

The Overton Oracle



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**St Mary's Church
Michaelmas Fair and
Coffee Morning**

**Saturday November 7th
10.30am - 12.30pm in the
Village Hall**

The final Drop-in session

for this year will be on Saturday 14th November between 10 and 11am in the foyer of the Village Hall. Please come along to meet your PCSOs, Community Councillors and County Councillor, and bring any concerns or issues you may have.



Christmas Fair

**Saturday 28th
November 2pm at
Overton Methodist Chapel**

We are desperately looking for new leaders for Beavers, we need them to avoid closing! If you are interested come to the Scout Hut on a Wednesday evening at 6pm to find out what is involved!

The White Horse Christmas

Market Saturday

November 28th 4pm to 8pm.

Various stalls Still have a few spaces please contact

info@whitehorseoverton.co.uk



See How They Run!

Overton Amateur Dramatic Society are preparing for their latest production. The play is the postponed 'See How They Run', a farce in three acts by Philip King, last performed by this society in 1986. The play will be performed on 27th/28th November in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm, tickets available on the door.



The action takes place in the living room of the Vicarage in Merton-cum-Middlewick in 1943. The lead character is Penelope Toop, former actress and new wife of the local vicar, the Rev. Lionel Toop. Miss Skillon, a

churchgoer of the parish, is a thorn in the side of Penelope and regularly calls to see the vicar to complain about the latest 'outrages' that Penelope has caused. Confusions abound when an old friend of Penelope's, Lance Corporal Clive Winton, stops by and they hatch a plan to visit the local theatre production of "Private Lives" for old times sake.

Just before they set out, Penelope and Clive re-enact a fight scene from the play and accidentally knock Miss Skillon unconscious. Lionel, is knocked silly by a Russian spy on the run, who takes the vicar's clothes as a disguise. To add to the confusion, both Penelope's uncle, the Bishop of Lax, and Humphrey, a visiting vicar, unexpectedly show up early. Chaos quickly ensues, culminating in a cycle of running figures and mistaken identities. Add to this a police sergeant who arrives in search of the spy and finds 4 suspects all dressed as clergy!! Do come along and see how the chaos is resolved.

P.S. One of the 1986 cast members is taking part again, albeit in a different role, see if you can work out whom this may be.

New Road Sign

Has everyone noticed the new Active Road Sign on Wrexham Road? The money to purchase the sign came from Overton Community Council reserve funds specially allocated to road safety.



The purchase came about after OCC were contacted by residents who wanted vehicles to slow down on their approach into the village, especially in the area close to the entrance to the playing field. Do you think it has made a difference?

Musings from the Manse

by Rev'd Phillip Poole



Dear friends,

In recent years I have spent some of my spare time researching my family tree, an increasingly popular pursuit these days. So far I've managed to trace my family back as far as the late 1700s. There are no skeletons in the cupboard as far as I can tell, but there have been a number of fascinating discoveries along the way. I've found out that there has been a "Phillip Poole" in each of the last five generations of my family and that for the last one hundred and fifty years both sides of my family have lived in the same few streets in Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent where I was born. It's fascinating to try and imagine what life was like for some of those people - people who never saw a mobile phone or a motor car, some of whom lived even before the invention of the postage stamp, never mind computers or email. Time never stops rolling forward, so it may be that one day, far in the future, someone researching their family's past will discover our names and wonder what we were like and what life was like for us - a truly sobering thought.

In the month of November we look back with pride and thanks to remember people of the past who risked their lives in war to protect our freedom and to preserve our way of life. We may also call to mind people who worked for social reform in days gone by and whose contribution has helped improve our quality of life beyond recognition. And as Christians we remember too those who have gone before us in the story of the church, the heroes of the faith as well as the people who helped to found and build the places where we worship today and whose witness to Christ therefore goes on. It seems important that from time to time their contribution is acknowledged.

So as we start looking forward to Christmas and all that 2016 has in store for us, let's also pause to look back and thank God for all that has come down to us from previous generations. We owe him, and them, so much.

Best wishes,
Phil Poole

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, 2015 will take place on Tuesday, 1st. December, in the Village Hall from 3.30pm.

The invitations will be sent out during the first week in November. We try not to miss any one out but should that happen please contact June Owen on 01978 710944.

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice



I'd like to start by asking everyone to be vigilant; Overton has had a couple of burglaries recently which is not good to say the least. So if anyone has any information that may assist the police in any way please contact the 101 number to report it. There has also been reports of a couple of vans seen travelling around in suspicious circumstances, especially in the Bangor on Dee area. Males in these vehicles have asked for work, gardening, roofing etc. when approached by members of the public. Please make a note of the registration number and descriptions of the person(s) involved. Phone 101 straight away if you have any doubts about their intentions. Look out for your older neighbours and make sure they are not bullied into having work done they don't want or need.

I would just like to add a request to everyone to **'KILL YOUR SPEED.'** Please stick to the speed limits, they are there for a reason. Also a quick message to parents and grandparents dropping off and picking up children from school. Please be mindful of where you park or leave your vehicle. Is it causing an obstruction, is it parked in a dangerous position? One second to stop and think may save a child or adults life, and no-one would want to be responsible for that when parking irresponsibly and taking risks.

Also as the dark nights are fast approaching it is time to focus on keeping your home secure. Please make sure you lock all doors, windows, sheds etc., and be aware of your elderly neighbours, especially those living alone. Leaving your home during hours of darkness without putting on lights or drawing the curtains, can give the opportunist criminal a clear message you are not at home. It is a fact that every year there is an increase of early evening burglaries which can be linked to this time of year when we turn our clocks back. Please help us to help you by being aware of the risks and by taking the step we have outlined for you below, keep your home secure.

* Use an automatic switch on an indoor light, either in a room that cannot be peered into from the road, or upstairs. Regularly change the timing on the switch. Put a time switch on a radio that has been tuned to a chat station, this will give the impression that the house is occupied. Again regularly change the timing on the switch.

* Fit security lighting, either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or brighter passive infrared activated lighting drawing attention to movement.

* Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure. Don't forget to lock your shed as your tools can be used to break in. Trim **overgrown plants, don't give burglars a hiding place.**

* Secure windows, paying particular attention to those on the ground floor and above flat roof areas. Use locks and bolts and keep all your keys, including car keys, out of sight and out of reach.

Trust your instincts. If you see anything suspicious let us know. If you think a crime is about to happen or is in progress dial 999. For further details contact us at Overton Station at 01978 348425 or email;

enquiries@fnwa.org.uk

Thanks, Lynne

Kids Kolumn

This month's contributions are from Luke and James Reardon



Hi Guys, its Autumn! Here's some autumn fun!



Have you collected lots of conkers?

Here is some funky conker art that you can try at home.



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| 1. Autumn | 6. Harvest | 11. Season |
| 2. Fall | 7. Pumpkins | 12. Scarecrow |
| 3. Leaves | 8. Apples | 13. Corn |
| 4. Color | 9. Gourds | 14. Maize |
| 5. Raking | 10. Football | 15. Yellow |
| | | 16. Orange |

Playgroup News

We have had a fantastic first half term of the new school year at Playgroup with lots of new children joining and settling in. The staff and children are now on the countdown to Christmas with lots of lovely festive things planned over the next couple of months.

We had a really successful Nearly New Sale on 18th October raising a fantastic amount for the Playcentre. We would like to sincerely thank all who contributed to its success; our buyers, sellers and of course all the help we had on the day to run the event. We would also like to thank Evans' Butchers and Richard and Julie at Woodlands Deli for their delicious cake donations, they went down a treat!

November 21st is our annual Christmas Fair and the perfect start to our festivities. The fair runs from 11am-3pm at the village hall. It is £1.50 entry fee and this includes a hot drink and a delicious mince pie. We have some fantastic stalls lined up including local crafts and homemade food produce. We will also be having a special Christmassy visitor for the children between 1 and 3pm. So if you would like to do a spot of Christmas shopping and pick up some unique and locally crafted gifts then please pop along!

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to the Overton Community Council who supported our Community Chest application last year. Thanks to their grant we have been able to purchase some much needed storage facilities for the play centre. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sarah Evans

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

Overton Playcentre Christmas Fair

Overton Village Hall
Saturday 21st November
11am - 3pm



SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

from Father Christmas

(1pm-3pm, £1.50) Entry £1.50

Overton Community Council have decided that due to the cost involved in replacing the current Christmas trees displayed in the High Street, they will keep the current lights for Christmas 2015 and consider alternatives for the following year, if necessary.

Crafts on Display



An exhibition of the work completed by members of the Methodist Chapel Needlecraft Group over the past 12 months will be held in the Chapel Schoolroom on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November. Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on the Friday and Saturday, 10.30am to 3.00pm on the Sunday. Entrance is free, donations gratefully accepted. Some items will be for sale. For further details ring 710493 or 710139.

Thank you from La Murette



Hello, my name is Leo and I am a French person from La Murette. I am 18 years old and this summer I spent nearly three weeks in Overton with the twinning. This trip was the occasion for me to learn and practice my English. In this goal, I was in internship in Fabdec in Ellesmere. I will study Engineering in University.

I meet also lots of people of the twinning who allow me to discover lots of places near Overton (Wrexham, Chester, Anglesey, Manchester and Liverpool). I also had practice because I do lots of sports such as rugby, golf, tennis and windsurfing.

I want now to thank all members of twinning especially Sam Green for help and support. It was an amazing visit! Thanks for the welcome!

I really advise any person who wants to learn a new language and meet people to take this good opportunity with twinning. As we say in French "C 'etait vraiment top!!"

The secretary of the Twinning Association writes: A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the three La Murette teenagers who visited Overton this summer. They were all very grateful and had a marvellous time. It was an amazing effort and it couldn't have been done without your generous support. In addition, the Twinning Association in La Murette, known as COJOM, is very keen to welcome young people from Overton to spend time over there, in the same way that Leo stayed with us. It is a wonderful opportunity to be immersed in daily life in a foreign country and we are lucky to have the links which enable such visits. So, anyone aged between 16 and 25 years (approximately) who would like further information please get in touch with Georgina Mason at gmemcloy@yahoo.co.uk or speak to any member of the Twinning.

Overton Medical Practice. Dr Jennifer Wess

Dr Wess had had a long association with Overton Practice. She had been a locum for many years before joining us early in 2013 as a salaried doctor covering for maternity leave. In June 2015 she became a partner.

Dr Wess died suddenly at home on 7th October, she was 52. Everyone is still in shock. Jenny will be greatly missed by patients and staff. She possessed a keen attention to detail and was meticulous in following up referral of a clinical results, a very popular member of the team with an ever-pleasant smile and an encouraging word.

Jenny leaves an adoring husband, Mark Spurdens (our local Vet) and her twins aged 16, Mark and Kate. Our thoughts remain with them.

Jim Eastop

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year will take place on Sunday 8th November, with the Overton Branch of the Royal British Legion taking part along with the Brownies, Scout Group, Community Council, Police and public. Everyone will assemble in front of the War Memorial just before 11.00am. The Remembrance Service will continue in St Mary's Church.

There will also be a commemoration on Wednesday 11th November at 11am with the British Legion and possibly St Mary's School. Last year we were forced to have this commemoration in the Church because of the weather. Hopefully, this year, the weather will be kind and we can hold it in front of the War Memorial.



Do you have Hearing Loss and wear NHS hearing aids?

If so come along 1st Tuesday of every month 2-4pm to **Action on Hearing Drop-in** at the Penley Rainbow Centre for advice and to get your hearing aid maintained.

News from the White Horse

The White Horse has a new food offer - A Pensioners Lunch of Soup and a main course including a cup of tea or coffee for £7.50

Brewery Tour on 30th November - ask for more info.

The Christmas menu and events for the festive period are available in the White Horse.

The Phantom returns!

The lights were on, the organist had warmed up, the wine glasses were filled, all were looking forward to the classic film of "Phantom of the Opera" and then disaster struck. A telephone call broke the news that the van with screen, film and projection equipment was broken down on the motorway some miles away.

But the situation was generously saved by Dr Anthony Hammond, acclaimed English concert organist, who immediately agreed to return in November (with The Phantom), but in the meantime, to avoid disappointing the audience, announced he would provide a short impromptu performance. He had not a page of music with him but Dr Hammond showed the delighted audience why he is one of the leading improvisers in his field by explaining the principles of improvisation and demonstrating, using inspiration from that day - it was the evening of the England/Australia rugby match! The audience enjoyed a concert including Swing Low Sweet Chariot and concluding with a short 4 movement symphony in which they were able to identify the themes of "Jerusalem" and "Waltzing Matilda" with a cheeky "Bread of Heaven" interweaving its way into the middle. The Church reverberated to the sound of the St Mary's organ played to its full potential.

There is still chance to buy tickets for the rearranged "Phantom of the Opera" evening on **Saturday November 21st at 7.30pm**. Those who have October tickets can still use them and tickets are also on sale from 710219 or 710631, the Corner Shop or Woodlands Deli. Dr Hammond has made space in his busy international schedule to return to the village of his grandparents to play a dramatic and improvised organ accompaniment to the original 1925 black and white movie. An evening not to be missed!



Maelor Music Society



There is the chance in November to meet and hear the musical stars of the future when Chetham's School of Music will present an evening of music for the Maelor Music Society on Wednesday November 18th, always a very popular concert.

To subscribe and to the Society or get further details ring 01948 770633 or 770394, or just turn up on the night. All concerts take place in the Maelor School Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Five concerts are £37 or £10 each concert on the door. Any subscriber unable to attend a concert may pass on the night's ticket to a friend.

Your support for live music here in the Maelor area is much appreciated.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall Management Committee is looking for a new Treasurer. Tony Reed has sold his house and is moving to Oswestry. Just when everything is running like a well oiled machine !!!!!

He does most of his work on a computer programme and is willing to train someone new. It is a voluntary position and requires some knowledge of income and expenditure. We would love to talk someone through the roles and responsibilities. phone James Glover - Chair on 01978 710413.

The Village Hall is spearheading a campaign to provide a defibrillator available 24/7 - to be sited on the outside of the village hall. We recognise the value of these life saving machines and have approached the British Heart Foundation and the Community Council for help to kick start the revenue needed to provide the equipment. There is one in the surgery and one sited at school but these have limited accessibility.

Scarecrow Success

Bangor Friars Field Community Gardens 1st Scarecrow competition had 20 Scarecrows and they were all brilliant. We would like to thank all the volunteers, the Community and Local Businesses for all the donations and prizes given and their continued support. Can the holder of ticket number 424 from 'Lyns Portrait Competition' please contact 780919 to claim your prize!



Congratulations

Sandy Woodward, son of Nonna, married his long time sweetheart Joelle Pearce at St Mary's Overton on Saturday 17th October. After a perfect day with the bride looking very beautiful in ivory Mikado silk with a crystal-encrusted waist, the very happy couple is honeymooning in Phuket.

The flowers and candles (with themes of dachshunds and gin and tonic) in church had been artistically designed by local florist Laura Evison, and special anthems and surprises were sung throughout the service by Nonna's choir Cantorion Rhos. The reception was held at Iscoyd Park near Whitchurch.

Messy Church

October's Messy Church focused on St Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. We made animals using leaves and pine cones; bird feeders from twigs, pipe-cleaners and cereal; origami cat and dog badges; fingerprint birds; play-dough animals; wild animal pictures with wooden stencils and cards with St Francis' message in them. We were put into teams to waft paper fish across the room and competed to see who could create the longest piece of apple peel. The apples were then used to make delicious apple tarts for pudding!! The weather was lovely and we played tag outside with a wolf chasing villagers and St Francis taming the wolf. Deacon Lisa lead the singing and Canon David explained the story of St Francis and the wolf and preaching to the birds and animals.

As Christmas is drawing ever closer we were reminded that not everyone will be fortunate enough to get Christmas presents this year, and that Teams4us are again filling shoeboxes with gifts for less fortunate families and children in Romania and the Balkans. Further details about the shoeboxes are available from Church

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Legion Needs You

The Royal British Legion - Overton on Dee Branch are setting up a 100 Club to raise much needed funds to aid the 'Legion' in their vital



work, locally and internationally.

For just over £1 per week (£5 monthly you have the chance to win as follows -

	Assuming 100 members	Assuming 20 members
1 st Prize 40%	£200	£40
2 nd Prize 20%	£100	£20
3 rd Prize 10%	£50	£10
RBL 30%	£150	£30

The draw will take place at the RBL meeting each month, which is held at the Scout Hut on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am. A list of winners will be displayed on Village noticeboards and also in the Oracle.

The first draw will take place on 9th December and there will be an introductory bonus draw of an extra 10% of the total prize fund. So make sure you have your ticket - and GOOD LUCK.

Further details are available from Dave Austin on 01978 710678.

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

November Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday November 1st 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Sunday November 8th 10.45am Remembrance Day Service
 3-5pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday November 15th 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday November 22nd 11.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday November 29th 10.00am Family Communion

November Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday November 1st 6.30pm Local arrangements
 Sunday November 8th 6.30pm Rev John Wiggall
 Sunday November 15th 6.30pm Rev Poole Holy Communion
 Sunday November 22nd 11am Rev P Poole All Age Worship
 Sunday November 29th 4.30pm Advent Circuit Service at
 Regent St. Wrexham

Thursday November 5th 10.30-2.30 Rainbow Centre Lunch
 & Learn - Pen Drawing Techniques

Thursday November 5th 8pm Overton Community
 Gardeners meeting in the White Horse

Wednesday November 4th 10.30am St Marys Coffee
 Morning in Church

Saturday November 7th 10.30am-12.30pm St Mary's
 Michaelmas Fair at the Village Hall

Friday November 13th 7.15pm Maelor Belles WI at the
 Rainbow Centre - Craft Workshop

Tuesday November 10th 7.30pm Overton Community
 Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of
 the public wishing to speak 7.20-7.30pm

Wednesday November 11th 10.00am Overton British
 Legion meeting at Woodlands Deli and at 10.55am
 at the cenotaph. All welcome.

Wednesday November 11th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club
 at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday November 12th 12-7pm Hanmer School Autumn
 Fayre in St Chads Church. 30 stalls. Free entry

Saturday November 14th 10.00-11.00am OCC Drop-in
 at the Village Hall foyer

Wednesday November 18th 7.30pm Maelor Music Society
 present Chetham's School of Music in the Maelor
 School Hall

Thursday November 19th 7.30pm Overton WI Annual
 General Meeting in the Parish Room.

Saturday November 21st 11am-3pm Playcentre Christmas
 Fair at the Village Hall

Saturday November 21st 7.30pm "Phantom of the Opera"
 with organ accompaniment at St Mary's Church

Friday 27th & Sat. 28th November 7.30pm Overton Amateur
 Dramatics Society present "See How They Run" in
 the Village Hall

Saturday November 28th 2pm Christmas Fair at Overton
 Methodist Chapel

Saturday November 28th 4pm-8pm Christmas Market at
 the White Horse

Family Announcements



Happy November Birthdays to Lydia Evison, Pearl Edwards, Hugo Hunter, Edward Pugh, Pauline Dodd, Phil Edwards, Dave Smith, Mike Done, Heather Davies, Lucy Roberts, Rob Netzband-Piggott, Heather Davies, Gerald Williams, Peter Rosselli and Laura Edwards .

Sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues at Overton Medical Practice, of Dr Jennifer Wess (1963-2015), who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at her home on 7th October 2015.

Congratulations to Clare Fenton (nee Edwards) and her husband Paul on their marriage in Cumbria on 5.9.15 - a lovely wedding and a happy, happy day. Much love from your surrogate family in Overton and beyond, from Sue, Carol and Davina.



Thank you

Ann Jones would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy following the sad loss of her husband, David.

For Sale



Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday November 14th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be chicken casserole with seasonal veg followed by apple pie for desert. All for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672

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