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**Hapus Dydd Gŵyl  
Dewi  
Happy St Davids Day**

## OVERTON ON DEE WI

invite you to a

**Coffee Morning**  
at Overton Village Hall  
on Saturday March 7th 2020  
at 10.00am

We will be serving Bacon Baps along with the usual refreshments, and have an exciting array of stalls including our Home Produce stall, Plants, Cheese & Butter, Crafts, and hand made Jewellery.

We will also once again be hosting an Art Competition for the children of St. Mary's School, and of the Playcentre.

We look forward to seeing you!

**For the next Litter Pick** on Saturday 7th March we will be holding a pavement safari - looking for wildflowers growing around Overton and writing in chalk what they are so people can see what we have growing wild on our paths and roads. Everyone welcome. Meeting 10.00am at the Corner Shop.

## Maelor Music Society



will welcome The Sirenian Singers, the superb mixed-voice choir based in Wrexham and under their celebrated conductor Jean Stanley-Jones MBE. In

February the choir had the honour to have been invited to sing on the pitch at the Principality Stadium before the opening game of the Six Nations Rugby Championship. Come along on Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm - at the Maelor School Hall - Tickets on the door - Adults £10; students £2; under 16s free. All welcome, refreshments served.

## Family Easter Eggstravaganza

Overton Playcentre and Overton Twinning Association are joining together to organise a Family Easter Eggstravaganza

on Sunday 29th March 2020 2.00-4.00pm

at Overton Scout Hut.

There will be an Easter Trail around the Avenue and Park,

- a Parade of Easter Bonnets,
- Prizes for Craft, Cupcake Decorating, and Painting,
- a Raffle of Hampers and much more. Refreshments on Sale.



£3 per primary school age child - tickets from

Overton Playcentre on 01970 710688

or members of the Twinning Association



## Parade Party Update!

Despite the horrific weather of Storm Ciara, an enthusiastic and brave group of representatives from a range of clubs, societies and organisations came together with members of Overton Community Council to discuss ways to make the 2020 parade another huge success.

The hall was decorated with wonderful colourful flags and balloons for a party atmosphere and we enjoyed fresh coffee and home-made cakes as we watched the videos of previous fetes. It reminded us all how wonderful it was to see



the whole village come together. People remembered the fun they had in the workshops and were keen to offer help this year. By the end of the party lots of ideas were suggested including the Scouts making a coracle, a peal of church bells to announce the parade, a jazz band and, of course, using our wonderful banners again.

We gave out sheets to fill in to give an outline of what each society would like to take ownership of in the fete, how many would be involved in the parade itself and who would feel able to offer any help in the workshops. Ideas included a creative art workshop around March and a face painting workshop later in the year. If your club, group or society were unable to make the date pick up a sheet from Katrina and return it to the OCC office or post it through the letterbox at 22a High Street.

After all Amy's brilliant effort, it's now time for us all to take the helm in making this year's parade showcase all that Overton has to offer! Many thanks to all those who turned up and let's hope for better weather in June!

## Fancy being part of an Overton Community CD?

I am hoping to organise a community CD to raise money for the 2020 parade and fete. I will be sending an invitation to societies, groups and clubs in the village, along with St Mary's School and the Playcentre to consider, "Laying down a track!" My inspiration came from the wonderful 'Got It Covered' CD in aid of BBC Children In Need. More in next month's Oracle.

Sue England

## Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Phillip Poole



The Bible tells us that following his baptism Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days to be tempted by the devil. During this time he fasted and prayed, and perhaps pondered the words of affirmation and encouragement that came to him at his baptism – ‘You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased.’

Christians have this period of Jesus’ life very much in mind during Lent, which this year spans the whole month of March. In the early Church Lent was a time when new converts were instructed in the faith ready for them to be baptised at Easter but over the years it has become a season of prayer and penitence, self-examination and fasting for all Christians. Many of us will remember giving up something for Lent at times in the past, and perhaps we are doing that again this year, making some small personal sacrifice in order to express solidarity with Jesus and feel closer to him. We might miss one or two meals in a day, or refrain from alcohol, or from watching too much TV or from social media, or from whatever else in our lives gets in the way of us fully focussing on God. Doing so quickly shows us how dependent we are on these things and it reminds us that instead of giving God the time that is left over when we have done everything else, we should be putting him first in our lives. For many people Lent is also a good time for embracing new spiritual disciplines, for example by joining a study group, performing ‘random acts of kindness’ or giving more time to prayer and Bible reading, and doing these things can awaken in us a new hunger for God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, ‘Jesus takes it for granted that his disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian’s life. Such customs have only one purpose - to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done.’

I hope that you have a good Lent, however you choose to observe it. Most of all may you learn to hear God’s words of affirmation to Jesus as words addressed also to you: “You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased.”

### SAVE THE DATE! Saturday May 16th

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Open Handicraft Show will be taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. This show is open to all, so if you are proud of something you have created, please consider entering one (or more!) of our many classes.

Look out for the Schedules which are available this month in the Corner Shop, M.E. Evans Butchers, Two Doves, and the Library. Prizes will once again be presented by the Mayor of Wrexham, Cllr. Rob Walsh. For further details contact Margaret O’Neill 01978 710451.

## Protect the Environment - Do NOT throw litter from your Vehicle

The amount of litter being thrown out of cars, vans and lorries has reached a disgusting high level. In the first 6 weeks of this year 25 bags of litter have been picked up from the road sides coming in and out of Overton and the surrounding country lanes. That is approximately 300 bags of litter to be picked up from the Overton area every year.

Throwing litter out of your vehicle carries a £75 fine.

The road side is not an open dustbin so should not be used as such. Litter is trashing all our road sides, it is toxic waste damaging the environment. Plastic is entering our streams and rivers. Plastic bags are being blown into fields putting wild life and farm animals at risk. Much of this litter is recyclable but because it is picked up as litter it has to go into land fill. All this litter has to be picked up by volunteer litter pickers. It is disgusting and it stinks. It is also very dangerous for volunteers who have to walk along busy roads to pick it up.

So please pass the message on to as many people as you can.

Wendy Lunt



## Lent at St Mary’s Church, Overton

Lent began on **Ash Wednesday**, 26 February.

You are invited to **pray in church** during Lent – come in any time that church is open, or come and join Peter in prayer every Tuesday at 8.30a.m., for about twenty-five minutes, or every Thursday at 7.00p.m., for about 15 minutes. All welcome.

**All Age Worship** will be themed around St David’s Day on Sunday 1 March at 10.00 a.m.

The **annual meeting** is on Sunday 15 March, at 12 noon, after the morning service; we will share reports on the last year and look forward to the year ahead. All welcome (it’s not just for the church committee, but the whole church, which is why it is on a Sunday this year).

For **Mothering Sunday**, we have a Toddler Service on Monday 16 March and then Family Communion on Sunday 22 March; mums and grandmas especially welcome.

We welcome the Rev’d Clive Hughes to our **Group Eucharist** on the fifth Sunday of March, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Week begins on Sunday 5 April, **Palm Sunday**, when we begin our worship at 10.00 a.m. outside the Methodist Church, before processing to St Mary’s.

Details of **Holy Week and Easter** services will be in next month’s Oracle.

**Notice is given** that in accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales a new **Church Electoral Roll** is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether or not it is entered on the present Roll, should apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 8 March 2020. Forms are available in church or from the Rectory [revpeter@maelormissionarea.uk](mailto:revpeter@maelormissionarea.uk)

## Lent Course at the Chapel

The Lent course at the Overton Methodist Chapel will be each Wednesday at 7.30pm entitled “Superstar”, on 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 25th March and 1st April.

## Overton Playcentre Visitors

Both Simon Baines MP for South Clwyd (*photo right*) and Assembly Member Ken Skates (*photos below*) have recently visited Overton Playcentre to hear how a life-changing Welsh Government programme is helping parents in their constituencies.

Mr Skates, AM for Clwyd South, called into the Playcentre on January 31st to chat to manager Rachel Harris and staff about its ongoing renovation and how the Welsh Government's childcare scheme is helping to give local children the best start possible. Childcare providers across Wrexham county borough have benefited from the programme since 2018. It provides 30 hours of early education and childcare to working parents of children aged three and four for 48 weeks of the year – the most generous childcare package anywhere in the UK.



Rachel Harris, manager of Overton Playcentre, previously described the



programme as 'life-changing' for local families. Mr Skates said: "When the Welsh Government implements policies like this we always believe they will help those who most need it, but it's amazing when I visit places like this to see and hear first-hand just what a difference they are making to people's lives. This programme is reducing the strain on family income and helping ensure childcare is not a barrier to them taking up employment or increasing their hours. Rachel and her team do a wonderful job and every time I've been to

Overton I see just how happy the children are. It was fantastic to hear what a positive impact this scheme has had in such a short space of time."

Overton Playcentre is a parent-led charity which has been running for more than 50 years. It relies on volunteers to raise nearly £7,000 a year to cover running costs but was awarded £8,200 in National Lottery Awards for All funding in 2018 to develop an outdoor learning area. Last year a Childcare Offer Small Capital Grant from the Welsh Government was used to redecorate and create access to the toilets from the outdoor learning area.

Mr Skates said: "I could already see how much progress has been made since my last visit and I know Rachel has big plans for the future. I look forward to helping however I can."



## Overton Wildlife Group

**Himalayan Balsam** season will soon be here. This tall pink flower is often mistaken for a wild orchid or other desirable native plant, however this invasive non-native can quickly shade out important plants. You can see straw-coloured dead stems in areas of woodland around Overton which has been taken over by Himalayan balsam, compared to areas where balsam hasn't spread to yet where dog mercury, pendant sedge, common violet, wild garlic and snowdrops thrive. If you see Himalayan balsam or have it on your land the best way to deal with it is hand-pulling (ensure roots come out) and crushing it, or strimming if areas are larger, or allowing livestock to browse it. As balsam spreads it has knock on effects such as increasing soil erosion which can cause flooding by blocking up watercourses. If you are a landowner and you think you have Himalayan balsam or other invasives and you would like some advice please get in contact [Katharine.piercy@googlemail.com](mailto:Katharine.piercy@googlemail.com) or 07725224151. *Pictures page 6*

**Mini Meadows: Volunteers Wanted** Year 2 of the Overton Mini Meadows project has begun. Last year grass was allowed to grow long on 3 areas usually mown - in the playground, millennium meadow and the cemetery extension, in order to provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. On the playground and cemetery a good number of wildflowers naturally appeared, such as cuckoo flower, thyme-leaved speedwell and yarrow, meaning these areas will potentially develop well without addition of wildflower seeds being introduced. However, on the millennium meadow most of the survey was dominated by ryegrass, a fast growing commercial grass species which makes it difficult for wildflowers to really take off. Therefore it has been decided to remove the turf from a 25m<sup>2</sup> patch close to the benches in the centre of the meadow, and spread a meadow mix of native wildflowers on this patch. Removing the turf is vital to give the seed a chance to establish and remove some of the nutrient which resides in the top of the soil, which will discourage wildflower growth. The mix which to be spread will include ox-eye daisies, black knapweed and yellow rattle and aims to recreate a native hay meadow. In order to encourage this to thrive it will be allowed to grow long between April and July, and then be cut for the winter, with the cuttings being raked off.

It is likely that the plants will take several years to establish so don't worry if not much turns up this summer. We are looking for volunteers to help strip off the turf and move to another area where it will form a beetle bank. This will take place on **March 12th 1pm-4pm** so if you are interested in helping please get in touch and email [Katharine.piercy@googlemail.com](mailto:Katharine.piercy@googlemail.com).

**Post office** The new Post Office at Overton Medical Centre is provisionally planning to open at the end of March or beginning of April 2020 although when the necessary WCBC permissions are received this opening date may be brought forward. In the meantime we are preparing for our new role. Adjustments are being made in our Waiting Room in order to install the new Post Office counter closest to the front door and move patient reception to the opposite end of our counter. A new privacy screen will be erected at this end which also provides disabled access to the counter. We will introduce a virtual queue system, to allow frail patients to queue from the waiting room seating confident that their place in the queue is protected.

## Overton Community Growers March Update



### Car Park garden

After a successful volunteer workday last month we now have 3 new fruit trees, a 'Victoria' plum, a 'Louise Bonne' Pear and a 'Pitmaston Pineapple' Apple. Hopefully this is the start of an 'Overton Orchard' that everyone in the village can enjoy the fruits of. Under the shade of the existing trees we planted over 200 bluebell



bulbs along with other native woodland species such as winter aconite, snowdrops and wood anemone. Thanks to the twilight work of Nathan Atherton and his little helper Mia Clorley the picnic area now has a beautiful willow edged access path and we are continuing to make it more environmentally friendly & low maintenance by covering the close clipped grass with recycled felt carpet and Woodchip (thanks to free donation by local business' Coverall Marquees & Ian Atkinson at 'All things trees').

**Bowling green mini plots:** There are 7 vacant plots up for grabs to get growing your own this year. It costs £6 per adult who works the plot per year, as we have to be honorary bowling club members for insurance purposes. We are a friendly mixed bunch of ages and gardening skills & it's a great way to start if you have no room or no clue, so get in touch if you want one, text: 07825-959548 or email [claire\\_russel@hotmail.com](mailto:claire_russel@hotmail.com)

**Scout hut planting area:** Now has a new Apricot tree that will be trained up the sunny walls. Keep an eye out for all the lovely plants and unusual vegetables that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be planting this year.

### Dates for anyone and everyone to join in:

- 7<sup>th</sup> March, car park garden 10am-2pm, help us dig over the next Wildflower area.
- 5<sup>th</sup> April, Bowling green mini plots, 2-4pm, tidy up and plant splitting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> April, Village Hall (front), 6.30pm, planting for spring and summer.

Many thanks to Cath Roberts who steps down as Chairperson to the growers this year after sorting us into a more organised group & getting the village going on the RHS Bloom competition. Hopefully there will be more Blooming to come!

email: [overtonoracle@gmail.com](mailto:overtonoracle@gmail.com)

## Pedalling for charity

Overton WI member Lauren O'Neil is undertaking a sponsored bike ride for charity.

Lauren was born with Cerebral Palsy, and has lived at Leonard Cheshire, Dolywern for nine years.



It was while doing her physiotherapy using her arm power to propel an exercise bike that

she had the idea of a sponsored cycle ride.

Lauren aims to complete the equivalent of a cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End – more than 800 miles – to date she has raised just over £1,300 for Nightingale House in Wrexham. But this whole venture will take her a few months to complete as it is a huge physical effort for her; she has to have her hands strapped to the handlebars in order to complete the sessions. Lauren chose to raise money for Nightingale House Hospice in memory of one of the staff at Dolywern, Lorraine Edwards who helped Lauren continue to improve her Welsh speaking. So far Lauren has completed 131 miles and hopes to complete the rest of the journey soon.

To donate to Lauren's fundraiser, visit Leonard Cheshire in Dolywern, Llangollen, or call 01691 718303.

## Your Bowling Club Needs You



Overton Bowling Club is about to enter a new season. In this highly competitive sport (6 divisions of 10 teams) Overton has one of the best greens and clubhouse in the area and would like to strengthen their teams.

We would like to appeal for more players. If you have been involved in other sports and enjoy competition, come and give Bowling a try.

Also, if you prefer a friendly game, members can come and use the green at any time. To encourage people to join us, this year we are offering :-

- \* half price annual membership (£15) for new members
- \* free membership for juniors and students in full time education

If you are interested, please contact Steve Ketelle (710297)

or Euan Stevenson (710618) for details.

## VE Day Bank Holiday

All groups and organisations of the village are invited to come together to discuss and organise events for the VE Day celebrations on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May. After the recent meeting, as not so many turned up, it was decided to have another meeting on the **11<sup>th</sup> March** 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Room. Come along with ideas. Thank you.



Tracey Leech 07753 463125

## St Marys School news

### Strange Goings-on at St Mary's!

The first week of February got off to a very peculiar start here at St Mary's as pupils in all classes began to uncover some very strange occurrences throughout the school.

During their weekly Forest School lesson, Year 4 uncovered some unusual-coloured eggs and unidentified animal droppings. Year 6 even carried out some scientific research on the animal droppings - examining the consistency, contents and pH levels - yet who or what the eggs and droppings could belong to remained a mystery. Soon after, a number of huge feathers were discovered and, most bizarrely of all, a ginormous egg appeared in Mrs Lawrenson's chicken shed - way too big to belong to one of her hens! With the discovery of an ancient yet seemingly empty journal in the Reading Den, events were starting to get even odder.

By Wednesday we were all on edge, wondering what might happen next, when, in the middle of our afternoon assembly, Mrs Lawrenson rushed in to say something had happened on the yard. A ring of ash and coal had appeared as if there had been a raging fire - yet children had only just been playing out there minutes before. When we examined the CCTV footage it all became clear - it was a dragon! Large, ashy dragon-prints could be seen by the front of our school too; it was clear we'd had a very special visitor, but why at St Mary's? Millie, a

Year 6 pupil, told us: "It was exciting to see all these strange occurrences around the school and wonder what might be coming next."

### All is revealed...

A whole school assembly on Thursday finally revealed who our mystery guest was - Sol the Dragon. We got to meet Sol face-to-face and hear his story, as it was revealed by the magic writing in our 'empty' ancient journal. We had great fun participating in 'training' Sol and learning more about his life. All classes then had a workshop with Sol and we made videos of us all with a dragon using Greenscreen. Jessica, age 7 from Foundation Phase, told us: "Sol the dragon was amazing! I really enjoyed making the video and liked watching the teachers join in too!"

Sol's story has now inspired us and St Mary's has gone into full dragon mode. Dragon art, dragon poems, dragon stories (including finishing Sol's own story) and even becoming amateur Dragonologists ourselves; our 'surprise' visitor has really fed our creativity!

Thanks to Mrs Lawrenson for bringing this to life for us and TeachRex who made meeting Sol such great fun.

by Year 6 Roving Reporters **Ethan Evans, Eliza Dodd, Jess Rowley and Erin Hayward.**



## Goodbye at the White Horse



Dear customers,  
I would just like to say a massive thank you for the past two years at the White Horse. I've had some brilliant times and made many friends.

I've decided to leave the pub as I wish to spend more time with my family. I'm very proud of the business we have built up and the reputation the pub has now.

I hope you will continue to support us to the very end. I'm having a leaving party on the 21st of March (Fancy Dress if you wish), all welcome. As I said, business as usual so please pop in and have a drink or a bit to eat.

Kind regards, your local landlord, *Andrew.*

## Garden Waste Collection

Don't forget that there are changes to the 'green bin' garden waste collection. From April 1st residents will be required by Wrexham Council to pay for the service at a cost of £25 per garden waste bin for the year 2020/21.

You can pay for this by ringing 01978 298989 or paying on line at [www.wrexham.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/gardenwaste)  
You can keep the garden waste bin but if the charge has not been paid it will not be emptied. Or you can ask to have it removed.



## Village Hall

Please be aware that bookings for the Village Hall will only be made on the booking form on the website [www.overtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.overtonvillagehall.co.uk) or telephone 07312 125987. Please update your contacts to avoid delays when making an enquiry or booking. Thank you.

### Your Legion Needs You!

The Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion is still looking for someone to help with the organising of the Poppy Appeal. The task involves leading a team of members who are there to help make up the boxes and collecting tins and passing them out to the Poppy Appeal Collectors. We require someone who would take on the task of ordering the poppies, poppy wreaths and badges etc and taking delivery of them. You would also be responsible (with the team) for collecting the full tins and overseeing the count and banking the proceeds. No previous experience necessary and full training will be given. If you feel this is a task you would be interested in, contact David Burton on 710631.



### Overton Royal British Legion 120 Club

Results of the "120 Club" Bonus Draw for February. 120 members entered and the draw was made at the White Horse Lunch Club on 12th Feb. by Hilary O'Shaughnessy.

Winners -

- 1st Prize £240.00 No 50 Beverley Wood
  - 2nd Prize £120.00 No 80 Julie Birrell
  - 3rd Prize £ 60.00 No 105 Anita Brown
- Legion Fund: £180.00

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Next Draw: Wednesday March 11th 2020**

A waiting list is available. If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN on 01978 710678.

### More Photos in March



Himalayan Balsam (left) and the damage it can do (below)



Woodland without Himalayan balsam below



St Marys School meets a dragon right & below



*Adverts are not included in the on-line archived edition of the Oracle.*

*This is because the archive of the Oracle is available on-line going back many years and the adverts and contact details would be out of date.*



The Community Growers get ready for Spring (left & above)



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

Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am All Age Worship  
 Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion  
 Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion & Annual Meeting  
 Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am Mothering Sunday Family Communion  
 Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Group Eucharist

**March Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel**

Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm Miss Trish Erlam  
 Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev Neville Pugh  
 Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev Phillip Poole  
 Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm Mr David Pickstone  
 Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Mr Tim Guy  
 Craft Class 1.30pm each Tuesday  
 Mothers & Toddlers 9.30-11.30am each Friday  
 Bible Study 7pm each Friday

**Saturday March 7th** 10.00am Village Litterpick. Meet outside the Corner Shop

**Saturday March 7th** 10am-12.30pm Overton WI Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

**Saturday March 7th** 10am-2.00pm Community Growers working party in Car park garden

**Sunday March 8th** 3.00-5.00pm Messy Church, fun for children with parents in the Methodist Chapel

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

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

**Wednesday March 11th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. To book please ring 01978 710672.

**Wednesday March 11th** 7pm Planning meeting in the Parish Room for organisations/groups to plan VE Day

**Thursday March 12th** 1-4pm Millennium Meadow working party

**Monday March 16th** 10.00am Maelor South Gentleman's Brunch Club visit to Cosford RAF Museum

**Thursday March 19th** Maelor South Adventures Group - Tour around Shrewsbury Prison

**Thursday March 19th 7.30pm** Overton WI meeting at the Catholic Church Hall. Speaker: see below

**Wednesday March 18th** 7.30pm The Maelor Music Society present The Sirenian Singers in the Maelor School Hall

**Wednesday March 25th** 7.30pm Overton Community Growers meeting in the White Horse

**Sunday March 29th** 2.00-4.00pm Easter Eggstravaganza at the Scout Hut

**Overton on Dee W.I.**

Overton-on-Dee W.I. will meet on Thursday March 19th 2020 at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall. Our Speaker will be Sara Piper Heaps on 'Have-a-go Jewellery & Enameling'. Guests and visitors are very welcome to this interesting evening, guests £4 including refreshments.

**Family Announcements**

**Happy March Birthdays** to Alan Mawdsley, Cynthia Davies, Anne Clarke, Grace Haynes, David Burton, Finlay Clarke, Janet Reid, Janene Bell, Imogen Jones, Kate Jenkinson, Joanne Kember, Liam and Matt Grindley, Roxanne Haynes, James Morrison, Mikey Jones, Russell Simon, Toby Edwards, Chris Probert, John Littleton, Jan Davies & Gwynneth Austin.

**Sincere condolences** to Cynthia, Janene and all the family and friends of Bob Davies who passed away in February.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Russ Lewis who passed away in February.

**Thanks to the Clock Winders** On behalf of the church and the village, thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward to take on the job. Graeme Clarke and Chris Williams will be forming a team led by Mike Hamer to keep the clock ticking and the bells ringing. We are also indebted to Jim Eastop and Jim Glover for keeping the tradition going for many years.

**Thank you** For many years now the village hall bookings have been handled by Jim and Sue Glover. They feel the time has come to retire from carrying out this valuable service to the community. So on behalf of the Overton Amateur Dramatics Society I would like to thank them both for all their efforts. *Mike Done.*

**For Sale****Overton Lunch Club**

is on Wednesday March 11th 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

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