

# The Overton Oracle



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## Big Litter Pick

There will be a community litter pick on Saturday July 6th. Everyone is welcome to help make our village look its best. Meet at 10.00am outside the Corner Shop.

## Keep the date

The Overton 2019 Village Produce Show is in the Village Hall on **Saturday 7th September**. The schedule will be available soon in the village shops.



## Quarter Peal at St Mary's

Overton bellringers at St Marys Church assisted by bellringers from Chirk, Llangollen and Oswestry, are to attempt a quarter peal at our Parish Church tower later in August. More details on this historic event in the August edition of the Oracle.

## Overton-on-Dee W.I.

Overton-on-Dee W.I. will be entertained by Stuart Foulkes at the next meeting on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at the Catholic Church Hall. Stuart will be telling us of his adventures during his Cycle Ride across America. All welcome. Guests £4 to include refreshments. For further details contact Margaret O'Neill, 710451.



## Quiz Night

in aid of H.A.C.K Horse Sanctuary Thursday July 11th at the White Horse, Overton. £2 each

and



## Quiz Night

at the Rainbow Centre on Friday July 12th, 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £5, supper included. First prize £120 Teams of 6. Book your table in advance 01948 830730

## "It's Your Neighbourhood"

This year the Overton-on-Dee Community Growers have entered the village into the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) "It's your Neighbourhood" scheme, a non-competitive scheme for community groups who want to 'green up' local areas – to add some colour to our community, make new friends and get active in our local area.

**Overton will be visited by the RHS "It's Your Neighbourhood" team on Sunday 7th July 11.30am - 1.00pm**

They will be looking for examples of Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement.

It's Your Neighbourhood is part of the wider RHS Britain in Bloom initiative but it is not competitive; benchmarking levels are used to recognise and applaud the achievements of the participants as well as to provide them with some feedback and guidance for the future. The assessors are there as mentors and friends – not as judges – and will give constructive feedback, consider how much Overton has already done and how much more we could do given our village's unique circumstances.

It's an opportunity for everyone to get involved and active in gardening so let's help make our village look beautiful.



## Twinning News

The Twinners are delighted to have benefitted from the expertise of Ruth Caswell in producing a banner which will make its first appearance at the Parade on June 29th. (see photo left) It represents the 2 villages which have now been twinned for 25 years, the river and farmlands around Overton and the mountains around La Murette.



We plan to have the banner on display in St Mary's Church on the morning of Monday August 5th so that we and our French visitors can attach our interpretations of the two villages' war memorials.

This will take place during the treasure hunt round the village which will take the form of a Murder Mystery, and is open to all.

The afternoon of Monday 5th August will be spent playing games on the playing field, or in the Scout Hut if it's wet, and we hope that village children will join in. Tickets for our Barn Dance on the evening of Friday August 9th are now on sale. £10 includes a chilli supper (or pizza for the children) and your first drink. Further information from Sheila Miller on 710823.

## Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Neville Pugh

Headlines this morning. The setting up of a clinic to help young people who are addicted to gambling. There are other addictions that control us.

"Only a prayer away" prayer therapy it is a ministry that can help in any situation. We need to include in our daily lives a time of devotion, when we spend a few moments in reading God's Word and prayer. I became a Christian at the age of seven, I invited the Lord Jesus into my life. He is my friend. My ministry has been about introducing others to the Lord Jesus. People of all age groups have had their lives turned around. To know Jesus in one's life is the most precious happening one can ever have.

Things do not satisfy. Drugs do not meet the human need - there is nothing to compare with a meaningful relationship with the living Lord Jesus. I highly recommend him to you. He is fantastic to know and share your life with. And He is only a prayer away. Lord Jesus help me! That's a big prayer! Try it.

*Rev Nev is Associate Pastor of Overton Methodist Church*

He is also a Trustee of the Bishop Hall Northfield Trust who supply Bibles to churches, small groups and individuals. If you would like a particular Bible please let me know. Mobile: 07929 646697



## Come and have an amble

The Overton Amblers were formed to keep the footpaths in Overton open and accessible for all to enjoy. We regularly walk the public rights of way in Overton and report any problems that we find. The last time we walked was quite a long time ago and we explored Overton footpath No 1, down to Shellbrook. However this path was blocked and overgrown and we didn't manage to get to Shellbrook but were diverted onto another path. This problem was reported to Wrexham Council who have now cleared that particular route, so this is good news and one of the reasons that our group was set up i.e. to keep Overton's beautiful footpaths open.

Some dates have been chosen for walks soon.

- Wednesday 10th July
- Saturday 13th July
- Saturday 10th August
- Wednesday 21st August.

If you would like to join the group on any of these days you will be made very welcome. If so please contact Pene Coles (member of the Ramblers Wrexham Footpath Committee) on email [penecoles49@gmail.com](mailto:penecoles49@gmail.com) or Tel: 01978 710598

**A Big Thank you** to all those hardworking volunteers who have been using their energy, enthusiasm and expertise to make the village look so lovely - the weeders, litter pickers, painters, cleaners, mowers, growers and the planters etc.

## Country Beat

by PCSO Lydia Edwards

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new PCSOS for the Overton area. We cover the villages of Overton, Penley, Hanmer, Bronington, Cross Lanes, Marchwiell, Bangor-on-Dee, Willington, Worthenbury, Tallarn Green, Bettisfield, and other surrounding areas.

Our contact details are PCSO Lydia Edwards and PCSO Catherine Griffiths Hughes.

All crimes must be reported on 101 so incidents can be logged with our control room. Our emails are [Catherine.griffiths-hughes2@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Catherine.griffiths-hughes2@nthwales.pnn.police.uk) [Lydia.edwards@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lydia.edwards@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)

There have been reports of dog related incidents in the wider area so I have put something together for your information.

### Controlling your dog in public

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, e.g.:

- in a public place
- in a private place (eg a neighbour's house or garden)
- in the owner's home

The law applies to all dogs.

### Out of control

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
  - makes someone worried that it might injure them
- A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if:
- it injures someone's animal
  - the owner of the animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal
- A farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it's worrying their livestock.

### Report a dog

Anyone can report a dog and their owner to the police. You can report a dangerous dog to your council's dog warden service.

You can also report dog fouling to your local council.

Regards,

Lydia

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Workshops and preparations for the 2019 Village Parade continued all through June with many local organisations and individuals getting involved. (The photo shows Overton Beavers) The parade and fete took place after the July Oracle went to the printers but look out for colour pictures on the Oracle website now and in the August edition.



## Overton Community Council July 2019

### New community councillors

We would like to welcome our two new members to the council. Phillip Alstead and Paul Whittaker have been co-opted onto the council.

### Outcome of the consultation with residents on the renewal of the lease for the Millennium Meadow.

Many thanks to all those who took part in the questionnaire in the Oracle. The responses received by the closing date (9<sup>th</sup> April) were as follows:

**41 in favour of renewing the lease. 1 against.**

The community council will arrange to meet the landowner to commence discussions regarding the renewal of the lease.

### Precept/Budget for 2019/2020

The Precept for 2019 / 2020 has been set at £51,508.00.

The Precept is set after the budget has been agreed and approved by the members of Overton Community Council and it is used wholly for the community funding:

- Street light electricity;
- the rental and maintenance of the Playingfield and all the play equipment;
- the rental and maintenance of the Millennium Meadow - this includes all the trees in the meadow which have Tree Preservation Orders; Cemetery maintenance; Insurances;
- the management and maintenance of the Public conveniences;
- Grants given to local organisations;
- Christmas lights;
- General administration and various other village activities.

## Overton Cricket Club July Fixture List

Matches commence at 1.00pm

July	6	St Georges	Home
	13	Bowmere Heath	Away
	20	Shrewsbury	Home
	27	Corvedale	Away



## Choral Evensong

Devotees of evensong will be pleased to hear that it has been re-introduced during the summer in the Maelor Mission Area on the third Sunday of each month at 5pm.

The next service is at St Marys' Church, Overton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 5pm. Music will be provided by the newly formed Evensong Choir. St Mary's choir is the core with singers from other churches in the Area. This is an opportunity for lovers of traditional evensong to join our worship and we look forward to seeing you.

Also, if you would like to sing some of the finest English church music without the commitment of being in a regular choir you are welcome to join us. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact St Mary's Organist, Paul Whittaker on [paulwfennant@gmail.com](mailto:paulwfennant@gmail.com).

Subsequent services will be: Bangor on Dee on August 18<sup>th</sup>, Hanmer on September 15<sup>th</sup>, returning to Overton on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## Overton Recreational Club supports

### Hope House

After a busy few months fundraising we are pleased to announce we presented a total of £500 to this very worthy cause. The Santa dash raised £180, Joan Stant put on an incredible cake day which raised £151 and the balance was made up from change the members had kindly donated in the "bottle" on the bar.

Jackie presented the money to Cat Dowdeswell of Hope House who thanked everyone sincerely for all their efforts. We have promised to donate even more next time so thinking hats on please.



**Rainbow Singers** The Community choir goes from strength to strength and meets every Monday at 4 -5pm at the Rainbow Centre. All are welcome

## Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club



Results of the "100 Club" Bonus Draw for June 2019.

100 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June by Rev David Child.

The winners, each receiving £50 are -

1. No 62 Doreen Jones.
2. No 38 Roy Walker
3. No 46 Eleanor Gooding
4. No 34 Cynthia Davies
5. No 2 Leo, Mollie & Sophie Picken
6. No 97 Vicky Jones
7. No 98 Steve Roberts
8. No 17 Haydon Austin
9. No 87 Jane Bangay
10. No 91 Anne Brereton

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Next Draw: Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN on  
Tel: 01978 710678.

### Overton has Heatstroke

Overton Amateur Dramatics Society's recent production of "Heatstroke" was a hilarious farce set in Spain and just right for the start of the holiday season.

Confused identities, the mystery of revolving black holdalls, a stolen fortune (and a particularly cheeky snake) made comical confusion the order of the evening. The two couples who should not have been at the Spanish villa - and certainly not at the same



time - found themselves caught up in a web of intrigue with entertaining consequences.



When the curtain went up the audience was reassured by the sight of an excellent set and the evening continued with strong performances by a well rehearsed cast, especially Joanne's comedic performance despite being hampered by flippers, face mask and snorkel! The bewildered holiday makers who were caught up in the confusing events, provided the audience with another of Overton Am Drams delightful evenings.

### Overton mentioned in the House of Commons

Susan Elan Jones, Member of Parliament for Clwyd South mentioned Overton in her recent adjournment debate on Excessive Speeding and Driving Bans. She began the debate with the words, "I want to emphasise two key points about excessive speeding and driving bans: first, the need for tougher action to tackle speeding offences; and, secondly, the need to explore how technology can be used to improve road safety and reduce the number of unnecessary deaths that occur on our roads." - - - "It is my strongly held belief that collisions and road traffic accidents are not inevitable and that we should not accept them as such. Cycling UK has stated that whereas society expects high safety standards in various aspects of our lives in which there are inherent risks, there sometimes seems to be a different culture on the roads." - - - "I conclude my speech with 3 main questions for the Minister. First, what will she do to ensure that tougher action is taken to tackle speeding offences, and will she ensure that more lengthy driving bans are awarded? Secondly, will she consider removing the "exceptional hardship" argument as a way for drivers who accumulate more than 12 points on their driving licence to avoid deserved driving bans? Thirdly, what will she do to explore ways in which technology can be used to improve road safety, particularly with regard to European Transport Safety Council recommendations? I look forward to hearing from the Minister, and to us all working together to do whatever we can to stop accidents and fatalities on our roads. It is very important that we tackle this issue."



The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (Ms Nusrat Ghani) replied, thanking Susan for extending the opportunity to continue working together on an issue on which she has not only campaigned for a long time but has been given an award. Susan replied "The Minister mentions the award from Brake, the road safety charity, and I pay tribute to the community of Overton in my constituency. There was a terrible road traffic incident, after which the community came together to campaign on this issue. I feel that this very important award belongs as much to my constituents as it does to me."

Ms Ghani replied "The hon. Lady, true to form, shares the praise with all those who have worked behind the scenes, which has been noted." The full debate can be read on [www.theyworkforyou.com/debates](http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates) May 23rd 2019

### The power of Overton Oracle !

A heartfelt thanks to Oracle readers for their overwhelming response to my recent request for pillowcases for Home Start Wrexham.

These will be used in July for our family "CAMP AT THE CASTLE" at Chirk in conjunction with The National Trust. We are able to offer many families a holiday / camping experience in a wonderful setting.

We are very excited to be running back to back camps this year so clean pillowcases was the job I was given. I now have a supply of 70+ lovely, donated pillowcases. I really can't believe your generosity. *Sue Glover*

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### Support our Village Hall

You are invited to join Overton Village Hall Trustees at their AGM on Monday July 15th. The business will take place in The Parish Room at 7:30pm.

Sadly, the time has come for Sue and James Glover to retire. After being associated with the Management Committee since the mid 1980's with James as Chair from 2000 and Sue as administrator since 2007, it will be a wrench for both. We have actively searched for "Overtonians" to take over the work and the ever increasing responsibilities and legislation that goes hand in hand with running a thriving community facility. Would you like to take on a challenge? Come along on the 15th.

*For and on behalf of Overton Village Hall Management Committee.*

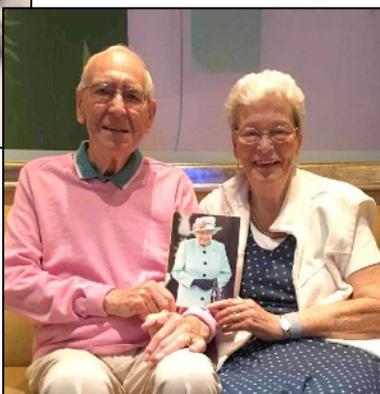


### Congratulations from the Queen



Congratulations to Reg & June Jones on their Diamond Wedding which was on June 22nd. Amongst the good wishes to Reg and June was a card from the Queen. They celebrated with a short

cruise aboard the Arcadia with Richard, Gareth, Karen and Magretta. Everyone had an amazing memorable time. Thanks for all the lovely messages and kind wishes received.



### Royal British Legion Wellness and Defibrillator Awareness Day

We were delighted that over 50 people attended our day to be made aware how the defibrillators in our village work, dismissing peoples fears about using them – you really can't go wrong and you might save a life!! Visitors were able to talk to the Bowling and Tennis Clubs, Scouts, Community Growers and the Ambling Club who were all able to demonstrate how joining their organisations might help with fitness and wellness! The surplus made from the sale of refreshments and the raffle raised £160 towards the cost of Explorer Scouts from the village who will be attending the World Scout Jamboree in July & August in W. Virginia, USA.



### St Mary's School News

#### Brilliant Bikeability

Despite the unseasonal rain, our Year 6 class had great fun in June participating in four days of Bikability training. Working initially on the playground to achieve Level 1, they then ventured around Overton to polish up their cycling skills on the road to achieve Level 2. Everyone persevered in sometimes heavy rain and returned after each session in good spirits.

Bikeability is a brilliant way to learn how to cycle safely and professionally - including how to indicate, go round T-junctions, complete U-turns and more. An understanding of the Highway Code is crucial. Bikeability challenges you to explore your 'Inner Biker'. Instructors Dan and Mervyn were fantastic working with the pupils and Year 6 teacher, Mrs Williams, was extremely proud when Mervyn told her the class had been one of the most well-behaved and polite groups he'd ever had the pleasure to work with. Best of all – everyone who participated was successful in achieving their Level 2 certificate. Da iawn, pawb!

Year 6 pupil William told reporters: "It was really fun, it helped us develop our skills and be safe and professional cyclists on the road. It helps you to be safe on the road, which is a great skill to have now and in later life." Road safety does not begin or end there though – our younger pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be embarking on 'Walk Wise' in July: an initiative to allow children to become confident and competent pedestrians with an understanding and awareness of safer road use. Look out for them in their high-vis jackets!

**by Max Evans (Year 6 Editor-in-Chief) and Lucas Pimaparel (Year 6 Roving Reporter)**

#### Junior Justice Comes to St. Mary's



At the start of June, 'Junior Justice' paid our Year 5 pupils a visit. The project from Theatre Clwyd's Creative Engagement Team has toured 20 primary schools to perform a two-hour interactive workshop and we were fortunate enough to be selected. The project aims to educate pupils about the dangers of setting deliberate grass fires and examines the law and justice system and how they impact on young people today. Pupils are introduced to key questions such as: At what age can you be held criminally responsible for your actions?

The interactive drama production follows the story of 11 year old Ifan and his actions which leads to devastating consequences for him and his community. Pupils learnt that even small actions can cause big problems. Taking on different roles of police, magistrates and solicitors, pupils followed Ifan's journey through the criminal justice system. The pupils had to be the judge of what should happen to Ifan - involving lots of moral and legal considerations. It was a thought-provoking

experience for all involved. The workshop was filmed at St Mary's by the BBC and appeared on BBC Wales on 17 June – you may still find it on iPlayer!

**by Olivia Busby (Year 6 Editor-in-Chief)**

### Local Development Plan update from our local WCB councillor

I queried the procedure when I heard there was a Pre Hearing Meeting arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> June at Guildhall regarding the Local Development Plan. This was more to do with clarity that the Council has prepared the Plan in accordance with all the statutory procedures and NOT specific to items within the Plan. I trust that this explains in a nutshell but if anyone wants to read the four page response I received to my question I am more than happy to send you a copy if you just email me? The full response has been sent to all my Community Councils as well.

*John McCusker*

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### More Photos for the July edition

Preparing the Twinning banner for the Parade



More photos of preparations for the RHS "It's Your Neighborhood" judging



**What's On****July Diary for St Mary's Services**

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Prayer  
 Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion  
 Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Family Communion  
 5.00pm Mission Area Evensong  
 Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Communion

**July Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel**

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Circuit Service at Regent Street  
 Methodist Church  
 Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev Neville Pugh  
 Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm Mr David Pickstone  
 Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am All Age Worship Mr Martin Woodhall  
 Craft Class 1.30pm each Tuesday  
 Toddler Group 9.30am each Friday

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

**Tuesday July 2nd to Sunday 7th** Llangollen International Eisteddfod

**Thursday July 4th** 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre Paint, Craft & Create with lunch. 'Pencil techniques' with Christine Matthews

**Saturday July 6th** Meet at 10.00am Community Litter Pick. All welcome please. Meet at the Corner Shop

**Sunday July 7th** 11.30am - 1.00pm RHS "It's Your Neighbourhood" assessment of the village

**Sunday July 7th** 12noon-3.00pm Crafts, Plants & Gifts Fair at the Catholic Church Hall in aid of Lincs Dobermann Rescue

**Tuesday July 9th** 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

**Wednesday July 10th** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

**Wednesday July 10th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Please book.

**Thursday July 11th & 25th** Lunch Club at the Rainbow Centre. 2 course meal for £7.50. Tel: 01498 830730

**Thursday July 11th** Quiz Night at the White Horse in aid of H.A.C.K. Horse Rescue Sanctuary

**Friday July 12th** 7.30pm Quiz Night at the Rainbow Centre. Max of 6 per team, £5 per person including supper. Book early to reserve a table

**Monday July 15th** 7.30pm Overton Village Hall AGM in the Parish Room. Please come along if you care about our Village Hall.

**Tuesday July 16th** 12.30-2.30pm Tuesday Crafternoon at The Rainbow Centre - Paper Crafts

**Thursday July 18th** Maelor South Adventurers Group visit to Pontcysyllte aqueduct canal boat trip including aqueduct crossing. To book ring 01948 830730

**Thursday July 18th** 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting. Stuart Foulkes on "Cycle Ride across America" at the Catholic Church Hall.

**Family Announcements**

**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.

**Congratulations**

to Jan and Colin Davies on their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** on July 18<sup>th</sup>, from all their friends at the Bowling Club.

**Overton Lunch Club**

is on **Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm at the White Horse**. A choice of a two-course menu all for **£8.95**. To book ring **Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672**.

**What's On at the Community Cafe**

Village groups are running the Café in the Foyer next to the **'Pop Up Post Office'** which runs in the Parish Room 10.00am to 12 noon.

- Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Overton Amateur Dramatics
- Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> St Marys School PTA
- Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> Community Agents Team Penley
- Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> Overton WI
- Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> Overton Bowling Club

**Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and good wishes that they sent me after my recent accident, they were very much appreciated. I'm back home and recovering slowly but surely. *Pearl Edwards*

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