all who have replied to our invitation to take part. Setting up time is Thurs 9th 9.30am - 12noon & 6.30pm - 9.00pm

## Welcome to Overton's Eisteddfod guests



This month Overton will be playing host to Eisteddfod guests from the USA, the Azusa Pacific University Chamber Singers from California. The internationally renowned American choir are looking forward to having a true taste of Welsh hospitality. The 37-strong choir are among the world's choral elite and their track record includes winning the International Competition for Choirs in Austria in 2013, previously touring Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, and Italy as well as singing at a host of iconic venues including Sydney Opera House and the Vatican.

The choir have been accepted to compete in six categories: Mixed Choir, Youth Choir, and Open Division, which are all Choir of the World categories, as well as Adult Folk, Cultural Showcase and a small group of 12 from the ensemble will compete in the Vocal Ensemble category.

Michelle Jensen, the Azusa Pacific University Chamber Singers' conductor, said: "We thought it would be fabulous if we could find families willing to host our students during their stay in Llangollen. We felt it would give students an additional opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture and experience life in North Wales. This year the Llangollen International Eisteddfod takes place on 6th to 12th July.



## Pedalling for cash

Mr Wynn-Jones, Head Teacher at Saint Mary's School and team completed a gruelling journey to Snowdon and back by bike. It was all in aid of raising money to buy a defibrillator for the school and the community of Overton. A massive well done to everyone involved and for all who sponsored them!

*Photo from left - Jonathan Vibhishanan, Rhodri Williams, Rory Tompsett, Gary Wyn Jones and Simon Overthrow*



## Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Phillip Poole

Dear friends,

Many years ago Freda, an elderly lady from the Methodist Church in Stoke-on-Trent where I grew up, passed quietly away. On her bedside table her family found her Bible, and tucked inside it a folded piece of paper with a long list of names. All their names were there, and they were deeply moved when they realised that what they were looking at was Freda's prayer list. Each day for many years she had mentioned them each by name in her prayers to God, asking for his help and blessing to be with them. They felt her prayers had made a difference, and they were grateful that they had been thought of daily this way.

One of the major points that came out of a recent review of our Methodist work in the Wrexham area was the need for us all to pray more. Methodists in Overton feel that need too - and so we continue to pray, both at home and in church week by week. We pray street by street for people in different parts of our community, and we have also recently started a monthly ecumenical prayer group, open to members and friends from any of the area's churches. We pray about issues affecting village life, and we pray for people we know, believing that God helps all those we pray for.

Not that prayer is just time spent asking God for things - we listen to God too, and he draws near to us in the quietness, giving us guidance, encouragement and strength. As we pray we are reminded of God's love for us, and our own love for others is deepened.

Sadly, many people have never known the peace and the help that is to be found through prayer, and they hardly know where to begin - but where better than with the prayer Jesus himself gave us: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and deliver us from evil....."

So let's pray more - it is often one of the most meaningful things we can do for others, including those we love, because God helps those we pray for - and it does us good too!

*Phil Poole, Overton Methodist Church.*



## Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice

Gun owners due to renew their shotgun or firearms certificate this year should make sure they get their application in with plenty of time to spare. 2015 is one of the peak years of licensing activity as a regular five-year cycle of large numbers of certificates needing renewal approaches. North Wales Police are advising owners to get their applications in at least eight weeks before their certificate is due to expire. Simon Noton, Operations Manager for North Wales Police' Administration of Justice Department said: "It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that their certificates are renewed. To help us renew certificates in time we are recommending that you submit your renewal forms at least eight weeks before the expiry of your certificate. If you submit your application from outside of this eight-week period then it is your responsibility to find alternative storage arrangements for your shotguns/firearms and ammunition."

The possession and use of firearms in the UK is prohibited unless you have been granted a suitable licence by the police. A licence to use or possess firearms or shotguns will only be granted to those people who can demonstrate they have good reason for using a firearm and pose no risk to the public. Mr Noton added: "Our priority is to support the legal, safe and secure possession of firearms within North Wales. In accordance with Home Office Guidance North Wales Police will not issue you with a section 7 permit if you have failed to submit your application form in good time."

Further information regarding firearms licensing - including all fees - is available via this website <http://www.north-wales.police.uk/about-us/departments/firearms-licensing.aspx>

Many thanks

*Lynne & Robina*

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St Mary's Church now has a Facebook page.

Find us on

[www.facebook.com/StMarysOvertonOnDee](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysOvertonOnDee)

**Three Peaks** 7 boys, Frank, Bryn, Dylan, George, James, Luke, Declan, and 2 girls, Clarrie and Daisy, climbed the 3 Welsh peaks in 3 consecutive days (Pen y Fan, Cadair Idris & Snowdon) to raise money for various charities of their choice. For example Clarrie raised money for Overton Church, Daisy the school Defibrillator, Dylan for cancer research and Frank for his cricket teams etc. After some gruelling trials, Frank has recently been selected to play for the Wales National Under 11 cricket team. His first matches are against the hard opposition of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire on 20-23 June. Although it was summer half term, the walkers faced strong winds of up to 1°C, snow on Snowdon and cloud and beating rain on Cadair Idris, but all made the peaks in good humour and without any complaining. *(more photos page 6)*



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# Kids Kolumn

This month's contributions are from Frank Macdonald Brown, and James & Luke Reardon



Hey guys, its summer! Here are some awesome summer activities

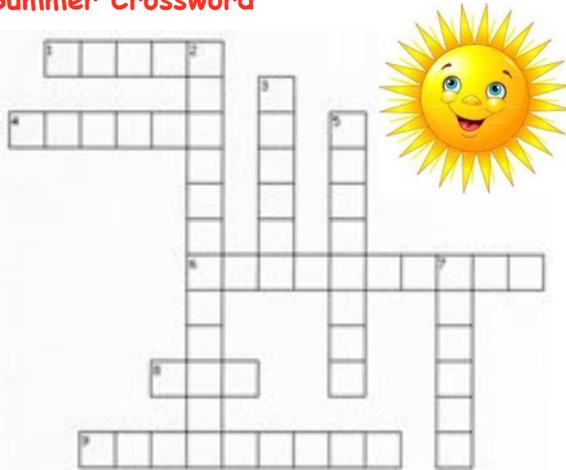
## OVERTON MESS (an Overton version of Eton Mess)

You will need: a punnet of strawberries, whipping cream, 2 handfuls of blueberries, 2 handfuls of raspberries, 2 meringues, Caster sugar. (optional, some mint leaves)

1. Cut up a punnet of strawberries and put them into a bowl, adding a sprinkling of caster sugar. Leave at room temperature for a while.
2. Break up the meringues into small bits.
3. In a clean bowl whisk up the whipping cream until it has thickened
4. Add all the other ingredients into the cream including the raspberries and mix them all together with a wooden spoon.
5. Serve into cups or bowls (glass cups look nice). Put a mint leaf on top. Enjoy!



## Summer Crossword



### Across

1. Famous cricket series between England and Australia
4. Shakespeare wrote "Shall I compare thee to a \_\_\_\_\_'s day?"
6. Famous international music competition held in Llangollen
8. Year sadly leaving the lovely St.Mary's primary school this month
9. What your parents put on you before going outside in summer

### Down

2. Delicious summer pudding with cream
3. Game played at Wimbledon
5. Needs lighting when the sun is out
7. Americans celebrate their Independence on this day in July

## Can you help?

Do you have any memories of Cloy Lane Methodist Chapel?

Methodist Heritage, which aims to preserve the heritage of the Methodist Church, would like to see whether anyone in the village or surrounding area has any photographs of the Methodist Chapel in Cloy Lane whilst it was operational. Or does any senior resident locally have any recollections of the Chapel or might have attended it?

The building is historically very important so if anyone has any information, Methodist Heritage would be very grateful. In the first instance please contact Ian Roberts on 01978 710504.

## Sports Day

The winners from St Mary's School sports day's Victrix and Victor Ludorum top athlete awards are Lucy Coke and Frank MacDonald-Brown pictured with Deputy Head teacher Mr Morris. Caitlin Baker & George Buttress house captains for Alyn, received the trophy for the winning house.



## St Mary's Messy Church

June's Messy Church was all about choices. The disciple Peter had to make a difficult choice at Jesus' trial when people asked him whether he was one of Jesus friends. He made the wrong choice and said 'No'. But after the resurrection Jesus forgave him and Peter went on to be the Leader of the Church.

Jesus called Peter his Rock so Deacon Lisa led a rock-painting activity. Everyone had to make choices during the activities: choosing whether to decorate gingerbread men or sponge cakes, choosing which colour card to use to make father's day cards, and choosing whether to show a happy face or a sad face on paper bag puppets they made. The children wore plastic aprons and played tag on the football field, using stickers to tag each other depending on what they had chosen to wear, e.g. first anyone wearing a red top was tagged with a sticker, then anyone wearing black shoes was tagged with a sticker etc.

Canon David used photos of Overton to illustrate praying for the inhabitants of each street, and a mirror was used to answer the question "Who does God love most of all? - you". Next month's messy church will be on July 12th and the theme will be, 'The lost son and the forgiving father'.

*Angharad Veneklaas Slots*

## More Blues at the Village Hall

Moreland and Arbuckle from Wichita Kansas make a welcome return to Overton following their packed first visit here last year.

Despite their name, the band is in fact a trio and play a fast rocking blues, much in the vein of legendary American band ZZ Top. They enthralled the audience last year with fans travelling good distances to hear them and this time it is hoped that they will be supported by 4 piece acoustic band from Chicago, The Black Oil Brothers. Tickets at £15 will be available at the Corner Shop or by ringing 01948 770215



## Overton guests at Buckingham Palace



### Rona Williams

represented Overton WI at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to celebrate the Centenary of the WI.

Rona writes "We went in to the palace grounds just before 2 and had a walk around the garden before we had tea, very dainty sandwiches, and lovely cakes. Gusts of wind occasionally sent hats

flying and umbrellas were turned inside out

The Duchess's of Cornwall and Gloucester, the Countess of Wessex and Princess Alexandra passed between the lanes that the Beefeaters held open, the lead Beefeater telling us that he would have nightmares about supervising 8000 women.

The 2 military bands played all afternoon and the party ended as it began, with them playing God Save the Queen.

We all had a memorable, happy day."

**Iory & Angela Evans** were invited to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party on Thursday 28th May. Angela writes "At 4.10pm HM the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh walked out on the garden terrace, closely followed by Princess Anne, Princess Beatrice, The Duke & Duchess of Kent and Prince & Princess Michael of Kent. The Queen, dressed in a cerise tailored coat and hat proceeded to the first line of eagerly awaiting public, whilst the Duke walked his line and similarly the others in their lines. The Queen's first introduction was to an elderly lady who we believe had been a prisoner of war, and they chatted as if they were catching up on 'old times'. The Queen took time and was last to complete her greetings, then she eventually met the other Royals for tea in the Royal marquee. At 5.45 the Queen and Duke led the Royal family away, smiling to right and left. We were so close we could have reached out and touched her. The clouds had gathered and a very special and memorable afternoon had come to a close."



### Heather Williams

writes

"I attended the WI Royal Garden party on June 2nd 2015 representing Maelor Belles WI. It was a lovely day with the sun deciding to shine after an inauspicious start at 6.45 am from Moreton Garden centre. The queues

were very long and it took an hour to reach the palace steps just before the royal party made their entrance! Camilla Duchess of Cornwall, Sophie Countess of Wessex and Princess Alexandra all attended, they were escorted by the yeoman of the guard.

The royal brass band entertained, the tea, cakes and ice cream were delicious! All members of the WI looked splendid in their outfits, hats and fascinators of all colours of the rainbow, it was a once in a lifetime experience."

*Photos in colour in the Oracle online [www.overtonoracle.com](http://www.overtonoracle.com)*



## Bienvenue les Francais! Welcome to our French friends.



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August our French twinning partners will be here in the village, staying with local families. As always, throughout the week, a programme of outings, activities and events is organised. Many of these are open to anyone in the village and you are welcome to join in. Numbers will be limited though so it's first come, first served.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** we're going to be walking and canal-boating between Trevor Basin and Llangollen with a picnic somewhere along the route.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** we're having a Craft morning in the Scout Hut with Rebecca Cupit. It is for children between ages 6 and 12 approximately. The adults will be doing a bilingual Quiz around the village. In the afternoon it's Bowls at the Club.

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** we're off to Beaumaris to see the castle, the Menai Straits, Pen Mon Priory and the lighthouse.

It's Chester on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** when our visitors will get a guided tour of the city in French. There will be an opportunity for exploring Chester and time for shopping.

**and** from 6-9pm we'll be in Erddig with our picnics, rugs and chairs to enjoy their Thursday Lates event with musical entertainment thrown in.

On Day 5 **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** we'll be visiting Speke Hall near Liverpool. Lots to see at this wonderful house and specially for that weekend there will be sports challenges to take part in as well.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**, the last full day there is a visit to the brand new Lion Salt Works and Visitor Centre in Northwich. This may be followed by an optional visit to the Anderton Boat Lift.

Do join us and meet the French visitors. Your own transport would be useful but some lifts may be available. You will need a picnic each day and there are entry fees to some things though where appropriate National Trust members can use their cards. Monday and Tuesday are free. No transport needed for the locally-based day on Tuesday. Things may be subject to some change but further details are available by emailing Georgina Mason at [gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk) or by phoning 710486

### Dear Editor,

Had the pleasure of a walk around the village today, have not visited for some time and was pleasantly surprised at the warm welcome we were given as total strangers. We were out and about on a photo update for the Wrexham History website. What a wonderful place Overton is and the people we met today made the visit even more of a pleasure.  
*Graham Lloyd*

### Cheque for RNLI

At the recent coffee morning in aid of the RNLI, David and Megan Martin presenting a cheque from The Maelor School, Penley, to Richard Polden of the RNLI. David and Megan are the Chairs of the School Council and The Lifeboat was one of the school's chosen charities this year. Looking on is Mrs Sue England, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form.



### Shawbury Military Wives Choir with soprano Rebecca Grace

will be singing to raise funds  
for Forces Charities

in the Maelor School Hall, Penley on  
**Friday 17th July 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Adult £10; Child up to 16 are free;  
students 16+ £2

There will be light refreshments & a raffle.

*Please come for a wonderful evening's  
entertainment in support of a worthy cause.*

Tickets on sale from

Reception at the Maelor School  
or from Georgina Mason on 01978 710486  
or [gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk)

### Overton's Musician's Group

The newly formed Overton Musician's Group will be meeting on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> in the upstairs room in The White Horse on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. New members at any stage of ability to play any instrument will be made very welcome.

Please contact Pene Coles on 710598 for details about this exciting new initiative.



### Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be baked gammon, parsley sauce, roast potatoes and veg followed by lemon tart and cream. All for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672

### End of an era

Members were shocked on May 31st when Dave (Dai) Jones retired from Overton Recreational Club. It was a sudden decision and members were all very sorry to see him go. Chairman John McCusker presented Dai with a card, a twelve month membership for Bangor Races and a bouquet of flowers for Dai's wife Doll with thanks for all they have done for the Club for at least 18 years. All their friends and members wish them well in their retirement and hope they'll still come and visit. Congratulations to Kath and Mike Dorey who have stepped into the vacancy for the time being as Steward and Stewardess.

New faces are always welcome at the Club so why not pop in and see what's on offer, you never know you may enjoy it. Membership is £2 from now until December 31st. Overton Recreational Club is just above the Library and is open every evening from 7.00pm till 11.00pm and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Please ring 01978 710644 for more details.

### Local good cause?

In mid July Steve and Jane will be leaving the White Horse. As there is some remaining fundraising money they wish to ask if there's a worthwhile village project or charity that would like to apply to them - on 01978 710111 or call in the White Horse - soon!

### Songs of Praise



A Songs of Praise service led by Ms Bidy Crossfield, including chosen hymns, will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday July 12th at Overton Methodist Church. Everyone very welcome

### Playcentre News

The Playcentre had lots of fun at the School Fete, with everyone enjoying the sunshine. We did a Treasure Hunt game with the winning square claiming our Pirate Teddy Bear and we also did Face Painting. Thank you to all who helped and supported us, we raised £56.

With the end of school term in sight we are busy preparing for the holidays and the new term in September. We are having an Open Day at the Playcentre on **3<sup>rd</sup> of July** 9.30am until 11am for anybody who wishes to come and see and have a look around. Please bring your child(ren) with you and see what we have to offer. It is a wonderful opportunity to witness what the children are doing and meet the fabulous staff. We offer a variety of services, including wraparound child care for 2-8 year olds, pre-school playgroup, toddler group and baby group. We can offer free and funded places to 3 and 4 year olds as we are part of the Early Entitlement scheme. To end the school term we shall be at the Overton Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 11am until 1pm to have our Teddy Bear picnic. Our holiday club shall begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July we are open as usual from 8am until 6pm Monday until Friday. We are open for all children aged between 2 & 8 years old.

*Sarah Evans*

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

### The Fundraising cyclists for St Mary's School



### More 'Three Peaks' photos



## What's On

### July Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Village Praise  
 Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion  
 3-5pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut  
 Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Communion  
 Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion

### July Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Mr David Pickstone  
 Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Ms Bidy Crossfield  
 Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev Phillip Poole  
 Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Rev Phillip Poole

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

**Every Wednesday** 10.30am-12 noon Weekly Coffee  
 Mornings at St Marys Church

**Thursday July 2nd** 10.30-2.30 Rainbow Centre  
 Lunch & Learn - Art appreciation with  
 Christine Matthews

**Thursday July 2nd** 12-8pm Open Day at The  
 Juniper Tree, new aromatherapy & beauty  
 salon at Rose Hill, Erbistock

**Saturday July 4th** 2pm Overton Methodist Church  
 Garden Fete at Holly Cottage, Knolton Bryn

**Wednesday July 8th** 10.30am Overton British  
 Legion meeting for coffee in the Scout Hut

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

**Friday July 10th to Saturday 10.30am - 4pm**  
**Sunday 12th 11am - 3.30pm** Flower Festival at the  
 Methodist Chapel

**Saturday July 11th** 7.30pm Maelor Belles WI outing  
 to Ruthin

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

**Thursday July 16th** 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting in  
 the Parish Room. Valerie McIlroy on "My life  
 married to a Foreign Correspondent".  
 Competition - A carved wooden item

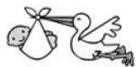
**Friday July 17th** 7.30pm Shawbury Military Wives  
 Choir performing in the Maelor School Hall,

**Saturday July 18th** Blues Evening at the Village Hall

**Monday July 20th** 7.30pm AGM of Overton Village  
 Hall Management Committee/Trustees in the  
 Parish Room.

**Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>** 10am OCC Drop-in in Village Hall

## Family Announcements

**Congratulations** to Aaron and Charlotte Perrin on the birth of son Edward (Teddy) Perrin, a great grandson for Mary Perrin. 

**Congratulations** to Paul Edwards & Nicky Evans on their recent wedding in Turkey

**Congratulations** to Pat & Tony Minshull on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th July. Love from Nicola, Tim & Maddie

**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, Logan Netzband-Piggott and Avril Williams 

Happy **30th** Birthday to Stephen Reid, love Mum xx  
 Happy **80th** birthday on 10th July to Keith Miller  
 Happy belated June birthday to Andy Myers

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Alan Jones who passed away recently.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Geoff Pritchard.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Rachel Copeman.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Deacon Clifford Howe of the Catholic church.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Gordon Simms

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Miss Sturley - ex Maelor School mistress.

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