

# The Overton Oracle

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## 'The Happiest Days of Your Life'



Overton Amateur Dramatic Society are currently rehearsing for their latest play, a farce written by John Dighton. It is 1948, the war is over and things are slowly returning to normal, but what do you do with 50 pupils and their teachers when their school has been flattened by enemy bombers? Well, you make them share with another school who's buildings are still intact! Cue furious teachers, disruptive pupils, and dissatisfied parents, when a boys school is forced at very short notice to house the staff and pupils of St Swithin's – a girls school.

With conflict, petty arguments, naughty tricks and romantic attachments, the plot thickens when one set of boys parents and one set of girls parents turn up at the school, and the various attempts by the staff to keep them in the dark only creates further confusion and contradictory demands on the school Porter and Groundsman.



Come along to the Village Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, to see how it is resolved. Doors open at 7.00pm, performances commence at 7.30pm, a fun filled evening's entertainment for £5 per person, with tickets available at the door.

## Last call for Lightwood Green ?

The telephone box located close to Lightwood Green Industrial Estate was damaged a few years ago after being hit by a vehicle. Whilst the phone still works there is damage to the phone box. BT has advised that to replace the box would be very expensive. Over the past 9 months 10 calls have been made from this telephone box.

BT have asked for the views of residents in Lightwood Green, Cloy and Overton as to whether the telephone box could be removed altogether, or remain in situ bearing in mind that mobile connections are poor and this might be a vital life line.

If you have any comments regarding this please contact Katrina Chalk, Clerk to Overton Community Council at Overton Village Hall, Penyllan Street, Overton, Wrexham LL13 0EE. Tel: 01978 710055 or [occ.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:occ.clerk@btinternet.com).



## 'We will remember them'



This year Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday November 10th. The Parade, comprising the Royal British Legion, Overton Scout Group and Overton Brownies will leave the Surgery car park just before 11.00am to lead the silence at the Cenotaph in the High Street, followed by a service in St Mary's Church which includes the reading of the Roll of Honour. The Police will be closing that section of the High Street and Penyllan Street and directing traffic around an alternative route.



On Monday November 11th the Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion will hold their monthly meeting at Woodlands Deli starting at the earlier time of 10.00am after which they will be observing the Armistice Day two minute silence (11am on the 11th) at the Cenotaph. All welcome

The Legion are currently selling Christmas Draw tickets to be drawn at their December meeting at the Deli on December 9th. The wide range of prizes include a meal voucher for £50 at the Cross Foxes, a £50 Christmas Hamper donated by Cable Services Group, a turkey crown from M Evans Butchers, a £25 M&S Voucher from B J Clarke Ltd, a £20 Voucher from Ego Xcentric Hairdressing and many others. Many thanks to all the sponsors. Tickets are available from Woodlands Deli and the Corner Shop or any member of the Legion. For extra books phone Jean Williams on 710423.

## Ramblings From the Reverend

by Rev'd Canon David Child



Sunday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> was Bible Sunday and no, what follows wasn't my sermon for that day. It's a story I was told of a young man who was keen to enter the church's ministry. He attended for interview and was asked 'How well do you know your Bible.' 'Extremely well he replied, I've read it from cover to cover', and just to show them he told them one of his favourite stories.

There was a man of the Pharisees called Nicodemus who went to Jericho by night. And he fell upon stony ground and the thorns choked him half to death. The next morning Solomon and his wife Gomorrah came by and took him down to the ark so that Moses could care for him. But as he was going through the Eastern gate toward the ark his hair was caught in a limb and he hung there for 40 days and 40 nights. Afterwards he was hungry and the ravens came and fed him.. The next day three wise men came and carried him down to the boat deck where he caught a ship to Nineveh. When he got there he saw Delilah sitting on a wall. And Nicodemus said, 'Throw her off the wall'. And the wise man said, 'How many times shall we throw her down, 7 times?' And Nicodemus replied, 'No 70 x 7' And they threw her down 490 times. She burst asunder in their midst, and they picked up 12 baskets of fragments. My question is whose wife will she be in the resurrection?' Later on, one of the members of the interview committee admitted, 'Well he's certainly read the bible, but I don't think he's remembered even one sentence correctly!'

Christians often say that the Bible is the word of God but it's the Word of God not because it's the main witness to God – Jesus is the main witness to God – but because it's the main witness to Jesus. That's one of the many ways that Christianity differs from Islam. Muslims believe that their Holy Book, the Koran was dictated by God to the Prophet Muhammad and they see the Koran in the same way that Christians see Jesus – as the main witness to God. And that's why they take its defilement so seriously.

So many people know about the Bible, but so few have read it from cover to cover. There is now, however, available 'The Hundred Minute Bible' – it picks out the essential elements of the Bible using universal language. Most people will be able to read it in 100 minutes and it's ideal for those who want an easy access to the central Christian story. I'm sure you can get a copy from the Manna Christian Bookshop in Charles Street, Wrexham, or failing that contact me and I'll try and get you a copy. You never know that with a bulk order I might be able negotiate a price reduction!

With every blessing, David

## COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Phil Jones



There have been several incidents of attempted and actual burglaries in the Overton area, around School Lane plus sheds broken into on the outskirts of the village and a number of break-ins of garages and sheds in the Knolton Bryn area. Keep your home and sheds/garages secure. Extra patrols are being carried out in the area and we are asking residents to keep a watch and report any suspicious persons to 101, or if you see them trying to break into any property ring 999.

Community Safety Officer Sgt Dawn Samuels says: "Many thefts can be prevented if steps to protect the property are taken.

Fit two heavy-duty pad-bolts or hasps; a third down from the top and a third up from the bottom.

Use threaded coach-bolts with large washers or ideally backing plates to prevent the bolts being pulled through the wood; screws can easily be pulled out of the thin doors.

Use large quality padlocks with hardened steel shackles.

Fit key operated locks on the corners of each opening window, or consider screwing them permanently shut from the inside if you never open them.

Motorists are also being reminded not to leave their keys in vulnerable places at home and make sure doors and windows are locked. Opportunist thieves will sneak in through an unlocked door and can take keys from a table, a wall hook or a handbag in seconds. Don't leave them hanging just inside your door where thieves can unhook them through the letterbox, and don't leave them downstairs when you go to bed."

For more information on protecting property contact the crime prevention officer at North Wales Police by contacting 101.

On a lighter note I would like to say that the recent Overton Rural Roadshow on 14<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. It was



our first ever roadshow of this size and I'm happy to say we had positive feedback from people attending. Thanks to the partner agencies who attended to offer free advice.

If you're on Twitter you can see live updates from myself as I patrol around the area.

Thank you,  
Phil.

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**Non urgent calls 101 or in emergency call 999**

### School News

A big thank you for all those who supported the St. Marys School Bonanza. It was fabulous day and thankfully the rain stayed away! The money raised will go towards our new outdoor classroom.

### Community Chest

**Closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Grants may be made by the Overton Community Council towards capital expenditure by local organisations within the area administered by the Community Council. Grants will not be made towards general maintenance or running costs. An application shall be made on a form obtainable from the Clerk to the OCC.

The Community Council reserves the right to request detailed particulars of an applicant's financial position. Any information will be treated in confidence. Funds available for grants are limited and there can be no guarantee of a grant being offered in any particular case. Grants may be made towards the setting-up of a new local organisation, providing the Community Council is satisfied that a proper constitution exists and that the organisation has adopted a programme of fund-raising events for at least one year.

**For information or application form & notes contact the clerk on 710055 or email: [occ.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:occ.clerk@btinternet.com)**

### Playgroup News

We would firstly like to thank Steve and Jane at the White Horse for all their help and support with the Skittles Evening we held there. It was a quiet night, but with their help and the support of their customers we still managed to raise £120. The next fundraising events will be our Bags2School, recycle initiative, so if you have any old clothes, linen, shoes, bags, belts, soft toys etc; you can leave them at the playgroup for collection by the 7<sup>th</sup> November. Bags are available from the Playcentre, alternatively bin bags will suffice! On the 30<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a Christmas Market in the Village Hall. Every year we have a fantastic range of stalls selling all kinds of handmade crafts and Christmas goodies. It's open from 11am – 3pm, £1.50 entry (including a hot drink and mince pie) Don't miss out!!!!

Thank you for all your support, *Angie*

### Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday November 13th at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Lunchtime Brunch Breakfast followed by Lemon Surprise Pudding.

To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

# Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,  
Robyn Rehbock and  
Charley Middleton



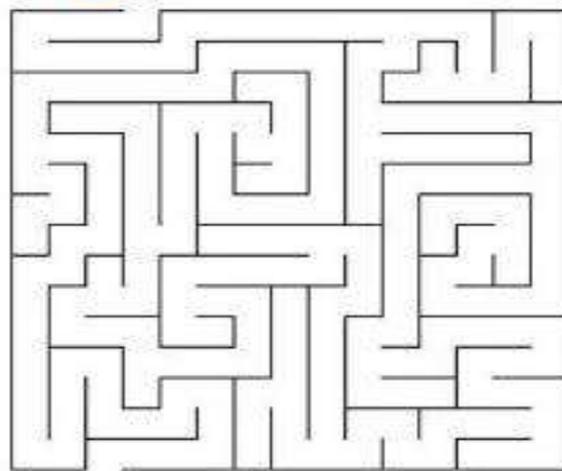
**It's November and that means that it's bonfire night!**

Are you going to be watching the fireworks?

## Fireworks Maze



Help the boy find his way through the maze to the sparkler.



### Here are some of the latest books that have come out!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:Hard Luck  
by *Jeff Kinney*

Diamond by *Jacqueline Wilson.*

It's Your Move! Your guide to secondary school by *Nick Harding*

Tom Gates. Extra Special Treats. by *Liz Pichon*



### Stay Safe This Bonfire Night!

It is important to have fun on bonfire night but it is even more important to stay safe. Here are some tips to make sure you stay safe.



1. It is better to go to an organized firework display but if you are going to set off some fireworks at home make sure a responsible adult sets them off carefully.
2. Don't play with fire! When you have used a sparkler put it in a bucket of water.
3. Make sure you are accompanied by an adult.
4. Keep your pets in doors, close the curtains, give them somewhere cosy to hide, and turn the TV up so that they can't hear the fireworks.

## Overton Tenders

1. Applications are invited by Overton Community Council from suitably experienced and qualified companies, organisations or individuals wishing to tender for the refilling of the grout in the War Memorial and the removal the existing concrete slab and relaying of a new concrete paving within the community of Overton-on-Dee. It is envisaged that the contractor will need experience in the maintenance of War Memorials or Historical Monuments. etc

2. Applications are also invited by Overton Community Council from suitably experienced and qualified companies, organisations or individuals wishing to tender for the maintenance of the Playingfields, Centoph and Cemetery within the community of Overton-on-Dee. The contractor will need experience in Park and Playingfield maintenance, Hedge maintenance and Cemetery maintenance. Care is required in the cemetery and due respect must be shown at all times.

Applicants for either expressing an interest will be sent a specification of work required, which must be completed and returned with any appropriate supporting information by no later than **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**. The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender taking into account price, competence, experience, ability, skills necessary to undertake the service and the Community Council's duty to obtain Best Value. If you wish to express an interest in providing this service, please write or e-mail to Clerk to the Council: Mrs Katrina Chalk, Overton Village Hall, Penyllan Street, Overton-on-Dee Wrexham, LL13 0EE, Telephone: 01978 710055,

## Anyone know who?

Morag Cotton nee Gunn has come across this old photo.

It is believed that it was taken in Bangor Road outside the allotments where there are now houses numbered 24 - 26.

Let the Oracle know and we can pass on to Morag.



## Life saving

The Overton WI recently had a talk on Emergency Life Support from Andy Davies. Emergency life support training is delivered by volunteers like Andy to members of the public to teach the 4 basic life support skills, CPR, Suspected Heart attack, Choking and Serious bleeding. They work on a hands on approach supported by a DVD. The aim of the organisation is to train as many members of the public as possible.

Every year around 124,000 people in the UK suffer a heart attack. Many of these people go into cardiac arrest and die before reaching hospital. Without resuscitation, cardiac arrest is always fatal. Performing CPR could double that persons chance of survival. 16,000 cases of choking are treated in UK hospitals every year. If you would like them to visit and deliver this life saving training then please contact Andy Davies, Shrewsbury Heart Start Co-ordinator and Community First Responder Tel: 07891187530 or email [andygdfire@aol.com](mailto:andygdfire@aol.com) All trainers are qualified instructors and have all relative police checks.

## Cubs day out



Overton Cub Pack recently enjoyed a day at Erddig as part of Wrexham Districts Fun Day including visiting the Wolfs Den adventure playground.

## Film Club - **what's the deal?**

The OFC is a small group of committed film buffs from the village who select brilliant films – many that went on to win Oscars, and screen them in the village hall over the 5 Winter months. A company called 'Reels on Wheels' ruck up with a huge screen and sound equipment and then turn the village hall into a cinema for the evening. All that's asked is that you leave £20 and your name in the Corner Shop. (£15 for OAPs). Then turn up and enjoy. You can bring guests at a cost of £2.50 to them. It's really good value and you can watch all 5 films or just cherry pick as you see fit. Either way its a great deal!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to David Child who was recently one of 3 canons installed at St Asaph Cathedral by the Bishop of St Asaph, the Right Reverend Dr Gregory Cameron. Bishop Gregory said: "I am very pleased to be able to recognise the outstanding ministries of these 3 clergy. They have given distinguished service to the diocese and their addition to the Cathedral governing body will enhance the ministry which the cathedral undertakes". David said "This is an honorary title and does not affect my commitment to the parishes of Overton and Erbistock"



### To cut down or not?

Some residents of Parkside have requested that the shrub/bushes which are on left hand side of the flats in Parkside, are removed and that area grassed over. These bushes can grow thick and dense. Some residents do not like walking passed these bushes when it is dark and would be happier if they were removed and the area grassed over.

If you disagree with this request please could you contact the Clerk to Overton Community Council (Katrina Chalk) on 710055, so that your objection can be noted? If we do not receive any objections the small area will be cleared and grassed.

### Golden Celebrations

Myra and Vince Worthington were married in Our Lady & the Welsh Martyrs, Overton on 5th October 1963, and on the same date this year they celebrated their Golden Anniversary. Their Best man and 4 bridesmaids joined them along with family and friends. They had a wonderful evening and in lieu of presents were able to give a donation of £872.86 to



Hope House Hospice. They wish to thank all those who gave so generously and made the evening so special.

1963  
and  
2013  
(with a small intruder)



### Carers Home Assistance

One of the stalls at the Police Roadshow was information from the Carers Emergency Home Assistance service (CEHA) This is a short term service that can provide practical help and support to carers in times of difficulty. For example, if a carer is ill and unable to go out, they could arrange for somebody to do home shopping for them or collect a prescription.

They can also help by staying home with the cared for person, so that the carer is able to go out. Unfortunately we are unable to provide personal care. The service is usually once per week for a period of around 4 – 6 weeks. It is free and available to all carers over the age of 18 years. To access this service please call 01978 725204.

### Charity Football

On a sunny Sunday morning in September Overton Football Players both past and present went head to head against Calypso Soft Drinks in a charity football match to raise funds for the Hayley Higginson & Sophie Edwards Trust. The charity was set up to raise awareness for teenage cancer and is a cause that is very close to the hearts of all participants

The match was well supported with raffle prizes provided by The Cross Foxes, Erbistock, Bangor On Dee Races and a match ball sponsor by Brenda Lewis which was donated in memory of her late husband Martin. Well earned refreshments were held at

Overton Recreational Club and a memorable afternoon was had by all. There was only one winner and that is the trust fund which has swelled by almost £500.



Many thanks for everyone who gave up their spare time, it was much appreciated.

### Keep Overton Tidy

The weather was kind to us on this month's community litter picking day held on October 16<sup>th</sup> in National Litter Picking Week. Class 5 from St. Mary's school joined Katrina Chalk, Keep Wales Tidy coordinator Shane Hughes and myself for an hour of litter picking in the village. Overton is a relatively litter free village but we still managed to collect 2 bin bags full of rubbish!

On a previous litter pick Katrina Chalk and myself went down to the banks of the River Dee to collect any rubbish that may have been dropped there but thankfully we did not find very much litter. However on our walk back up through the woods we managed to collect a full bin bag of cans and crisp packets etc. and the most interesting find of the day was made by Katrina who discovered a discarded baby's car seat, which was stuffed behind a hedge on Wrexham Road!

*Pene Coles*

### Raising money for trip

Luke Haynes is visiting Lesotho in February next year. He has been chosen with a few other pupils from the Maelor School to represent the school on a return visit. This is a 'trip of a lifetime' for them and they are all busy raising funds towards the costs.

The Methodist Church have decided to help, so are organising a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in the Chapel Schoolroom on Saturday 16th November at 10.30am. Please support us and this excellent cause

### Drop-in



Overton Community Council invites you to 'drop in' on Wednesday November 27th 10.00 - 11.00am in the Parish Room for tea and chat - an opportunity for Overton residents to come along and speak directly to Councillors about any issues or concerns you may have about your village, or to discuss an idea or project you would like to suggest

Your local PCSO as well as your County Councillor Lloyd Kenyon and 2 Community Councillors will be available for you to meet and discuss any local matters. Come and meet the people who are your voice.

### More photos from the Police Road show



PCSO Phil Jones gives presentation on the work of the Overton Policing Team

And then entertained everyone with music on his flute.



The Overton Recreational Club presents at the Village Hall on



Sat. November 16<sup>th</sup>  
8 till late

Starring amongst others .....

Comedian Hal Nolan, star of TV Denny Waters, a world travelled Liverpool comedian 'Rockin 60's' - members of famous groups such as Wayne Fontana & the Mindbenders and Rory Storm BAR Tickets only £10 - available from the Corner Shop, and the Overton Rec. Club

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

**Sunday November 3rd** 10.00am Family Village Praise  
**Sunday November 10th** 11:30am Holy Communion  
**Sunday November 17th** 10.00am Family Communion  
**Sunday November 24th** 11.30am Holy Communion

**Diary for Methodist Chapel Services**

**Sunday evenings** 6.30pm and

**Saturday Dec 7th** 2.00pm Xmas Fair  
**Sunday Dec 8th** 6.30pm Chapel Anniversary  
**Wednesday Dec 18th** 7.00pm Festival of Carols  
**Sunday Dec 22nd** 2.00pm Family Service  
**Wednesday Dec 25th** 9.15am Communion - Rev Una McLean

**November 1st, 2nd & 3rd** Craft Exhibition at Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

**Thursday November 7th** 10.30 - 2.30pm Penley Rainbow Lunch & learn

**Thursday November 7th** 1.00 - 7pm St Chads School Autumn Fayre in Hanmer Church. Free entry

**Monday November 11th** 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli And at 11.00am at the Overton Cenotaph

**Tuesday November 12th** 7.30pm 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 13th** 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required.

**Thursday November 14th** 11am - 3pm Well-being Event at the Penley Rainbow Centre. Free activities & treatments

**Friday November 15th** 8pm The Blues Band at the Village Hall

**Saturday November 16th** 10.30 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy at the Chapel Schoolroom

**Saturday November 16th** 8pm Comedy Night at the Village Hall. Tickets £10 and Bar

**Wednesday November 20th** 7.30pm Maelor Music Society at Penley School Hall "Cantorian Sirenian Singers with Director Jean Stanley Jones

**Thursday November 21st** 7.30pm Overton WI Cheese & Wine Evening in the Parish Room. Speaker will be the County Advisor.

**Wednesday November 27th** 10.00 - 11.00pm Overton Community Council Drop-In in the Parish Room

**November 29th & 30th** 7.30pm Overton Amateur Dramatic Society present "The Happiest Days of your Life" in the Village Hall. Tickets on door

**Saturday November 30th** 11am-3pm Overton Playgroup Christmas Market in the Village Hall

**Saturday Nov 30th** 1.30pm Wool Fairy Workshop 01978364940

**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations** to Wullie and Eileen Drysdale on becoming Great Grandparents to Lily Ivy Rainey Rushton, born 5th October.

**Happy November Birthdays** to George Buttress, Lydia Evison, Pearl Edwards, Hugo Hunter, Edward Pugh, Pauline Dodd, Phil Edwards, Dave Smith, Mike Done, Heather Davies, Lucy Roberts, Margaret Mawdsley, Rob Netzband-Piggott, Neal Edwards, Gerald Williams, Peter Rosselli and Anita Brown (with love from Dan in Scotland)  
 Belated happy 4th birthday (Oct 28th) to Martha Roberts.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Bridget Henstock of Willow Street.

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Den Roberts of Knolton

**Sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Trevor Hamlington of Bangor on Dee

Can those people who left plates and dishes at the recent Village Produce Show please pick them up from Jean Hughes Tel: 01978 710388

**Thank you**

St Mary's Church would like to say "thank you" to everyone who supported the Coffee and Chat morning held during July and August. The sum of £739.16 was raised for Nightingale Hospice.

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Office Space required in or near Overton for growing local business  
 Please call Nikki on 01978 824673 or 0774 089 4646

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