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WELCOME TO OVERTON'S EISTEDDFOD VISITORS FROM ALBANIA & POLAND



School Fete

St Mary's School fete will be on Saturday July 7th on the school field from 12pm till 5pm.

B.B.Q, teas, coffee, cakes, Pimms tent, tombola, raffle and lots more. See you there!

Date for the diary

Celebrity TV presenter to visit Overton - see details on page 4

White Horse Quiz

There will be a Quiz Night at the White Horse on Thursday 7th July in aid of Overton Playcentre. Please get in touch with the White Horse if you would like a quiz in the future to fundraise for your organisation.



Overton on Dee WI

You are invited to our

'Summer Surprise'

at the Catholic Church Hall
Thursday 19th July 7.30 pm
Visitors £4 incl refreshments

Please come along, bring your friends, we'd love to see you!

Overton Village Hall

Management Committee and Trustees will be holding their AGM in the Parish Room on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7:30pm in the Parish Room. Everyone welcome to attend.

Nightingale House

Hospice Duck Race on 11th August at Bangor on Dee, 11am-4pm, more details next month. 8 heats and Grand Final plus "Giant Duck Race".

Overton on Parade



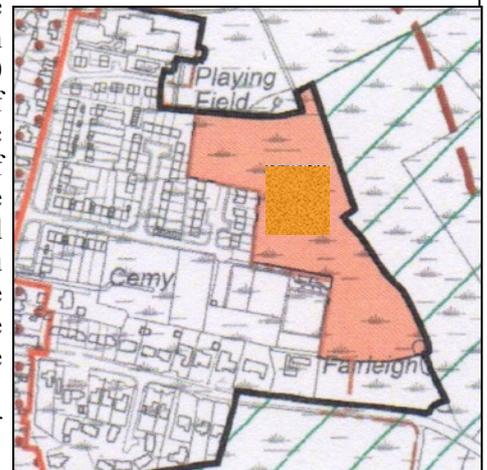
This year's Overton's Fete commenced with the most magnificent Parade through the village. Months of preparation, hard work and fun produced fantastic airborne textile installations, many surmounted by papier mache heads. Members of the community came together, children, young people and the young at heart, donating fabric or just popping in to have a weave.

Inspiration for the Big Weave installation came from the murmuration of starlings seen over the Cloy, and the crayon rubbed stencil design on the sprayed textile banners is copied from the design on Overton War Memorial. This year the wicker boat has been transformed into a mermaid with plaited fabric tresses.

The workshops have gathered members of the community who would otherwise not have come together. Thanks to the Village Hall for making the space available and to all those who have generously donated their time, fabrics and sponsorship. Thanks to Amy Caswell who took responsibility and without whose inspiration, creativity and hard work it would not have been possible. There will be more colour photos and a full report on the Parade and Fete in the next edition of the Oracle.

Wrexham Council Local Development Plan Response deadline extended

The Council has extended the deadline for responses to the Deposit Local Development Plan consultation until **5pm on Monday 16th July, 2018**. They have done this because additional information has been placed on the Council's consultation portal since the start of the process on 9th April 2018. The extension allows as many people as possible to make their views known. The Overton section of the plan proposes a development of 40 houses on the field at the end of St Mary's Avenue, behind Clerc Y Mendy and Plas Madoc. If you have already made representations you do not need to make them again, but you may wish to look at the additional information and make further representation. The "public consultation portal" is www.wrexham.gov.uk/ldp or papercopies are at libraries.



Musings from the Manse



by Rev'd Phillip Poole

Dear friends,
Earlier this year I was called for jury service and for a few days I sat in court as part of a jury of twelve people, listening to all the evidence before deciding on a verdict. I had never been in court before, so it was a steep learning curve but it was really interesting to see the way the justice system works.

The experience put me in mind of some words of St Paul, from Romans chapter 3: "All have sinned; yet now God declares us 'not guilty' if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins."

Paul reminds us that rather than condemning us for our sins, God pardons and acquits us when we put our trust in Jesus.

Imagine you are appearing in court. The evidence is compelling and the jury has no hesitation in declaring you guilty. Even though the judge can see you are sorry for what you have done, when he passes sentence he fines you very heavily indeed - justice demands that. But then, as the court empties the judge takes off his robes, takes out his cheque book and pays the fine on your behalf. This is because as well as being your judge he just happens to be your father, and he loves you. This is a little bit like what God does for us in Jesus. He knows as well as we do that we are guilty, but he pays the penalty for our sins himself through Jesus' death on the cross.

In his journal for the year 1738 John Wesley describes the moment, on the evening of May 24th when he realised he was forgiven:

"In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Later, John's brother Charles wrote about his own experience of God's forgiveness in the famous hymn, "And can it be." He declared that he no longer feared God's judgement: "No condemnation now I dread!" and the sense of release from guilt that he felt comes across in another line: "My chains fell off, my heart was free!"

Both John and Charles found great joy and strength in the knowledge that they were forgiven and accepted by God, and like them we can find forgiveness too. Because when we put our faith in Jesus, God declares us "Not Guilty!" and sets us free.

Best wishes,
Phil Poole.

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Country Beat



I would like to start by making Overton Residents aware as regards the last 'Country Beat' report from myself, which could have caused some confusion that there could be a drugs problem in Overton. I can assure you the article was just something that was being circulated at the time and was for information only and general community awareness, nothing more.

This month I would like to focus once again on **Distraction Burglaries**. We all have elderly and vulnerable relatives that we worry about and doorstep crime is very much a cause for concern. When some one knocks on your door, stop and think:

- are you expecting someone?
- always use a door chain when answering the door
- if someone is claiming to be from a company remember to ask what it is they are there for
- always ask for an ID or any associated paperwork
- do not allow entry to unknown persons whilst checking their identity
- if you have any doubt you should ring the company they say they are from independently. near ring the number given by the caller but instead locate it from another source eg phone book or directory enquires

CALL THE POLICE

- if you are suspicious or feel the caller may be bogus
- if someone forces entry or enters your home without permission
- if you notice valuable or money have gone missing shortly after someone has visited
- whenever you think a crime has been, or is about to be committed.

from

PCSO 151 Lynne Maurice,
Nth Wales Police/Heddlu Gogledd Cymru,
Mobile/Symudol: 07854 352 815

Congratulations

to all who took part in St Mary's School Sports day. The results were -

2018 Team winners - Clwyd.

Victor Ludorum - Sam Aplin,

Victrix Ludorum - Katie Whittle

Sportsmanship Trophy - Daniel

Jones.





Open Farm Sunday 2018

There is a huge level of interest in how the food we eat is produced. And this meant that there were hundreds of visitors to Asney Park Farm, Erbistock and The Home Farm, Overton on Open Farm Sunday on 10th June.

Mike Done and Dave Everett estimated gate numbers of 200 - 300 through the day with all ages represented and a lot of families with young children, all eager to be connected with the world of the family farm, the animals and also enjoy the teas, coffees and ice creams!

Genuine questions were answered by Dave as to how the chick emerges from its egg. The "pipping" process breaches the air sack in the egg and the chick is then "talking to mum". The "chipping" needs to be done to break out of the shell. The mother needs to provide moisture so that the duck will get herself wet so that her chick can turn round in the shell to hatch.



The little boy in the photograph is discovering a chick which had hatched on that day with Dave explaining.

Mike and his son Matthew gave tours (which included a tractor ride down the fields) of their organic family dairy farm, taking people through the ages of the calves, the milking parlour, the dairy and to the final products of milk, cheese and Woodlands Ice Cream. Seeing the industry at first hand is important to people who value high standards of animal husbandry and prefer to buy British produced food.



Both Mike and Dave are very good spokesmen for the farming industry and chose to take part in this National event to allow people to see for themselves how their farms operate. You will be able to try some Home Farm produced pork at the Overton Fete on 23 June at the hog roast. Dave and Alison's farm cafe and coffee shop has a very good coffee machine if any of you fancy a coffee escape or maybe some advice on keeping chickens or a Gloucester Old Spot! (open every day except Mondays)

on their recent Diamond Wedding was a card from the Queen.

St Mary's CiW VA School JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Tel 01978 710370



Midday Supervisory Assistant (2 days per week)

The Governing body seeks to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to undertake the supervision of the pupils in the dining hall, playground areas and school premises and any other appropriate ancillary duties, detailed in the job description. Two days a week, 12.00 – 1.00pm and relief as required.

To start as Thursday 6th September.

For further information about the post please contact the Headteacher on the number above. This post is subject to Education Workforce Council Registration.

Wrexham Council welcomes applications from suitably qualified candidates regardless of race, gender, disability, sexuality, religious belief or age

Please note that all school positions are subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service)

Term time only with no term leave

Closing date: Friday 13th July 12.00pm

Interviews: Monday 16th July

Midday Supervisory Assistant (5 days per week)

The Governing body seeks to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to undertake the supervision of the pupils in the dining hall, playground areas and school premises and any other appropriate ancillary duties, detailed in the job description. Five days a week, 12.00 – 1.00pm

To start as Wednesday 5th September.

For further information about the post please contact the Headteacher on the number above. This post is subject to Education Workforce Council Registration.

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Congratulations from the Queen

Amongst the good wishes to Beryl & Tom Williams



on their recent Diamond Wedding was a card from the Queen.



St Mary's School News

Bikeability

In Year 6, we have recently completed our Bikeability training over three days. Getting our confidence on the playground first, we then ventured out onto the local roads of Overton, led by our very capable instructors, Mike and Allison. They were really helpful but also strict when necessary, as they made sure we were safe at all times. We learnt how to cross at a T-junction; how to complete U-turns; how to pass a parked vehicle; and how to enter and exit at junctions. We all achieved a certificate and, most of all, it was great fun whilst developing our skills.

by Verity Earl, Year 6 Roving Reporter



Condover Hall – Year 6 Residential

Year 6 went on a much deserved break in May after completing our National Tests. The annual trip to Condover, from Monday to Friday, is something all pupils look forward to when they reach Year 6 and we were no exception.



Once at Condover, we were challenged to big heights on the climbing wall; the 'leap of faith', which is a tall pole you climb to the top of and then leap onto a trapeze; and the favourite, the aerial trek, an assault course of challenges high up.

The coldest activities, kayaking and raft building, were typically on the coldest day of the week, though luckily we had a hot shower afterwards. We also tested our logic in the Initiative Exercises to solve physical and mental puzzles and develop



our teamwork skills. The food at Condover was delicious too! A big thank you to Miss Williams and Mrs Ashworth who supported us on the trip and the other members of staff who dropped by to support us during the five days. It was all-round great fun and a wonderful way to end our time at St Mary's.

by Clarrie MacDonald-Brown,
St Mary's School Editor-in-Chief

Come and meet Christina

A date to book in your diary is Thursday 27th September when television personality Christina Trevanion and her partner Aaron Dean will be attending a Valuation and Coffee Morning at Overton Village Hall in aid of The Friends of St Mary's Church. Trevanion and Dean are auctioneers based in the Joyce Clock's building in Whitchurch. Christina is a frequent expert and presenter on the BBC's 'Bargain Hunt', 'Antiques Road Trip', 'Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is' and 'Flog It' TV programmes. Further details in next month Oracle!



Overton Community Growers July Update

Take your sun hats off for The Growers who have been busy planting outside The Village Hall. The troughs outside the Cocoa Rooms have been filled by the generosity of Eastwick Plant Centre, and they have supplied the hanging baskets! The array of annuals that you will see popping their heads over the Village Hall wall and tubs there have been kindly supplied by Knolton Nurseries!

Thank you both! And thanks also for the 2 water butts installed by Wildbanks Conservation for the watering that will be needed to keep everything looking fabulous!!

We have noticed lots of beautiful hanging baskets, tubs and containers springing up all over Overton recently as well as some spectacular front gardens and natural wildlife friendly gardens.

Do you think yours could be the winning entry for our **Overton in**

Bloom Competition? All entries will be judged on 15th July by David Lock, National

Trust Head Gardener at Chirk Castle. **You have to be 'in it to win it!'** There's still time to enter! Closing date to enter for the above categories **8th July**. Entry forms available, along with information sheets with the criteria for judging, are available at **OVERTON LIBRARY** or telephone 710328 or email cathroberts100@aol.com Winning entries will automatically appear in the **OVERTON GROWERS CALENDAR 2019** (Terms and conditions apply)

The Tallest Sunflower Competition will be judged in September.

Find us on Facebook: 'The Overton on Dee Community Growers' PLEASE FIND, LIKE AND SHARE!



Well done

On Saturday June 2nd a group of 9 enthusiastic willing volunteers joined forces to clear our village streets of rubbish. There is not a lot of rubbish in the village Overton compared to other areas of Wrexham but never the less the rubbish that is dropped here is unsightly and anyone with a pride in these streets should be dismayed by the careless habits of the few. The roads in and out of the village are worse than the village itself because irresponsible passengers in vehicles think nothing of throwing their rubbish out of the windows. There are cans, bottles and food wrappers littering our grass verges. With more volunteer litter pickers we could clear these areas but people should really not drop litter in the first place. Please carry it to the nearest bin or take it home.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR

Afternoon Tea

at THE BROW, OVERTON

Sat 14th July 18

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Free Entry
Donations Welcome

To raise funds for The Overton Scouts Representatives trip to the World Scout Jamboree in America and The Overton Playcentre

Painting Exhibition by Local Artist

Overton resident
Alan Palmer R.C.A.

at
**Llangollen Museum,
Parade St. Llangollen**
July 4th - August 4th



Free Entry
Museum open 10.00am - 5.00pm
Every day

Pick It, Bag It, Bin It

Our village has a problem
Which will keep on mounting.
From bumps to some clumps
Small piles and huge dumps.



What may you ask, is the cause
Is it our furry pals with four paws?
Why should they take the blame?
When freely pooing down the lane.

The blame is with dog's best friend
And those that don't care to bend.
So pick it, bag it and then bin it
Or a foul-smelling fine you will get.

Steven Thomas-Spires

Update from our County Councillor

Regarding the Capital Works programme for 2018/2019

ROADS

This is the latest update regarding road resurfacing in my Overton ward. As we all know funding is very tight and I believe we have done very well considering as only 2% of the overall highway network is being treated.

Bettisfield, Avenue Lane, commencing June 2018.

Overton, High Street, commencing late June 2018.

Hanmer, A495 New Road reconstruction and resurfacing, commencing July 2018.

Penley, A539 Cumbers Bank, reconstruction and resurfacing and road safety improvements, commencing Feb 2019.

I have already reported dozens of potholes and they have been "temporarily" filled. Whilst I fully appreciate this is not ideal it is all I can do at times with very limited funds. This pot hole filling will continue.

STREET LIGHTING - LED upgrade.

Wrexham has 12,000 street lights. Of these 2,000 were converted in 2017/2018 to LED and proved very successful.

The remaining 10,000 will be replaced in the next three years and the revenue savings generated from reduced energy will cover the costs.

Cllr John McCusker



Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for June 2018. 99 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on the 13th June by Donna, landlady of the White Horse.

Winners -

1st Prize £247.50 No 43 Jean Edwards
2nd Prize £148.50 No 99 Eileen Vickers
3rd Prize £ 99.00 No 7 Francis Glynne Jones
Legion Fund: £0

Congratulations

Next Draw: Wednesday July 11th

Three places are now available. If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN: TEL- 01978 710678.

More photos from the Village Parade



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Overton Playcentre Catchup!

Well we have had a busy few weeks, preparing for the Village Parade with our glorious Rainbow Bird as the children have named the wonderful creation that Amy helped our children to make! A huge thanks to Amy for her incredible skills and dedication to make this event happen!

Our Early Entitlement children have been continuing their transition to St Mary's School with running a race during Sports Day, going over to use the Forest School with their teacher-to-be and visiting the classroom where they will be in September!

'A' Star Sports continues to be a weekly visitor thanks to Overton's Community Council Grant.

'Summer and Holidays' is our theme this term and the children are loving using our roleplay enhancement 'Campervan', travelling to far flung lands such as dinosaur Disney land as well as some more usual destinations such as Spain and Italy! There are shells in the sand, suitcases and summer togs to pack in the Ty Bach Tut and postcards and stamps to write when they get there! We have also been using our problem solving techniques to get the Gingerbread Man across the river safely, with bridges, stepping stones and hot air balloons too!

As always we couldn't do this without the enormous support we get from our parents and volunteers. This month a special shout-out goes to two members of staff Emily and Lily, who volunteered their whole weekend sorting out the back shed, even getting up at 6am to take stuff to a car boot sale and then going back to complete the job, supported over the weekend by our lovely parent volunteers and other staff too, thanks to you all!

Huge thanks also go to all of you who have sent in teddies for the Teddy Tombola and to the efforts in transforming them ready for their 'please look after this bear' new homes! Look forward to telling you in the next issue how we did!

Thank you

Thanks to all those who turned out to support the Bingo evening fundraiser for St Mary's Church - and look out for the Christmas Bingo evening on the 21st December - more details to follow nearer the time.



What's On

July Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday July 1st 10am Village Praise, Rev Barrie Gauge
 Sunday July 8th 11.30am Holy Communion, Rev Paul Barrow
 Sunday July 15th 10am Family Communion Rev Barrie Gauge
 Sunday July 22nd 11.30am Holy Communion Rev Paul Barrow
 Sunday July 29th 10.00am Group Eucharist at Erbistock

July Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday July 1st 6.30pm Rev Neville Pugh
 Sunday July 8th 6.30pm Mr Martin Woodhall
 Sunday July 15th 6.30pm Holy Communion, Rev Phillip Poole
 Sunday July 22nd 11.00am All Age Worship, Mr Carl Squires
 Sunday July 29th 6.30pm Rev Richard Parkes

Coffee Mornings at the Chapel every Saturday morning 10.30am to 12 noon

Thursday July 5th 10.30am-2.30pm Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - 'Designing and Making a Ceramic Bird' (Part 2) with Barbara Pilson

Thursday July 5th 8.30pm Quiz Night at the White Horse in aid of Overton Playcentre.

Saturday July 7th St Marys School Fete 12pm-5pm on the school field. B.B.Q, teas, coffee, cakes, Pimms tent, tombola, raffle and lots more.

Tuesday July 10th 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

Tuesday July 10th 7pm for 7.30pm Bingo Night at the Rainbow Centre, Penley. Tea & coffee available

Wednesday July 11th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday July 11th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Please book - see below

Saturday July 14th 2.00pm - 4.00pm Afternoon Tea at The Brow in aid of Overton World Jamboree Scouts & Overton Playcentre

Monday July 16th 7.30pm Overton Village Hall Management Committee and Trustees AGM in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Thursday July 19th 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Catholic Church Hall. 'Surprise Surprise' Evening. Members' competition...a bookmark

Saturday July 21st 9.00pm Live Music at the White Horse with Money Gum.

Reminder - 2018 Overton Produce Show

Saturday 1st September in the Village Hall
 Entries in by 11.00 am on day of Show
 Open for viewing 2.30 pm

Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday July 11th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. There will be a choice of a 2-course menu all for £8.95. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.



Family Announcements



Congratulations on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary to Euan and Val Stevenson.

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

Belated Happy Birthday to Sara Williams.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jayne Lewis of Lewis's Farm Shop. Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gill Rogers.

Village Hall Tables

The large wooden tables have been loaned out to many organisations over the past year. They are loaned out free of charge and without a caretaker charge. SADLY - when the tables were needed recently by the Village Hall to take the weight of beer barrels it was found that 6 tables were missing. Please hunt round and see if you or your organisation may have them stored by mistake. The impact will effect the village fete organisers and any one else who needs to borrow tables in the future.

For sale

Overton Cricket Club July Fixture List

Matches commence at 1.00pm

July	7	Cae Glas	Home
	14	Acton Reynald	Away
	21	Calverhall	Away
	28	Harpers	Home



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