

The Overton Oracle



Volume 13. Issue 11

November 2011

Overton's Free Newspaper - issued monthly

Overton Amateur Dramatic Society presents

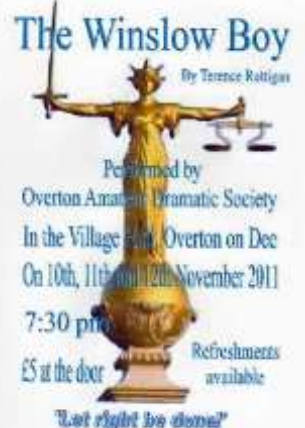
This year is the centenary of playwright Sir Terence Rattigan's birth. As Overton Amateur Dramatic Society has a 14 year old member keen to be on the stage, the obvious choice for the November play has to be Rattigan's "The Winslow Boy."

"The Winslow Boy" was written and first produced in London in 1946, the story based on an actual incident in the Edwardian era, which took place at the Royal Naval College, Osborne. Set against the strict codes of conduct and manners of the age, the play is based on a father's fight to clear his son's name after the boy is expelled from Osborne Naval College for stealing a five-shilling postal order. To clear the boy's name was imperative for the family's honour; as his life would have been wrecked by the stain on his character.



Overton's cast includes old faithfuls and new recruits and we promise you a most enjoyable night out. Join Arthur Winslow as he battles for justice for his younger son, risking his health, a happy marriage, his daughter's marriage chances and his elder son's education, in his quest to clear his son's name.

Come along to Overton Village Hall, **Thursday 10th Friday 11th or Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm.** Tickets are still only £5 per person, and you can pay at the door.



The 146 bus route review

Wrexham County Borough Council is consulting with users, residents and a wide variety of community groups to seek views on how they should prioritise their spending on subsidised bus services and community transport.

Wrexham County Borough Councils Transformation Programme is working towards making financial savings and looking towards positive changes to deliver services in the future. They are now seeking views on how to prioritise spending on subsidised bus services and community transport. The subsidised local bus services are those that would not normally be provided by bus operators as the fares collected would not cover the cost of running them.

These are typically early morning, Sunday, evening and rural routes. Currently WCBC subsidise 15% of the bus network in Wrexham.

Amongst those routes affected is the No 146 Wrexham to Whitchurch 6.45pm, 8.45pm, 10.45pm from Wrexham to Whitchurch and 6.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm journeys from Whitchurch to Wrexham. Also it could cut the whole of the No 146 Sunday services Wrexham to Whitchurch and return.

If you would like to give your views please go to the Bus Station Office located in Kings Street in Wrexham for a paper copy of the questionnaire or go online to: -

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/publicationtransportconsult2011> by November 14th 2011.



Ramblings From the Reverend by David Child



Around this time of the year I cannot help but remember an encounter I had many years ago when I was a senior junior doctor. It was late one night and I was on call. I walked down to the admissions ward to check the progress of the patients. The registrar asked me to see a patient who had just been admitted. She told me he was dying. His death was not unexpected but in those days there was little in the way of facilities or provision for patients to die in their own homes. I examined him – he was drifting in and out of consciousness. I checked his blood test results and agreed with her management plan.

The ward sister asked me if I could have a chat with his wife who was in her office. ‘Yes, of course.’ I entered the office. A woman got up from her chair. She shook my hand. It was a firm handshake, there was something very striking about her. I beckoned her to sit down and sat down myself. I felt that there was no point in beating about the bush and said to her, ‘You know he’s dying don’t you.’ She nodded. I explained that he was in no pain, which she knew already, and that we would try to make his last few hours as comfortable as possible. I told her that she could stay as long as she liked or that she could come and go as she wished.

We talked some more. Then something made me ask her, ‘how did you and your husband meet?’ She smiled, ‘We met in the war or rather after the war. It’s all rather complicated. You see he was a spy. He parachuted into Yugoslavia, later on into Italy and finally into France. I was his radio contact in this country. He knew my voice and I knew his. That’s how it worked. He had an amazing voice. We didn’t meet face to face until after the war. We fell in love, maybe we were already in love, I don’t know.’

We talked some more. I left to see my other patients. She went to see her husband. I watched from a distance. She talked to him once more but this time he didn’t reply but somehow I knew that somewhere, somehow he still heard her.

So join us at the cenotaph and then in church on Remembrance Sunday. Join us in honouring and remembering not only those who gave everything but also those who risked everything and those who continue to risk everything on our behalf.

With every blessing,
David.

**Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph,
Overton High Street,
10.50pm Sunday November 13th.**



COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Bethan Large



Hello Everyone,
As you all know the nights are drawing in and winter will soon be upon us. Please be vigilant, lock your vehicles up at night, your windows and doors, even if you are in the house. There have been several recent vehicle crimes in the local area; cars have been broken into and items taken from them.

Now the clocks have gone back make sure your children have working lights on their bikes and are wearing a helmet.

Also we have received many reports about locals being asked for scrap metal. If this happens to you, try and take down the registration number, colour, make or model of vehicle and let us know by dialling tel. no. 101. Inspector Paul Jones reported that the recent spate of crime in the area is attributable to one group in particular and specifically on one night. An arrest has been made in relation to this and investigations continue to target the group responsible.

Your Neighbourhood Police Team at Overton.

Bethan Large (PCSO 2892)

Police Community Support Officer Overton

Phone number 08456071002 Ext 48425



Christmas Fair

Overton Village Hall
19th November 5pm – 9pm

£1.50 entry to include a cup of tea & a mince pie.
Come and join us for a fantastic shopping experience.

There will be books, skincare, cards, unique handmade gifts, jewellery, and much more!



Change of name

After almost 20 years of trading successfully under the Prontaprint brand name Steve and Sandra Whitley have taken an opportunity to leave the franchise and become independent. Steve said “Free from the constraints of a national franchise we hope to be able to offer new and exciting services in the New Year. With an established client base and experienced staff we feel the time is right to branch out on our own and we look forward to maintaining our links with a number of village organisations, particularly The Oracle which we hope to support for many years to come”. The company changes its name on December 1st and will be known as “Business Print & Design”.

Film Club



The next Overton Film Club screening will be Tuesday 29th November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The film will be “**One Day**”. After spending the night together on the night of their college graduation Dexter and Em are shown each year on the same date to see where they are in their lives. FREE for Film Club members, plus a guest at the reduced entry of £2.50 – or £5 on the door.

Thank you

St Mary's Church would like to say "thank you" for the support shown during our Wednesday morning 'Coffee and Chat'. A sum of £675 was raised in aid of Nightingale House Hospice.

St Mary's Church would also like to say "thank you" for the support it received at the Autumn Fayre held on Saturday October 15th. A sum of £615 was raised for Church Funds. Once again - MANY THANKS.

Needlecraft class - new dates

As from Tuesday 1st November the Needlecraft class is now taking place on a Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

The change of day seems to suit most people better than a Thursday. All welcome no matter what you wish to make or paint.

Look forward to seeing you and to sharing and swapping our skills.

Josie Ralphs & Beaty Roberts

Medical Practice

The Overton Practice is very fortunate to have a Minor Operations facility provided by Dr Gareth Bowdler. We can remove certain warts, sebaceous cysts, various skin lesions (i.e. lumps and bumps), ingrowing toe nails and do joint injections. You can have these procedures completed in familiar surroundings and relatively quickly, without having to suffer an extended wait for a hospital appointment. Please speak to a Doctor about the appropriateness of your condition for this service.

Hopefully the message about being open all day Thursday has now spread throughout the community. However there will still be occasional times when we do need to shut the doors to allow ongoing training for all staff.

History Group

The September meeting of the History Group looked at memories of the big houses in the Overton area, and those people who lived and worked in



them. Photos were available from the National Building Record taken in 1956 of Bryn y Pys inside and outside and also Gwernheylod before they were both demolished.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 1st November** at the White Horse (upstairs) at 7.30pm, collecting memories of 'food and drink'. So if you have memories, photos or stories about shops, pubs, the cocoa rooms, the chip shop, home cooking, or food during WWII, then do come along. All welcome.

Kids Kolumn

by Alice Foster, Lydia Biggs and Lottie Blake



**Hi guys,
Hope you all had
a good half term
holiday.**

Halloween Jokes

- Q. What do you call a witch's garage?
A. A broom closet.
- Q. What do you call two witches living together?
A. Broom mates.
- Q: What is a vampire's favourite mode of transportation?**
A: A blood vessel.
- Q: Why wasn't the vampire working?
A: He was on his coffin break.

Halloween Word Search

```

T L Z B B N D A U T U M N Y N
U S B S O G J N O D S C D D C
C P E O C G P R F X V C M N A
A A M V E U I E M B W L Q A O
P T L A R V G T K Y A H U C M
I U C K I A U N M D N D X B Q
I Z C S U T H A O Q L W E Y F
T X N V W A F L T A E R T T M
K H C M D I N G K H V C R G Z
O Y G G W I T J D R Q I N L G
S V Z I K J I C A O C O I D Q
V W Q P L O C U H K O T G T H
U B M H R B J B S K B X H L L
Q U O N E E W O L L A H T S C
P N S H Q H P E S C Y X D F B
    
```

AUTUMN	CANDY	HALLOWEEN
HARVEST	LANTERN	LIGHT
MOON	NIGHT	PUMPKIN
TREAT	TRICK	WITCH

Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 9th November at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Beef Stew and Herby Dumplings followed by Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

News from the Bowling Club

This year's Overton Bowling Club season has proved to be a very successful one in the Oswestry & District Bowling League.

The B Team came second in the Third Division earning promotion to Division 2 and not to be overshadowed, the C Team were second in Division 5 and will play in Division 4 next Season.

The Vets Team A came third in Division 7. The Vets Team B were seventh in Division 8.

Mark Whittall and Roger Bailey were placed first and third respectively in the League averages of Division 5. A number of Overton teams players' names appeared in the lists of the top twenty-five of the League averages. The Presentation evening for the Oswestry & District League was held on 14 October at Ellesmere Comrades Club and nine Overton members attended this very enjoyable event.

The individual team merits for winning most number of games in the Season are:

A Team – Chris Probert, B Team – D Bond, C Team - Mark Whittall, D Team – A Butt, Veterans A – D Rennie. Veterans B – A King



Awards for Cubs & Beavers

Overton Beavers and Cubs have worked together and raised just over £100 for Policia School in Africa by making and selling cakes!

The Beavers and Cubs have worked towards and achieved the International Partnership Award badge and the Global Challenge badge. To get these badges they have had to find out about the work of an international charity, organise fundraising events which included selling cakes at the village fete as well as one break-time at St Mary's School.

Carol Dyke came in to talk to both Beavers and Cubs about Policia School, the way of life of the children who are attending it and what Carol does when she goes over there. The Beavers and Cubs are now thinking about what the money they raised could be spent on to benefit the children in the school the most - something the termites would not destroy in a few months!!



Playgroup News

With Christmas just round the corner we are hosting our annual Christmas Fair in the village hall on the 19th November, 5-9pm. We have lots of stalls selling all kinds of Christmas gifts including unique gifts hand made by local artists. For anyone wanting to use this event to advertise their own business, you can make a donation of £10 along with 100 of your business cards or advertising leaflets. These will be distributed in a 'bag of goodies' handed to every customer through the door. For further information please call Angie on 01978 710784.

Overton Play Centre is part of the early entitlement scheme, which means that from the term after your child's third birthday we can offer you 4 free sessions per week. Please call and speak to the staff for further details. Don't forget we are open all year, including school holidays 8am – 6pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Home Farm, Overton who were awarded 3rd place in the 2011 Wrexham Champion Sausage Competition for their Traditional Sausage, and 2nd place in the Specialist Sausage category. The competition was held at the Boat Inn, Erbistock at the Family Festival to celebrate their reopening.



Overton British Legion

The British Legion will be meeting for coffee on Tuesday 1st November at the coffee shop at Woodlands Deli from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Drop in and join us – all welcome.

The British Legion will be at the Overton Cenotaph, High Street at 11am on the 11th November - the **11.11.11** - the only day this date will occur in our life time!

Do join them for the 1 minute silence.



2011 Overton School Reunion from Gordon Whitfield

Once again old friendships were rekindled when former pupils from Overton School were reunited during an evening at the White Horse on the 1st October.



As a way of getting school reunions to become more of a regular feature in the village the evening was initially advertised for pupils who had attended the school sometime between the 1960's to 1980's but of course anyone who came along on the evening was made most welcome. It was good to see so many people and in particular those who had already committed to other social events or reunions, and those who popped in to see what we were all about and possibly stayed longer than intended (Pete, I hope you weren't too late for the Crosville event)

A good nucleus who had attended the previous gathering in December 2010 combined with a number of first timers that spanned the age groups. It was pleasing to see that retired teacher Josie Ralphs was able to join us. Josie ensured things didn't get out of hand and managed to spend time talking to some of her former young protégées.

For most a reunion is an opportunity for old friends to get together and relive happy childhood memories but for some it can be a time of coming face to face with those that they possibly didn't get on too well with during their school years, only to discover that their once adversary wasn't so bad after all and for them to end up spending the evening chatting like old friends should. It was fascinating to see so many old school friends throw away the years and engross themselves in times nearly half a century ago, memories of which for many remain so vivid they could be just yesterday.

Since the first reunion nearly 150 photographs have been found tucked away in various cupboards and attics etc. These photographs have been scanned and were projected onto a large screen – keeping everyone amused trying to put names to faces and in many cases times and stories to match that era. The plan is to catalogue the photographs along with as much detail as possible for the village history so if anyone has any old Overton school photographs then please send them to me via the Oracle so that they can be scanned and added to the collection. Please note all original photos will be returned to their owner once they have been scanned.

I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come along and make the night extremely enjoyable and once again to Steve Dodwell and his staff at the White Horse for their hospitality. I'd like to pay special thanks to Angela Evans who had placed adverts in a number of local newspapers in order to give the reunion maximum publicity. Also to Cynthia Davies who helped locate so many old photographs and taking every opportunity to advertise the evening at every opportunity and gently cajole people (as Cynthia does) to come along.

With living so far away from the village, organising such an event remotely is difficult but Angela Evans has kindly volunteered to organise the next reunion (I'm sure husband Iory will help out) together with Angela's old side kick Claire Nicol, and we can all look forward to future reunions of ex pupils from Overton School.

Your Letters...



Dear Editor,

I went to the reunion at the White Horse Hotel with my two sons and daughter and had a lovely time. I met my old school friend Mrs Sylvia Ogden, it was a lovely surprise for me. Thanking you.

Mrs Pamela Wadey née Duncan, from Malpas

Kids Kolumn

Would you like to write the Kids Kolumn for the Oracle? Our present Kids Kolumn editors are getting busier with school work and we are looking for replacements. One person or a group welcomed, age 10 years or over. Email overtonoracle@gmail.com if you enjoy writing.

An evening of entertainment

Erbistock, Penylan and Rhos-y-Madoc Wls
present
An evening of entertainment
on Wednesday 16th November
at Overton Village Hall.

The evening will feature the celebrated male harmony group The Llansillin Quartet, plus there will be hilariously funny monologues by Val Littlehales.

Door open at 7pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and are available from Woodlands Delicatessen, Lewis's Farm Shop, Eyton or Old Post Office Farm, Knolton or ring 01978 710308.

Everyone welcome!

Indoor Bowling

The Indoor Bowling Club started its winter season in October and meets in Overton Village Hall every week 2.00 - 4.00pm every Wednesday afternoon until March with a 2 week break over the Christmas holiday. Everything is provided, including the bowls, plus tea and coffee, all for the price of £1.50 per session. If you are interested contact Geoff Hodgson on 01978 710146.



ing the bowls, plus tea and coffee, all for the price of £1.50 per session. If you are interested contact Geoff Hodgson on 01978 710146.

Dates for the diary

Senior Citizens Christmas Party is taking place in the village hall on Tuesday 6th December from 3.30pm. To help with the planning, if you are eligible, wish to attend and have not received an invitation in previous years, please call 710944 so that everyone who wishes to come to the party will be invited.

Rhos Orpheus Christmas Concert is being held in St. Mary's Church on Friday 9th December at 7pm. As well as the world famous choir, children from St. Mary's school will be performing under the direction of Mr. Dylan Williams.

A Christmas event not to be missed !

Commercial adverts are removed from the
online Oracle

WHAT'S ON**November Diary for St Mary's Services**

- Tuesday November 1st** 2.30pm St Mary's School Service in Church. All welcome
- Sunday November 6th** 11:30am Holy Eucharist
- Sunday November 13th** 10:50am Remembrance Day service starting at the Cenotaph
- Tuesday November 15th** 2.30pm St Mary's School Remembrance Service in Church.
- Sunday November 20th** 11:30am Holy Eucharist
- Sunday November 27th** 10:00am Family Eucharist
- Methodist Chapel Services, Sunday evenings** 6.30pm
- Sunday December 4th** 6.30pm Chapel Anniversary
- Tuesday November 1st** 7.30pm History Group meeting upstairs at White Horse. All welcome
- Monday November 7th** 7pm. AGM Churches Together. Catholic Church Hall
- Tuesday November 8th** Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.
- Wednesday November 9th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.
- November 10th, 11th & 12th** 7.30pm Overton Am - Drams present "The Winslow Boy" at Overton Village Hall. Tickets £5 at the door.
- Sunday November 13th** 10.50am The Act of Remembrance at the Overton Cenotaph
- Wednesday November 16th** 7.30pm Maelor Music Society - Cantorian Rhos - Mixed Voice Choir in the Maelor School Hall
- Wednesday November 16th** 7.30pm An evening of entertainment at the Village Hall. The Llansillin Quartet & monologues by Val Littlehailes £5
- Thursday November 17th** 7.30 pm Overton WI Annual Meeting at the Parish Room with WI Advisor & Social Time. Competition: An autograph quotation.
- Saturday November 19th** 5 - 9pm Playgroup Christmas Fair in the Village Hall
- Thursday November 24th** Christmas Bingo at the Rainbow Centre, Penley. Doors open at 7.00pm Bingo starts at 8.00pm.
- Tuesday November 29th** 7.30pm Overton Film Club at the Village Hall; The film is "One Day".
- Saturday December 3rd** 2pm Overton Methodist Chapel Christmas Fair

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**Happy November Birthdays**

to George Buttress, Anita Brown, Lydia Evison, Pearl Edwards, Hugo Hunter, Edward Pugh, Pauline Dodd, Andrew Maskall, Rob Piggott, Phil Edwards and Jacky Maskall.

50th Birthday wishes to Mike Done

Happy 18th Birthday to Heather Davies, with love from Mum, Dad and Lesley.

Happy belated birthday to Sarah Aird for 30th September. Lots of love Jack & Josh.

Sincere condolences to the friends and family of Vera Spain of Station Road, who passed away on 17th October, aged 95.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Richard Jones would like to thank everyone that attended and supported Overton's part in "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Support. It proved an enjoyable and profitable morning raising an incredible £600.00. Thank you once again on behalf of the 'Cancer Support Team'.

Thank you

Carol, Ross and James Morrison would like to thank everyone for their help, kindness and support over the last 17 months during Chris's illness, also for their sympathy and continued support in his death. Special thanks to Dr Amy Stevenson, the district nurses, especially Zoe, The Shooting Star and to Dr Matt Makin and his team at the Maelor Hospital and Nightingale House.

For Sale**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Copy deadline 20th of the month. Get your events & news to us early to avoid disappointment
THIS INCLUDES
ADVERTISEMENTS

Leave your contributions, & announcements at the Corner Shop.

Your Oracle Team - Chairman & Advertising David Burton; Secretary Nicole Netzband-Piggott; Treasurer Rob Piggott; Distribution Cynthia Davies; Sean Clarke, & Euan Stevenson. Editor - Jill Burton. Tel 710631 or e-mail overtonoracle@gmail.com

All articles and advertisements in the Overton Oracle are published in good faith and without prejudice.

Space constraints mean that submitted articles may be edited or not published.

The Oracle is available on the internet. Please be mindful that personal details submitted will be available to a wider audience.

**The Overton Oracle is printed and supported by Prontaprint, Wrexham. Tel. No. 01978 664726
e-mail: info@prontaprintwrexham.co.uk**

prontaprint

The Oracle is delivered FREE to nearly 600 homes in the Overton Area.

Our thanks go the volunteer distributors who make sure you receive your copy each month. We operate a postal service for our long distance readers, and we are also on the Web. www.overton-on-dee.co.uk You can also e-mail us at overtonoracle@gmail.com

Useful telephone numbers; POLICE: 0845 6071002

LITTER CLEARANCE: 01978 298989