

The Overton Oracle

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Overton's Free Newspaper - delivered to every household monthly



Garden Fete



in aid of Overton Methodist Church at Holly Cottage, Knolton Bryn on **Saturday July 2nd** at 2.00pm

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

ALL WELCOME

Quiz Night

The White Horse's July charity quiz night will be on Thursday July 7th at 8pm in aid of Overton Playcentre.



Village Hall date

Overton Village Hall Management Committee and Trustees AGM is on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. All villagers and representatives of local organisations are most welcome.

This is an opportunity for you to have your say on the future of the Village Hall.



Summer Music

The Maelor Music Society's 2016 Summer Supper

Evening is on July 1st at 7pm in the Rainbow Centre, Penley, and will feature the best talent from the Music Department of the Maelor School. Tickets are £12.50pp - for a good proper summer supper.

Date for the Diary

Overton 2016 Village Produce Show in the Village Hall **Saturday 3rd September.** Entries 9.00am to 11.00am. Viewing 2.30 pm. Presentation of prizes 4.00pm.

WELCOME TO OVERTON'S EISTEDDFOD VISITORS

Overton Cubs meet Bear



No, these dangerous animals haven't been re-introduced into North Wales. The headline refers to that man of danger, Bear Grylls who arrived by helicopter at Clwyd Area Scout Camp, held near Denbigh and which was attended by Overton Cub Pack.

There were lots of activities for the cubs to take part in, but the highlight of the weekend was the appearance of the Chief Scout Bear Grylls! Some of our

cubs got to meet him and Assistant Cub Scout Leader Mark Sayer even got Bear to autograph his Neckerchief! A great time was had by all!

Photo shows Bear with Overton Scout Group's activity leader, Matt Hayward and his son Josh in background.

An Incredible Journey

This was a birthday gift from my grandson Stephen, a champagne balloon flight for two and it turned out to be the best gift ever. We flew with "Wickers World", taking off from Dearnford Lake, Whitchurch, an absolutely, unbelievable experience. Everything was perfect from start to finish. My daughter Janet came with me, a bit apprehensive being afraid of heights but she loved every minute of it, I could not believe how brave she was.

We arrived at Dearnford at 05.45 (early start) and 30 minutes later we were airborne. When seen from the ground it is difficult to imagine the enormous size of the balloon, 300ft in height, and containing the equivalent of 16 tons of air when fully pressurised. The basket held 16 persons plus the pilot, and it lifted off the ground like a feather in the breeze. We were taken up to 3000 ft and then lowered to a constant height of 1900ft.



We could not believe our luck when on a perfect day we flew over Overton, amazing! Jon our pilot was ace, explaining everything in great detail as were the rest of the crew. It was so serene and peaceful, we will definitely go again.

This was a day in my life I shall never forget, all thanks to Stephen, I cannot thank him enough for giving me what had been top of my wish list for many years.

Dave Austin

To see more photos including aerial shots of the village from the balloon - go to www.overtonoracle.com/gallery



Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Phillip Poole



Dear Friends,
As I write, football fever continues to grip our towns and cities. Wales are represented in Euro 2016 by the strongest team we have had for many years and we are proud to see them competing at the top level of the game alongside other European nations.

The outcome of the competition itself is still unknown, but much has been made of the need for any successful side to play as a team. What is needed is much more than a few good individual performances. Players need to work together and for each other, and when the game is played this way, everyone is able to perform better. Though we know this already of course, it stands to reason that we are better when we work together, and if we help one another we can do so much more than we could achieve on our own.

St Paul makes exactly this point in the Bible when he speaks of the church as the body of Christ, for example in his letter to the Romans. The body is made up of many different parts and each part has a different and important role to play if the body is to be complete and function correctly. St Peter uses the image of a building in the same way, describing the church as being made up of hundreds of individual stones, each in its place, each firmly joined to the others to build a beautiful temple. But we could just as easily use the image of a football team – each player under the guidance of the manager, each bringing their own skills and abilities to bear on the game but working together with all the others to achieve a goal.

In a way this summarises the Christian vision of the World; nations and races brought together, and on a smaller scale, individuals and families united and helping each other. Barriers of prejudice and discrimination remain, but our prayer is that suspicion and mistrust will diminish and that the barriers will come down. In the face of global problems like the environment and the struggling world economy we will do better if we work together - because in reality we are all part of the same big team.

God bless you,
Phil Poole

Overton Lunch Club

Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday July 13th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be quiche with salad and new potatoes followed by cheesecake - all for £6.25.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672



email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice



I would like to start this month by making everyone aware of the new 'LEAD' initiative.

LEAD – Local Environmental Awareness on Dogs.

The objectives of the LEAD Initiative is to manage risk and safeguard the public, provide a co-ordinated approach with partner agencies to deal with irresponsible ownership, anti-social behaviour and welfare relating to dogs, also to provide best evidence if any subsequent prosecution is necessary. This is sought through education and engagement. We will intervene when dogs are used by owners to commit crime, dogs are linked with anti-social behaviour and prohibited types/breeds come to notice.

How Does Lead Work – Whenever a complaint is recorded and dealt with by an out of court disposal, a LEAD warning letter and Acceptable Behaviour Contract (if appropriate) is incorporated into the Community Resolution. When a dog and owner comes to police attention for the first time and is dealt with by means of a Community Resolution, a letter is sent to the owner together with an information pack. Also if they are resident in social housing, the relevant housing agency are informed. Should the same owner come to police attention a second time in 12 months a second letter is hand delivered which serves as a first official warning. Should the anti-social ownership of the dog(s) continue further notices under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 will be sought. Also a prosecution under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, a Control Order under the Dogs Act 1871 or any sanction under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 can be sought at any time during the process.

Please be responsible dog owners, look after them properly and pick up your dog's mess. This way everyone is happy, the dog, the owners and other village residents alike.

Whilst on the subject of dogs, I would just like to commend the actions of an Overton resident who found a dog wandering amongst the traffic recently. This person went to great lengths and made every effort to try and track the dog owner, bringing it to our attention, taking him to the vets to check if it had been chipped, WHICH IS NOW LAW, and knocking on doors around the village. This gentleman was also more than willing to look after the dog for a time until the owner realised he had got out. But, whilst at the station after we had entered the details in the Lost Property Book, the owner came forward and was reunited with their lovely little pooch. So a very happy ending I'm pleased to say, and a big thank you to the gentleman involved, you know who you are.

Kind regards

Lynne

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St Mary's School News



Residential Visit

Year 6 enjoyed their annual residential stay at Condover Hall, just outside Shrewsbury. Whilst there they took part in a number of tasks aimed at improving their team working skills, whilst at the same time pushing them out of their comfort zones.

These activities ranged from the vertigo challenging 'Aerial trek' to a quite

claustrophobic tunnelling experience. Other highlights of the week included 'Lazer conquest' and a hilarious game of wrestling in body zorbing suits.

Once again the children attracted lots of praise from the staff at the centre, for their attitude and politeness as they acted as fantastic ambassadors for the school and of course themselves.

Swimming Gala success! On April 29th, a group of Junior school children from St. Mary's Primary School competed in the local schools' Swimming Gala at Penley High School. We are very pleased to announce that we swam our way into **first place!**

We would like to say a big well done to all of the children who took part! The children are now due to compete in the final stage of the competition at Waterworld Swimming Pool in Wrexham on July 6th. We will represent our area and compete against other Wrexham schools. **Good luck swim team!**



Art Classes / Drawing in Overton Scout Hut Wed. 6th July 9.30-11.30am £5 per session. Materials and equipment are not included, please bring your own. To book a place please contact Rebecca on 01948 830730

Overton Cricket Fixtures in July

2nd - St Georges 3 - Away
 9th - Acton Reynald - Home
 16th - Wroxeter Grove 3 - Away
 23rd - Quatt 3 - Home
 30th - Beacon 3 - Away



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Kids Kolumn



from Luke & James Reardon

15 things to do this summer!

Tick them off when you have done them

1. Go camping with friends
2. Make homemade sushi
3. Build a sandcastle at a beach
4. Make your own Ice cream
5. Master a new recipe
6. Go to a outdoor concert
7. Catch and cook a fish
8. Learn to play an instrument
9. Visit a zoo
10. Have fish and chips by the sea



11. Go swimming in an outside pool
12. Pick strawberries
13. Go canoeing
14. Have a water balloon fight
15. Feed the ducks



Or Erddig and Chirk Castle are offering '50 things to do before you're 11¼'

Holiday Club at Overton

A-Star Sports holiday clubs offer a high-energy combination of games, parachute games, sports and all-round active entertainment for your child. Simply drop your child off and we'll look after them and make sure they have lots of fun!

Event Information:

Dates: August on Tuesdays -2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Times: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Overton Village Hall

Cost: £6

Ages: 3-10 years

For more information and booking form please contact Adrian Dunn on 07795691417 or email:

adrian.dunn@a-starsports.co.uk

Yoga in Overton

Come along to the Iyengar Yoga class in The Function Room at The White Horse, Overton. Yoga improves your strength, stamina and helps to make you more supple. It has been proven time and again to have lasting health and wellbeing benefits. We meet on Tuesdays 5.40pm - 6.30pm. £5.00 drop-in rate.



Contact Maisie Langridge on 07910 484461 or 01978 355167 or email: maisie_mouse@hotmail.com
 Keep the community alive! See you there!

Overton Community Gardeners

Overton's Community Gardening Group continues to be active in the village and welcomes new members. For further information please contact Pene Coles on 710598 or penecoales49@gmail.com

Patron's Party at Scout Hut

On Sunday 12th June the Overton Branch of The Royal British Legion hosted a birthday tea party to celebrate their Patron, Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday. Over 50 people packed into Overton Scout Hut which was bedecked with flags and bunting to partake of a buffet tea, and were thankful to be indoors as the heavens opened for a downpour that lasted the whole afternoon.

The afternoon concluded with a champagne toast for Her Majesty and the singing of the National Anthem. Surplus proceeds will be donated to the Poppy Appeal later in the year. The delicious buffet was planned and created by Jean Williams, Jan Davies and Pene Coles and thanks to all those who helped to move furniture, decorate the hall, serve, clear away and wash up!! *More photos on Oracle website*



La Murette and Overton Twinning News

Two young French students, Clara and Aurelie, are to spend a week with Overton Twinners from 17th to 24th July to improve their English. Various activities are being arranged, but we would welcome contact with any students at Penley Maelor who are learning French and would like an opportunity to practise their conversation. We hope to encourage one or two 16+ students to take advantage of the chance to visit La Murette next year, perhaps during half term. The girls will be returning to France with 14 members of the Twinning Association, who anticipate the usual warm welcome and week of interesting activity and bon accord. A framed photograph of the beautiful village of La Murette, nestled in the Isere corner of France just north of Grenoble, will shortly hang permanently in the Village Hall for you all to see.

The Association enjoys the opportunity to welcome new members. If you missed that chance, and would like more information about the Association generally or students' exchange visits in particular, please contact the secretary, Sheila Miller on 710823, or any other member of the Twinning.

A shaggy dog story

For all you dog lovers out there, just another quick good news dog story from the Overton area. Last December a lady from the Glyn Ceiriog area reported her Black Lab had gone missing in the Penley area. We took the usual details which were logged in our Lost Property Book. A couple of weeks later a black Lab was reported as being sighted hanging around the fields in the Knolton Bryn area. Searches by myself and colleague Mike, proved negative, but whilst out and about were always on the lookout for this poor dog out in the horrible winter weather.

A few weeks later, a couple of ladies from the Red Hall Lane area told us they had seen the labrador and would make every effort to catch it. We put them in touch with the person who had lost the dog and heard nothing more until very recently. The ladies in Red Hall Lane continued to put a fox trap out with food in for her and their efforts paid off when she was eventually caught. Considering she had been missing for over 5 months she was in good health and returned to her owner, who informed us of the good news. Well done to these animal loving ladies. We were so pleased to hear she had been returned safe and well. *PCSO Lynne Maurice*



Playgroup News

I would like to begin this month's entry on a personal note and say huge congratulations to Sarah Carpenter who last month walked up and down Snowdon, all in aid of Playgroup and Rheumatoid Arthritis, both of which are very close to her heart. This was a massive achievement for Sarah that she reached through both training with her dad and sheer determination. She originally intended to only climb up and hoped to raise £200. Sarah smashed this by raising £700 and she also descended Snowdon. Thank you to team Playgroup, (Angela, Charlotte and Amy) who supported her on her journey along with her dad and brother and to all those who sponsored her.

Other news, we have had lots of fun with our 4 ducklings which have hatched; thank you to Home Farm for this opportunity. There have been many smiles at Playgroup as these babies have hatched and then with the help of the children learnt to swim! Nicki has been a great mummy duck to them!

We are doing a Toddler Sponsored Walk and picnic on the 19th July, leaving Playgroup at 10.30am and walking all the way to Home Farm, cross country, all safe. Along the walk they have to spot pictures of animals and if they accomplish the task then they receive a medal. This is a challenge for our little ones so please show your support to them and sponsor them if you can.

Holiday Club then commences until September, we are open from 8am to 6pm for 2yr-8yr olds, offering great flexibility. Please visit our website overtonplaycentre.org for more information, Tel: 01978 710688 or just pop in.



John Henry Powell 1874 – 1916

This month is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and the centenary of the death of another of the Overton soldiers remembered on Overton War Memorial, of John Powell who died on 11th July 1916 aged 42.

John was born in 1874, the son of John a 'bricklayer's labourer' and Ann Powell, John was their eldest child, he had a sister Margaret b1878, Sarah b1880. Albert b1885, Edith b1888, Ellen b1890. They all lived in the 4th cottage on the right of Salop Road, (now demolished) between the corner of Penyllan Street and the Bryn y Pys Arms.

By 1901 John was an Insurance Agent and was married to Eleanor with children Lionel b1897 and John P. b1899, and they lived in Litherland nr Liverpool. By 1911 they had moved back to Wales, to Sealand. His wife Eleanor and son Lionel had died, but he had married again in 1905 to Barbara Jane and they had a new son Cyril b1908. John was now employed as 'catcher' in a Steel Sheet Mill, probably John Summers. They then moved to 153 High Street, Connahs Quay. By this time John's mother had died and his father was living alone in a cottage on Back Lane, Overton (now called Church Road). The cottage was 2 doors from the Police Station which was on the corner of Station Road, and he was employed as the 'road man' for Overton District Council.

John probably joined up in 1914 as by 1916 he has been promoted to Sergeant in the 7th Battalion Welsh Fusiliers. He must have volunteered as in 1914 he would have been exempt from conscription because he was married. It is likely that he was wounded at the attack and capture of Mametz Wood 10th to 12th July 1916, which was part of the first 2 weeks of Anglo-French operations in the Battle of the Somme. He would have been taken by Field Ambulance to the quiet village of Morlancourt for medical treatment, where he died.

John Powell is buried in Grave B11 of Morlancourt British Cemetery No 1, a small cemetery of 75 burials made by field ambulances in June and July 1916, about 5 miles south of of the town of Albert, northern France, and he is also remembered on Overton War Memorial.



Penalties for dog fouling

Wrexham Council have appointed a Merseyside-based environment protection company Kingdom Security to issue fines to litterers and people who let their dogs foul public places. In the first 2 months the company have already handed more than £77,000 worth of fines in penalties. Wrexham council chiefs have appointed this company on a 12-month trial basis in response to the complaints about irresponsible dog owners, A total of 1,035 on the spot fines were issued – 630 in April and 405 in May.

During the past month, enforcement officers have also increased focus on hotspot dog fouling areas across all wards, relying on information provided by members of the public and councillors.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "I'm very pleased that people have responded as well as they have to the new enforcements arrangements, and that it's had an effect so quickly. We're also very grateful to those members of the public who have responded positively to this, and we remain very thankful to members of the public who dispose of their litter and properly clean up after their dogs. We will continue with our policy of zero tolerance so as to ensure this trend continues."

You can report a dog fouling issue on http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/env_services/service_requests/dog_warden.cfm

Overton Community Council Grant Scheme

Overton Community Council (OCC) have set up a new grant scheme. Grants may be awarded by OCC towards capital expenditure by existing local organisations, clubs, groups, Bodies or individuals or to help in setting up a new organisation not currently available within the area administered by the Community Council.

Applicants will be required to explain in writing, why their application should be considered and who and how those in the community will benefit from the funding.

Closing date for applications is **30th September 2016**
Full information on the criteria for the application can be viewed on the Overton website or from the **Clerk to the Community Council**, occ.clerk@btinternet.com or call in at the office on either **Mondays or Wednesdays - Overton Village Hall - 01978 710055**

Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for June.
76 members entered and the draw was made at the RBL meeting on 8th June by Pene Cole.

Winners -
1st Prize £190.00 No 51 Sheila Matthews
2nd Prize £114.00 No 21 Mrs Lyn Evans
3rd Prize £ 76.00 No 57 Les Thomas
Legion Fund: £0.00 Next Draw on July 13th

A number of membership places are still available.
If you wish to join please ring Dave Austin

Tel: 01978 710678

What's On

July Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday July 3rd 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Wednesday July 6th 7.30pm Evening Prayer
 Sunday July 10th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3.00pm Messy Church at the Scout Hut
 Sunday July 17th 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday July 24th 11.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday July 31st 10.00am Group Holy Communion

July Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday July 3rd 6.30pm Mr Jim Wells
 Sunday July 10th 6.30pm Rev Patrick Rudden
 Sunday July 17th 6.30pm Mr Nigel Burns
 Sunday July 24th 11am All Age Worship
 Sunday July 31st 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev Phillip Poole

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

Every Wednesday 10.30am St Mary's Coffee Morning and Get-together in church to raise money for Nightingale House. All welcome.

Saturday July 2nd 2.00pm Garden Fete at Holly Cottage, Knolton Bryn in aid of Overton Methodist Church.

Thursday July 7th 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn 'Glass Painting Workshop' with Coral

Thursday July 7th 8.00pm Charity Quiz Night in aid of Overton Playcentre at the White Horse

Friday July 8th 7.15pm for 7.30pm Maelor Belles WI at the Rainbow Centre, Penley. Outdoor Summer Social.

Tuesday July 12th 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak - 7.20pm-7.30pm.

Tuesday July 12th 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bingo evening at the Rainbow Centre.

Wednesday July 13th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday July 13th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday July 14th 7.30pm Erbistock WI meeting at Erbistock Village Hall. Speaker Mr Gerard Curran on 'Sightsavers'

Saturday July 16th 9am-12pm Car Boot Sale at Rainbow Centre, Penley. Boots £5, no traders

Saturday July 16th 9pm-midnight Soul & Motown Evening at the White Horse. Free entry

Monday July 18th 7.30 Village Hall AGM in the Parish Room

Wednesday July 20th 7.30pm Overton Scout Group's AGM will be held in the Scout Hut, all welcome.

Thursday July 21st 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Parish Room. Speaker: Barry Fewster, Senior Park Ranger at Hawkstone, on "Nature's Nuggets"

Family Announcements



Happy July Birthdays to Colin Davies, Dave (coal) Jones, Philippa Whitley, Jasmine Grindley, Miranda Austin, Matthew Lawrenson, Mike Pritchard, Paul Edwards, Stephen Reid, Davina Pritchard, Tracey & Kayle Leech, Jackie Kellet, Keith Miller, Ruth Overthrow, Logan Netzband-Piggott and Avril Williams.

Happy 18th Birthday to Alice Foster.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ken Morris who passed away recently.

For Sale

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Finlay Clarke who was recently awarded Players Player of the Season trophy at Borrass Park Rangers end-of-season presentations. He is pictured with the coaches and trophy.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Alan Palmer of 22 Salop Road. He has just been awarded an RCA, and so is now a member of the Royal Cambrian Academy. From his wife, Barbara Palmer, his son and daughter Steve and Clare, his son in law Will and his granddaughters Emma and Kate.



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