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OVERTON ON DEE WI

Coffee Morning

at Overton Village Hall
on Saturday March 11th 2017
at 10.30am

Various stalls
Draw

Entrance
£1



Overton Post Office

The Post Office Area Field Change Advisor, Ms. Emma Chilman, announced this month that Overton Post Office will remain on its present site for the foreseeable future.

Dates for the Maelor Music Society

- On 8th March 2017 the **Deeside Dixies** - this local group plays rousing trad jazz and a most entertaining evening's music is promised.
- On 22nd March The **Royal Northern College of Music** - the cream of the college's most accomplished students who have been coming to Penley for many years and our audience is always enthralled by the quality of the musicianship from these stars of the future.

Both at 7.30pm in the Maelor School Hall, Penley.

Overton Twinning Wine Tasting

including the now famously excellent buffet!
Saturday 11th March from 7.30pm in the Scout Hut.
Tickets £10 from Sheila Miller 07881 426849 or Catherine Starkey 07925 772024



New Wrexham CBC Dog Control Legislation

The new Public Space Protection Order applies to dog fouling and dogs on leads in public places in the whole of the Wrexham County Borough area and will come into effect on March 1st 2017.



- Any person in charge of a dog in a public place must ensure their dog is on a lead at all times.
- If a dog fouls anywhere in a public place the faeces must be removed and disposed of appropriately.

A Police Officer or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100 (or £75 if paid within 7 days), failing which they may be prosecuted. A public place means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right by virtue of express or implied permission. Further information and details of exemption due to disability can be found online.

<http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/community/safety/pspo.htm>

Article supplied by Overton Community Council

Congratulations to the Playcentre

What a start this special year for the Playcentre is turning out to be! On 10th February the Playcentre officially became 50 years old, PLUS we have just been



awarded runners-up in 2 categories by the 2016 Wrexham Childcare Awards, first for Holiday Club of the year and the other Out of School Club of the Year.

Also we have just had a CSSIW inspection and have come out glowing! They noted that they found "*the children experience a high quality of care and are very happy, they are able to make independent choices promoting their play, learning and development. The staff are well qualified, experienced and know the children very well.*" (full report is available at the Playcentre).



I wish to say a huge well done on this report which also credits the Playcentre for the voluntary committee and the close relationship and communication it strives to have with its parents. This highlights why the Playcentre

Sarah Carpenter

has been able to reach its 50th year, it is down to the continued support of everybody who currently uses it, or has used it and that is what makes the Overton Playcentre so strong.

Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Phillip Poole

Dear friends,

The Gospel of Mark tells the story of Jesus almost like a travelogue. Jesus' journey begins in Galilee, and ends in Jerusalem, where he comes into conflict with the authorities and is crucified.

Jesus seems to know right from the beginning the fate that awaits him, but there is a specific point in the story at which he deliberately turns towards Jerusalem, and begins to journey towards the cross. That change in direction happens immediately following Peter's confession in Mark chapter eight. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say I am ... and who do you say I am?" And Peter's reply is simply, "You are the Messiah." Now that his disciples have realised who he is, Jesus can begin to talk more openly to them about what will happen when they finally reach Jerusalem: "He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again." (Mark 8:31)

Lent is often referred to as a journey. Thomas Merton, for instance referred to the season of Lent as "A Journey of the Heart," pointing to the fact that Lent presents us with the opportunity to make an inner journey, a spiritual and emotional journey. Death and resurrection lay at the end of Jesus' journey, and our journey is like his. We come face to face with who we are and what we are really like through fasting and praying, through thinking and applying the scriptures to our lives, and through repentance where that is needed. Then as we approach Holy Week and thoughts of the cross, our prayer is that our old self would be figuratively put to death with Christ, and that on Easter morning we would rise with him, renewed and transformed into different and better people.

Viewed this way Easter is more than simply a precious opportunity for us to remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection – it's an opportunity for us to be touched by God ourselves and to be renewed and changed for the better every year.

Lord, guide us on our Lenten journey this year and give us strength to persevere. As we pray and spend time with you may we find ourselves challenged and changed. And when Easter comes may we rise with Christ to a new and fuller life. Amen.

Phil Poole



Country Beat

.....
by PCSO Lynne Maurice



As the dark nights have drawn out quite a bit now, we still have to stay vigilant and protect our property. There have been reports, mainly in the Wrexham area of youths going around trying doors of properties at all times of the day and evening. So, just to make everyone aware of this and to still keep your doors locked even in the day time. It's so easy for someone to slip into your property, maybe you're in the garden hanging washing out or having a shower. It doesn't take them long to have a good rummage around and take a handbag that may have been left in the hall with the car keys in it or whatever. Ladies, our handbags are full of our belongings, our lives are in our handbags, so don't leave it lying around in the hall or on the kitchen table at any time and take it upstairs with you at night.

There has also been a number of thefts of tools and power tools from vans in the Wrexham and other areas recently. Please remove tools from vehicles when left unattended. OWL Watch has 'Don't Bother' kits available for £1.00 each. Contact them on 01352 708118 or email at watch@owlcymru.org for more information.

Lastly, I would like to mention the parking issues once again on the junction of Turning Street onto the High Street in Overton and also the other side, on the High Street. Vehicles should be 10 metres from any junction, so please can we ask residents to refrain from parking on the junction in this area. It causes major problems for vehicles approaching from the Bangor on Dee area as they are not able to approach on the correct side of the road for all the vehicles left there. Whilst we appreciate, parking in the village is limited, surely common sense should prevail and it's your responsibility to park within the confines of the law and the Highway Code. We will continue to monitor this area and the Roads Policing Officers have been made aware of this problem as have the Council Enforcement Officers.

Regards,

Lynne

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Overton Football Club Fixture List

- 4th March: 1st Team - Corwen home.
Reserves Team - Brickfield Rangers away
- 11th March: 1st Team - No fixture.
Reserve Team - Rhos Aelwyd home
- 18th March: 1st Team - Chirk AAA home.
Reserves Team - No fixture
- 25th March: 1st Team - No fixture.
Reserves Team - Rhostyllen home

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Cup'n'Saucer Cafe

It is with regret that Mick and Karen have had to close the Cup'n'Saucer cafe. Both Mick and Karents' health problems have not been helped by working in the cafe and they both consider that the cost to their health is simply not worth the benefits of the business. They wish to thank all their customers over the past 9 months.

Dear Editor

I am writing to ask the reason for a new sign. On the post between the playing field car park and the football field there is a new sign that informs us - 'NO DOGS beyond this point at any time'.



This confused me and saddened me. As a local family that enjoys cricket we have been left wondering why, according to this sign, that we will be unable to walk our dogs over to the cricket field in the summer as we have done for many years with our children and extended family.

The sign - circle within a red ring - implies that this is an order, telling us something we MUST NOT DO and who exactly is going to enforce this? I understand that the cricket field is privately rented from landowner and not under the same rent agreement as the football field and they have a right of way across the back of the goal to get to their gate either by foot or by vehicle. It is therefore imposing a guideline that cannot be enforced as the cricket club welcomes spectators and their members to bring their families and dogs providing of course, they pick up after them.

As a responsible dog owner, it saddens me to think we are slowly lessening the areas where we are welcome with our furry friends. Surely money spent on a sign is unnecessary in this instance? And what about the fun had at the dog show at the village fete last year, is this not going to be able to happen in the future or will the community council whip the sign down overnight and pretend it's never been there perhaps?

One of those things that makes you go hmmmmmmm?

A responsible but saddened dog owner:

Thank you

Thank you very much to the kind person who put up a poster and provided free dog poo bags at the start of the footpath which circumvents the school playground. Please will dog owners also be aware that these filled bags must be placed in the nearest waste bin; not left on the footpath.

Please carry the bag until you see a bin.

Pene Coles

Real Ale Hero

The latest edition of the CAMRA magazine's "Real Ale Hero" is Pene Cole, Overton's chairman of the Community Council. The article describes her developing of the Jolly Brewer business in Wrexham and her mentoring of many who have gone on to found their own Real Ale breweries. One of these calls her "the godmother of north Wales brewing" and another "in no small way she's responsible for the resurgence of Wrexham as a Welsh brewing capital." Well done Pene.



Playcentre Fundraising

April 2nd is our **Nearly New Sale**, (1pm-3pm). This is always a great event. If you are looking to sell maternity, baby, toddler or preschool items we can help you do that. Or if you are on the look to purchase come along! Call the Playcentre for more details 01978 710688.

One of our planned fundraisers is to produce a **50th Anniversary cook book** that we hope all people who have played a part in the Playgroup story over the 50 years will contribute to; from the founder members to staff, committee members and to parents and children who have grown up and now have children of their own using the Playgroup facilities.

Send us your recipe and picture by email to: mail@andrealawton.plus.com. or write the recipe down with your information, bring it in to the Playcentre and we will type it up for you. You can contribute more than 1 recipe if you like. Please send your recipe by 30th April 2017 so that it will be available for purchasing at our planned events during this year.

Who's who?

Betty Williams would be interested to know the names of those in this old photo. It was taken at an Overton Village Carnival in the 1950s.



Wanted Relief cleaner at St Mary's School.

For more information please ring the school on 01978 710370 and ask for Darren Morris.

Allen Durdle 1895 - 1917

It is 100 years since Charles Allen Durdle was killed on 4th March 1917. One presumes he preferred the name of Allen as that is what he is named on Overton War Memorial.

Allen did not come from Overton and one theory is that he is on our War Memorial as he worked at Bryn y Pys as a groom. His father, Charles Durdle was coachman, first at Hunstanton Hall in Norfolk where Allen was born and then at Mostyn Hall, home of Lord Mostyn. Charles and Ada's children were Gertrude b1893, Charles Allen b1895, Hilda b1897, Frederick b1899, Eric b1900, Herbert b1903, Alice Mary b1907 and Arthur Francis b1910. The family lived in the Coachman's Lodge at Mostyn Hall and by the time he was 15 in 1911 Allen was working in the stables there as a groom.

But in 1913 Allen's father Charles died, aged only 48. This would have meant that the family lost their home which was tied to his job. Allen moved to another job as groom with accommodation, probably at the stables at Bryn y Pys. Ada and the younger children moved to Presteigne. When war broke out several of the Bryn y Pys staff joined the Welsh Fusiliers but Allen loved horses so he joined the Welsh Horse Yeomanry, Private No G/41708. The regiment was formed in August 1914 at the start of the war. Those who have seen the play or film 'War Horse' will know about the part horses played in WWI. At some point the Welsh Horse Yeomanry was amalgamated into the Middlesex Regiment 20th Battalion, who were sent to France in June 1916. Allen was in 'B' Company. He was killed on the 4th March 1917, possibly during the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, the memorial to the missing of the Somme, and on Overton War Memorial.



Photo shows British Cavalry crossing a wooden bridge over the River Somme at Brie, near Peronne, March 1917, part of the British pursuit of the German "Retreat to the Hindenburg Line"

Francis Dann Fitzjohn 1886 - 1917

It is 100 years since Francis Dann Fitzjohn was killed on 23rd March 1917. He was born June 25th 1886 at Pharmacy House, High Street, Overton, the son of Francis Fitzjohn, Overton chemist and grocer and his wife Jane. Francis was the eldest child and he had sisters, Ethel b1897 and Lilian b1893.

But Francis did not appear to wish to follow his father into the family business. In 1907 he joined the army and served for 3 years with West Lancashire Royal Artillery. But then on 3rd April 1910 seeking a better life, he emigrated to Canada, sailing 3rd class from Liverpool to Quebec on the SS Montrose, Canadian Pacific Line. He

was described as a Labourer and travelled to Saskatchewan. There he worked as an 'Advertiser'.

In 1914 war was declared. On July 21st 1915 Francis joined the 6th Battalion Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces (Private 472055) and they set sail for Great Britain on 18th June 1916. In September they were moved to France to take part in the Battle of the Somme, the Canadian Forces suffering 25,000 casualties by November. One of those injured was Francis who was then transported, not to his parents in Overton, but on a hospital ship back to Canada. However he did not recover from his wounds and died on 23rd March 1917.

He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon, Canada (left) and is also remembered on Overton War Memorial.



Appeal for even more spare beds?

Do you have any spare beds? Carol Dykes, Overton's coordinator for hospitality for the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is this year looking for **even more** hosts in the village. She needs to find about 20 beds more than usual to accommodate the foreign visitors that Overton will be welcoming. The dates are July 2nd to 9th. Hosts will receive £15 a night and are asked to provide Bed and Breakfast plus a hot drink & piece of cake at suppertime. If you can help, please contact Carol on 01978 710794 or 07947 747530.



Dog Owner Beware

To the man with the blue/grey bob hat who let his black Staffordshire bull terrier type dog foul the pavement on the High St at 4.30pm on Monday 30th January and made no attempt to clean it up, despite there being a bin within 5 yards, I have video and photographic evidence of the offence, which I am seriously considering showing the police. Also, to the people who let their dogs foul on the grass around the telephone kiosk- PICK IT UP!! Your callous disregard for the state of the village is becoming untenable, despite polite requests and issued warnings. As dog owners you have responsibilities and unfortunately a minority are choosing to totally ignore the law. If you are not willing to take ownership of your village, then I will be quite happy to let the council & police have the evidence, and, as happens in Wrexham, substantial fines will be applied.

A High St resident (name & address supplied)

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Bridge with Zebedee

The fundraising day in aid of the Friends of St Marys held in the Village Hall in January was a great success. The Bridge training day led by top

Bridge tutor, Zebedee Stocken, was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants whose play should now be much improved and who were all most complimentary about their lunch. Altogether the day raised over £3,500 which will go into the fund to help protect the fabric of the parish church. Many thanks must go to all those who

(The catering team)

worked hard to make the day such a success.



Thank you

I would like to thank the driver of the Wrexham Council van for respecting the 30mph speed limit on the Wrexham Road on Thursday 16th February at about 4.15pm. By respecting the 30 mph limit, the van was able to stop when a little 4 year old boy tried to join the advance party and cross the road by himself. The van stopped, the little boy was rescued and pulled back off the road and all was well. Happy ending - thank goodness. Thank goodness for the 30 mph speed limit and thank you to the van driver.

Name and address supplied

Time to Bowl

Overton Bowling Green is opening on Wed March 29th. We have a fantastic bowling green in Overton which is the envy of many villages in N. Wales. The green will open 2pm until 5pm and the members will welcome interested individuals and families to come along, have a go, and meet the members over tea/coffee and biscuits. You never know, there just might be a budding Welsh junior or senior Champion right here in our village! Come and have a go. For further information contact the Secretary Tel: 01978 710776

News from the White Horse

Mike and Zena, new landlords of the White Horse are seeking information about previous landlords, and has anyone got any photos of the pub, the older the better? Pop in and let them know if you can help. They are now open 7 evenings a week plus Tuesday lunchtimes. The excellent menu is available Wednesday to Sunday. Quizzes will start again on Thursday evenings from the beginning of March and Mike has added a Snowball question which will rollover week to week if not won.

Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday March 8th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be gammon, pineapple, chips & peas followed by warm fudge cake & icecream, all for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672



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*Sale of
Locally Handcrafted Jewellery*

Saturday March 18th
10am to 3.30pm

at the Overton Playcentre, School Lane.
Profits to be donated to Overton Playcentre

Everyone very welcome

Request From Australia

I am searching for the descendants of William Davies and Maria nee Pickering of the Bowling Green Inn, Penyllan Street, Overton (*was the Cup'n'Saucer cafe*). William and Maria were married in St Marys Overton in 1818 both "of this parish". The 1841 census lists the family as the innkeepers residing there with 9 children.

One of the sons, my great grandfather William, joined the Royal Miners & Sappers (name changed later to the Royal Engineers) in Liverpool in 1847 and with them went to Australia in 1852. But where are all the descendants of the other children? If you can help please contact me. Janice McEachran email mceachran@bigpond.com or contact the Oracle.

Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club



Results of the "100 Club" draw for January. 87 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse on the 8th February by Rev David Child.

Winners -

1st Prize £174.00 No 7 Francis Glynne Jones
2nd Prize £87.00 No 62 Doreen Jones
3rd Prize £43.50 No 40 Lucy Li
Legion Fund: £130.50

Next Draw: Wed. March 8th

A few membership places still available, open to everyone, not just RBL members.
If you wish to join please ring Dave Austin

St Mary's School News

In the past few weeks, Foundation Phase have been extremely busy creating an eco-igloo made of entirely recycled milk bottles! The amount of bottles used is top secret, and there will be a school competition to guess how many milk bottles were used in the process. The finished result is absolutely stunning and looks suitable enough for a family of Eskimos to lodge in this eco-friendly igloo!

On the 14th February it was Valentine's day. Right? Wrong! Here at St. Mary's we were celebrating 'Carrotine's Day'. In Year 6, as we are drawing our World War II topic to a close, we celebrated 'Carrotine's Day' by making delicious, original rationing recipes based on the humble carrot. We made: Ohio pudding, carrot cookies (a class favourite) and carrot fudge. We thoroughly enjoyed making these carrot delicacies as much as we enjoyed eating them!

by Zoe and Kier, Year 6



Student Council News

This half term, Yr 5 and Yr 6 members of the School Council had an interesting visit to the Mayor's parlour in Wrexham. Following a tour of the building, by the Mayor's assistant Luke, we then met our friendly and welcoming Mayor, John. The Mayor gave us a brief lesson of what historic artefacts were on his shelves, including a red brick from the Brymbo Ironworks. The point of our visit was to experience what it would be like to be a part of an even bigger council than ours. In the wonderful surroundings of the Council Chamber, we conducted a School Council meeting, with Lauren as chair and Mack as vice. Lauren had great fun using the hammer to call for silence to start the meeting!

by Lauren and Mack, Year 6 Student Councillors

St. Mary's Sports Results

This term has seen mixed fortunes so far for our school netball and football teams. We had an extraordinary netball game against Alexandra School which we won 16-4 and another less successful game against St. Paul's, Rossett which we lost 8-3. Interviewed after the first game, Zoe told us, "It was really cool and I felt that we all played really well and Josh was a brilliant goal scorer."

Our first football game of this term we lost 4-1 away against Acrefair but Adam scored a great goal, Rian crossed it in from a corner and that allowed Adam to get a header into the bottom left corner. Although we did not win we were not deterred, remembering our term's collective worship topic of perseverance! For our second match we beat Alexandra School at home 4-2 with two goals from Rian, a goal from Adam and a spectacular header from Freddie. Interviewing Adam, about how it felt to score he told us, "Happy but we had to carry on trying to win."

by Finley and Rian, Year 6

Foundation Phase Acrostic and Alliteration Poetry

This term, Year 2 and 1 have been writing acrostic and alliteration poetry. We hope you enjoy Tig's poem -

Dangerous risky dragon you may stay put out of my way because I am the dragon of gold.
I shimmer in the sun I wave my tail in delight.
Risk it now go go go I'm a dragon "Hello!"
Almighty my dragon follow me in my wagon
Go my dragon you are too slow for me
Ollie the dragon likes wagons
No dragons means no wagons

Tigs told us, "I enjoyed drafting my poem it was very fun to make!"



Interview by Finley, Year 6

Creative Writing Corner

Year 6 have been writing short story introductions; weaving in character descriptions and building suspense. Here's Zara's story, do you dare to read on?

INTO DANGER

Breathlessly, Benny knocked on the mysterious, unnerving door. Wondering what menacing surprise was for him. Shortly, the door slowly creaked open, as if by magic...

Anxiously, Benny stepped into the eerie darkness of the spine-chilling mansion. Without warning, a loathsome voice murmured, 'Come, my child, come.' Then out stepped a short, repulsive man, frowning intensively. His small, stubby hands brushing his old tartan suit in thought. Benny stared. His eyes darted towards the man's pale scrunches up face with black wiry hairs coming from his pointy nostrils. The man stood, observing Benny with his bulging, sly eyes waiting for a response. Nervously, Benny stuttered, 'W-w-who are y-you?' Slowly, the man upturned his hideous frown and smiled an almighty, sinister smile.

'Follow me and you will find out,' bellowed the obnoxious man, baring his yellow, crooked teeth as he talked. And with that he waddled off, carrying his obese belly. Bravely, Benny followed curiously into the ebony black mansion.

by Zara, Year 6

Dear Editor,

If the village residents choose to use the W.C.B.C. bus to Wrexham /Whitchurch or the O.C.C. bus to Stans it's their choice for some of them it is their only trip out and which they look forward to. As for taking trade away from the village, I think you'll find that the people who use the buses use the village shops as well because otherwise our village shops would be closed then in which case they would need the buses even more than they do now.

Apart from this, I always thought you could choose what you did and where you went it's called choice and I wasn't aware that our choice had been taken from us.

C. Davies

Dear Editor,

In reply to the (name and address supplied) writer regarding the mini bus to Stan's, the bus is still running because the people who use it are extremely happy with the door to door service it provides. All bar one person on this bus has a free pass and for them to pay £1.50 speaks volumes. 18 buses a week to Wrexham versus 1 to Stan's; really!!! What's the problem, get a life.

Nancy Webb

Overton Community Gardeners will be meeting at 6pm on Thursday March 30th outside the Scout Hut to discuss plans for this year. Any one who would like to join this group please contact Pene on 710598 or penecoles49@gmail.com

*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.*

What's On

March Diary for St Mary's Services

Wednesday March 1st 7.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer
 Sunday March 5th 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Sunday March 12th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3.00pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday March 19th 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday March 26th 11.30am Holy Communion

March Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday March 5th 6.30pm Mrs Naomi Squire
 Sunday March 12th 6.30pm Mrs Kate Lewis
 Sunday March 19th 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev P Poole
 Sunday March 26th 11.00am All Age Worship Mr Nigel Burns

Every Saturday from March 4th 10.30am-12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel

Thursday March 2nd 10.30am - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre
 Lunch & Learn 'Needle Felting Hares' with Coral

Wednesday March 8th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting at the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday March 8th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking essential

Wednesday March 8th 7.15pm for 7.30pm Maelor Belles WI at the Rainbow Centre, Penley. Speaker Dr Redman "A Day in the Life of a Rural GP"

Wednesday March 8th 7.30pm Maelor Music Society in the Maelor School Hall with the Deeside Dixies

Thursday March 9th 7.30pm Erbistock WI at Erbistock Village Hall. Speaker: Gina Gittins from Juniper Tree Beauty Salon with a Facial Reflexology Demo.

Saturday March 11th 10.30am Overton WI Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Saturday March 11th 7.30pm Overton Twinning Wine Tasting in the Scout Hut

Tuesday March 14th 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak 7.20pm-7.30pm.

Tuesday March 14th 7 for 7.30pm Easter Prize Bingo at the Rainbow Centre, Penley

Thursday March 16th 7.30pm Overton WI meeting in the Chapel Schoolroom. Speaker: Mavis Humby on "My Life as a Foster Carer". Competition: a soft toy.

Saturday March 18th 10am-3.30pm Gemstone Jewellery Sale at the Playcentre, in aid of Playcentre

Wednesday March 22nd 7.30pm Maelor Music Society in the Maelor School Hall with The Royal Northern College of Music

Thursday March 30th 6.00pm Community Gardeners meet outside the Scout Hut

Friday March 31st 7.00pm Sankey Evening led by Rev. Pugh at Overton Methodist Church

Sunday April 2nd 1.00-3.00pm Nearly New Sales at the Village Hall organised by the Playcentre

Family Announcements

Happy March Birthdays to Cynthia Davies, Anne Clarke, Grace Haynes, David Burton, Finlay Clarke, Janet Reid, Janene Bell, Imogen Jones, Freda Thompson, Barbara Griffiths, Kate Jenkinson, Joanne Kember, Liam and Matt Grindley, Roxanne Haynes, James Morrison, Chris Probert & Gwynneth Austin.

Happy 1st Birthday to Amélie on March 9th. Much love and cuddles, Gramps and Granny B xxx
 Happy 60th birthday to Russell Simon on 10th March



Sankey Evening

Overton Methodist Church will be having a Sankey Evening on Friday 31st March at 7pm, an evening of singing old Sankey favorites led by Rev Neville Pugh. All welcome.

Thank you

Donations from Mr Bob Thomson's funeral to Parkside Residents Fund totalled £130. Pat and the residents would like to thank Nancy and family for the donation.

For Sale

Wanted

We're looking for a Domestic Cleaner in the Overton area for 2-3 hours, bi-weekly.
 Please call Hannah on 07793 404668 to discuss.

Because of the rising cost of paper, Oracle advertising costs will rise from April 1st 2017, to £12 per month for business adverts from within the parish, and £15 for businesses outside the parish.

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