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Carrier bag charge benefits community



It is a year on October 1st since the 5p charge was levied on all carrier bags in Wales. Before this at Overton's Corner Shop, Mike Pinder gave out 4000 bags a month to his customers. But over the last year this has dropped to 1000 bags a month, a 75% decrease which, as the legislation hoped, is helping to save the environment.

But it has also helped our community of Overton. Over the last year Mike and Karen Pinder have collected over £450 in the 5p's charged for the bags and they have donated this for the youth of the village. They recently presented a cheque for £502.80, including a 10% donation from Mick and Karen, to Overton Scout Group and it has been used to pay for the building of a wall of new storage cupboards in the Scout Hut. These are to be used by the Scouts, Explorer, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies and Youth Club who use the Hall on different evenings of the week, and means that other old cupboards can be disposed of, making more room in the Hall for the young peoples' activities. The cupboards have been built by local carpenter, Rob Lawrenson.



Mike and Karen presenting the cheque in front of the new cupboards

The 'Red Duster'



On the 3rd September the red ensign (known as the Red Duster) was flown from Overton's church flag pole. This flag was hoisted in remembrance of more than 35,500 officers and men of the Merchant Navy who lost their lives in the Second World War and 17,000 in the First World War and have no known graves other than the sea. The date is significant as on that day in 1939 the SS.Athenia, bound for Canada with 1417 passengers and crew was torpedoed 220 miles off the Irish coast with the loss of 118 lives, many of whom were children being evacuated to Canada away from the expected invasion of Britain. The Merchant Navy Association had 3rd September recognised as Merchant Navy Day each year and the Red Ensign can be flown from public and private flag poles throughout the UK. Without the Merchant Navy during WWI & WWII, Britain, as an island, would have been isolated and the lack of imported food, oil and raw materials would have brought the country to its knees and possible surrender. Britain owes a great debt to the officers and men who of the Merchant Navy who manned these defenceless ships in war-torn waters. It also remembers those who died in the Falkland's war with the loss of the "MV Atlantic Conveyor", "RFA Fort Grange", RFA Sir Tristram and the RFA Sir Galahad, the ship in which Simon Weston was badly burnt. Thanks to the Rector, Rev. David Child, for his kind permission to fly the flag on the church flag staff and the members of the British Legion for the purchase of the Red Ensign. Also thanks to the Rector for arranging the Service on 2nd Sept in St Mary's Parish Church to remember the Officers and men of the Merchant Navy of which he himself has a vested interest as an uncle of his was lost at sea while serving onboard a Merchant Vessel. The Service, conducted by the Rector was attended by members of the Overton British Legion and Scout Group plus the young children in the play corner doing a wonderful job making their paper boats. The service began with a poem read by Mike Marshall, ex Mariner, called "Heroes", Peter Rosselli spoke about the loss of ships and men of the shipping company T & J Harrisons of Liverpool in WWII, David Burton described the life of Cecily Benjamin, a WREN who was killed on a Merchant ship during the war and Mike Marshall told the story of the late Neville Scott, ex Mariner, who was Vice President of the Overton British Legion. The rector gave his sermon on a simple action of the Captain of the first Queen Mary whereby his action was precise and correct at all times, and to make sure on leaving and arriving in port, he made reference to a small piece of paper kept in his pocket which said 'Port is Left' and 'Starboard is Right' !

The Overton Oracle is always here in colour - on the village website www.overton-on-dee.co.uk!

Ramblings From the Reverend **by Rev'd David Child**



I told this story to the children in school the other day. It's about a man who'd been to visit his sick grandmother. He was walking home. It was late. It was dark and it was raining. Suddenly two men jumped out of the darkness punched him, hit him over the head, stole his wallet and mobile and ran off. He was left dazed, badly injured and bleeding in a shop door way. 'That's the end of me he thought, no one's going to find me here tonight and help me.'

But then a rector walked by. He was going home after a late night service. He quickly looked down at the injured man. 'Must be drunk' he said to himself as he hurried away. A little later a teacher walking home from a night class walked by. He looked down at the injured man. He thought to himself 'Must be a drug addict, not a good idea to hang around here'. He hurried on home. Then an asylum seeker passed by. He looked down at the man. He could see he was severely injured. He'd seen lots of people like that in Somalia. He quickly flagged down a passing taxi. 'Quickly help me get this man to the hospital, he's severely injured' he called out to the taxi driver. He and the taxi driver managed to get him into the taxi and quickly drove him to the hospital and carried him into the A&E department. They made sure he was being seen to and left together. 'I'm sorry' said the asylum seeker to the driver, 'I've only got £5 for your fare.' 'Don't worry mate, forget it, we done good' said the taxi driver, 'in fact, I'll drive you home for free.' As he was being driven home the asylum seeker wondered to himself, 'what does 'mate' mean, no one has ever called me that before.'

I like telling stories. Jesus used to tell stories. On occasions he plagiarized them – he just gave the ending a new and unexpected twist. Ah well!

With every blessing,
David

COUNTRY BEAT

by PCSO Stephen O'Connell



PCSO Stuart Roberts who was the PCSO for Overton has moved to cover Cefn Mawr. The move was quite sudden and Stuart wasn't able to get round to as many people as he would have liked to say goodbye. He wanted me to let you all know that he enjoyed his brief time in Overton and wants to thank all those who made him feel welcome in the village. I will be taking over Stuart's responsibilities for Overton until a new PCSO will be posted in the near future.

There has been a break in at the village hall with damage caused when a fire extinguisher was set off. Finger prints and foot prints were left at the scene and enquiries are still ongoing to identify who they belong to. Speeding has been highlighted as a problem in the village again. I will be going around the village at various times and locations to carry out speed checks.

Last week I attended St Mary's School in the early morning to see how the parking was going. I was very happy that the car park on Church Road was being used by a lot of parents when taking their children to school and thank you for this as it has improved the parking problem. I understand that now the days are getting shorter and the weather colder, there may be a temptation to drop off on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school. Please can I remind you that no cars should be stopping on these lines; not to park or to drop off. Anyone seen doing so will be asked politely to move on.

If you need me to discuss any issues, please contact me on the numbers below.

Many thanks,
PCSO Stephen O'Connell
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Playcentre News

A big thank you to all those who walked up Snowdon last month. The final total will be posted on the notice board as soon as we know it. There are lots of events planned for October, including our 'Just for fun' disco for children under the age of 8 yrs on the 6th at the Village Hall. The White Horse is hosting a Pamper Evening on the 26th so we are calling all the ladies to come and have a shopping spree!! As always we are hosting a Halloween Party at the Playcentre, come in fancy dress and join in the spooky fun and games. As always we are in need of more committee members, we are therefore appealing to all who have children at playgroup to join the committee in any capacity, even the smallest help makes a massive difference.

St Mary's Church

Autumn Fayre

Saturday October 13th

2pm to 4pm

in the Village Hall



Lunch Club



The Overton Lunch Club is on Wednesday 10th October at 12.30pm at the White Horse.

The menu will be Cheese Topped Cottage Pie with fresh vegetables followed by Fruit Pie and custard. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672.

“Bags 2 School”



Overton Playcentre are once again running the “Bags 2 School” scheme, a chance to recycle unwanted items plus raise money for the Playcentre. Everybody is welcome to get involved. The bags will have been distributed in September or use a black bin bag. The bags need to be ready for collection on 17th October. The more we collect the more we raise. We need good quality adult and children clothes, paired shoes, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains, bedding etc (sorry NO duvets please) Please return your filled bags to Overton Playcentre on 8am 17th October.

Annual FLU Clinics October 2012

If you are one of our patients and have

HEART or RESPIRATORY problems
KIDNEY or LIVER Disease
Lowered IMMUNITY due to disease or treatment
Had a STROKE or TIA
A Neurological condition (e.g. MS)
DIABETES

If you are aged 65 or over
If you are PREGNANT

Arrange your appointment NOW at
Overton Medical Practice 01978 710666

Guess the flag

The competition to guess the countries of the flags in Woodlands Cafe window during the Olympics was won by.

1st prize Jack & Sam Aplin (joint entry) £10 book token and Scott Lawrenson - £10 book token

Runners up;

Alfie and Frank Mcdonald-Brown (joint entry) - 1 litre tub ice cream & Gwennan Hughes - 1 litre tub ice cream

Well done to all who took part. The prizes were presented by Alan Farley. *(left to right) Jack Aplin, Sam Aplin, Alfie Mcdonald-Brown, Scott Lawrenson.* Frank and Gwennan were not available but have received their prizes.



Rainbow Luncheon Club

The Rainbow Centre is opening a new Luncheon Club. It will be on the first Thursday of each month, £5.50 for 2 courses and coffee (12 – 1pm) or £10.00 for 2 courses, coffee and activities (10.30 – 3pm). The activities for October are AM. War Reminiscence Talk and PM. Strictly Come Dancing Demonstration and optional dancing. Booking is essential. Ring Jane on 01948 830730

Kids Kolumn

by Kate Jenkinson,
Robyn Rehbock and
Charley Middleton



Hello! Happy Halloween!
If you go trick or treating, enjoy yourselves but remember, consider others, if they don't answer the door, move on!!!

Here are some interesting facts about Halloween!

- * The correct spelling of Halloween is Hallowe'en
- * Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday.
- * Halloween celebrations date back 2000 years as traditional pagan traditions.
- 99% of pumpkins sold are used for lanterns at Halloween!

Follow the maze to complete the pumpkin's smile!!



Colour the Halloween pictures and make them your own!



New Pool Table

Overton Recreational Club have replaced their pool table with a competition standard table. At the same time the two snooker tables have been upgraded with new professional cloths.

The Cocoa & Reading Rooms were built in 1890. The room upstairs was the Reading Library & Parish Room and the room opposite was the games room. In 1908 a $\frac{3}{4}$ size billiard table was purchased from Ellesmere Men's Club for £15. It was made from a sailing ship's timbers as recorded on the plaque at the end of the table, and given to the village by Major Peel of Bryn-y-Pys Hall. By 1968 use of the room had declined and the Village Hall Management Committee locked the room to prevent it from being vandalised. To avoid losing the facility local people had a meeting to look into re-opening the room as a Club to revive interest in billiards and snooker. The Library was relocated to what is now the Parish Room and replaced by what is now the bar and television room. In 1969 the new bar and lounge was opened and villagers were invited to become members.

When demand for games of snooker increased a second snooker table was bought from "The Swallow Club" in Whitchurch for £25. The pool table was introduced during the 1980's to increase the range of activities offered by the club. All members are entitled to use the snooker and pool tables, whether they wish to play a friendly game or take part in a competition.

The club provides a safe family environment, and a facility for the whole village. Darts and dominoes are on offer and there are regular entertainment evenings with singers and comedians, bingo, and quiz nights. There are two large screen televisions showing all channels and Sky Sports. An application has been made for free wi-fi and a modern CD jukebox is in the planning. Membership for over 18's is £10.00 per annum and £4.00 for OAP's. The Football Club also operates from the Recreational Club with two teams playing in local leagues. Come & support them at the playing fields on Saturday afternoons in the season.



**Join us for -
Saturday October 27th 7.30pm Halloween Family
Bingo. Prizes for Best Dressed children & adults**

Needlecraft & Art Group News

What a great success the Exhibition over the August Bank Holiday was. We were visited by people from as far away as Gresford, Caerwrlle and Wrexham, plus lots of friends and neighbours. Some ladies have asked if they could come along to our group to learn crochet so it has been decided to hold a couple of sessions on the rudiments of this skill on Tuesday 9th & 16th of October from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

The Needlecraft & Craft group meets every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.30pm at the Methodist School-room. New members are always very welcome, £2 per session includes a 'cuppa'.



From left; Barbara James, Beaty Roberts, Brenda Farrell, Anita Brown, Josie Ralphs, Betty Campbell (Mary Jones & the Rev Una McLean were not present)

The Maelor Music Society

Do you enjoy listening to music? For the past 44 years, just down the road at the Maelor School Hall, the Maelor Music Society has been putting on concerts with top-class musicians from all over the UK and beyond. These public concerts are open to everyone. Just turn up on a concert night, buy your ticket, sit back and enjoy. It is also possible to subscribe which makes the concerts even better value.

The Maelor Music Society opens its 2012-13 season with a concert by prize winning Northop Silver Band under the baton of their Director of Music, Thomas Wyss, in the Maelor School Hall starting at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy and look for dates of future events on the back page of the Oracle.

Have a wild weekend

Have a 'Wild Weekend for Wales' is on 26 - 28th October. You can do something wonderful for wildlife in Wales this Autumn and apply for FREE Homebase vouchers of up to £200 to create a new wildlife habitat in your community.

Have a 'Wild Weekend for Wales' aims to improve biodiversity by helping people to undertake small projects to benefit native species and create new wildlife havens. You can help improve the biodiversity of Wales by doing something simple such as planting trees and flowers or building a bug box. To get a copy of the application form and for lots more information about Wild Weekend go to website <http://www.keepwalestidy.org/> or telephone 02920256767 or email wild@keepwalestidy.org

OVERTON 2012 PRODUCE SHOW

Thirty-eight adults and five children competed in the 40th Annual Overton Village Open Produce Show held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st September. The adult entries were 266 across the various classes & the children had 5 entries in their section. It was very rewarding to see new names appearing on the entry sheet and success in gaining trophies and cups. Not forgetting, of course, the loyalty of many entrants for their support over the last 40 years. Seven of the classes did not attract entries – no doubt due to the weather

pattern and

growing conditions earlier in the year. Class 6 (Five runner beans) was the most popular with 13 entries. Congratulations to all prize Winners, all well deserved. The judges continue to compliment competitors on the high standard of the exhibits entered. The Show Committee members are

CUP/TROPHY	AWARDED TO	CATEGORY
British Legion Cup	Glenys & Victor Roberts	Exhibitor with Most Points
Tradesmen's Cup	Mary Lewis	Runner-up
Lowther Cup	Mary Lewis	Overton WI Member with most points
Trotting Mare Cup	Susan Thomas	Best in Class 2 – 3 onions from seeds
Fitzhugh Goblet	Susan Thomas	Best in Class 12 – Pair of marrows
September Plate	Susan Thomas	Best in Class 20 – Three pears
Farmer's Cup	Mary Lewis	Best in Veg Section – Classes 1 to 17
W I Cup	Victor Roberts	Best in Fruit section 18 - 23
Healey Salver	D Harrison	Best in Blooms Section 24 - 35
Pam Upton Memorial Bowl	Phil Edwards	Best in Class 33 - Specimen Rose
Rosselli Cup	Jean Matthews	Best in Pot Plant Section 36 - 38
Kath Hamlington Memorial	Jean Williams	Best in Flower Arranging 39 - 44
Mrs Wrights Cup	Josie Ralphs	Best in class 45 Flower Arrangement
Mrs Bransbys Cup	Joan Brown	Best in Class 46 - Flowers (Novice)
Mrs Sumsions' Tray	Menna Rowlands	Best in Cookery Section 47 - 54
Mrs Woodhouse's Bowl	Glenys Roberts	Best in Preserves Section 55 - 61
Haynes Wine Cooler	Josie Ralphs	Best in Wine Section 62 - 68
Mrs Price Jones's Shield	Heath Rosselli	Best in Class 71 (6 to 9yrs)
Mrs Wason's Shield	Hâf Edwards	Best in Class 72 (9 to 12 yrs)
21st Anniversary Shield	Susan Thomas	Best in Class 73 (under 16 yrs)



Photos are in colour in the online version of the Oracle on village website

Village Hall News

Over the August bank holiday weekend the Village Hall suffered two break-ins, mindless acts of vandalism. At the first there was a dry powder fire extinguisher set off - what a mess - the powder dries like cement dust. At the second we had 7 fire extinguishers stolen and the bar area smashed up. It was touch and go whether the Village Produce Show was able to go ahead. If it had not been the kind gesture of the Fire Control engineer who loaned us some extinguishers we would have had to close the doors. Fire Regulations and Insurance are very strict on a multi use building.

The Trustees have been left with huge expenses for reparation and installation of several measures to prevent this happening again. The police have asked for vigilance and for any other cases damage/theft to be reported immediately - like 2 of the floodlights outside the Church have been smashed only this week !!!! On a brighter note - the scaffolding that you can see is to enable work to repair and paint the outside of the Village Hall, Parish Room and Library over the next few weeks.

More pictures from the 40th Overton Produce Show

It may have been a summer of bad weather for gardeners but it did not deter the colour and beauty of the entries in this year's show.



A Gala Concert of 100 voices
is to be held on Saturday October 13th at 7.30pm at St Dunawd Church, Bangor on Dee, in aid of the church window. Tickets are available from Johnsons the Basket weavers or ring 780417 or 780675.



Commercial adverts are removed from the online version of the Oracle

WHAT'S ON

October Diary for St Mary's Services **St Hilary's**
Sunday Oct 7th 10:00am Family Village Praise 11.30 H.C.
Sunday Oct 14th 11:30am Holy Communion 10.00 F.C.
Sunday Oct 21st 10:00am Family Communion 11.30 H.C.
Sunday Oct 28th 11.30am Holy Communion 10.00 F.V.P

Methodist Chapel Services

Friday October 5th 7.00pm with Rev Jenny Arthurs
Sunday October 7th 6.30pm with Rev Una McLean
And Sunday evenings 6.30pm

Friday October 5th 7.00 pm Harvest Festival at Erbistock

Saturday October 6th 11am – 1pm Under Eights Disco at the Village Hall

Monday October 8th 10.30am Overton British Legion meeting for coffee at Woodlands Deli

Monday October 8th 6.30pm Methodist Chapel Harvest Supper in the Schoolroom

Tuesday October 9th Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so between 7.20 – 7.30pm.

Tuesday October 9th 6.30pm Bingo at the Rainbow Centre,

Wednesday October 10th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Saturday October 13th 2.00pm St Mary's Autumn Fayre in the Village Hall

Saturday October 13th 7.30pm Gala Concert of 100 Voices at St Dunawds Church Bangor on Dee

Wednesday October 17th 7.30pm Maelor Music Society "Northop Silver Band" at Maelor School Hall

Thursday October 18th 7.30 pm Overton WI meeting at the Parish Room. Speaker: Edward Pugh on "Life on a sugar estate in Sth America"

Friday October 19th 9.00pm Guitarist John Lloyd at the White Horse - Free entry

Saturday October 20th 1pm – 3pm Playcentre Nearly New Sale at the Village Hall

Thursday October 25th 9 - 11am Come and find out what the Rainbow Centre offers at Overton Parish Room

Friday October 26th 7.00pm Ladies Pamper Evening upstairs at the White Horse

Saturday October 27th 3 - 5pm Halloween Party at Overton Playcentre

Saturday October 27th 7.30pm Overton Recreational Club Halloween Family Bingo

Tuesday October 30th 7.30pm Overton History Group upstairs at the White Horse. All welcome.

Saturday November 3rd 8pm Overton Recreational Club Female Vocalist "Jade" (& Bingo)

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy October Birthday to Kathleen Dorey, Thomas Dorey, Charlotte Clarke and Barbara Watkin, Clare Edwards, Mary Perrin, Mark Whittall, Rebecca Overthrow, Jean Edwards, Gary Wyn Jones & Stephen Sorfleet 
 Belated Birthday wishes to Amy Leech from Grandma Mary, Uncle Andrew & Auntie Amy Perrin,. Also to Sophie Williams from Mum, Neal and Nain.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Constance Best.

For Sale

History Group

The History Group will be showing the film "Overton - Time to Remember" made in 1991, 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th October upstairs at the White Horse. All welcome.

Film Club

After last year's success, season 4 of Overton Film Club is coming to a village hall near you! The set-up will be exactly the same as last year: 5 films, between October & March, films and dates to be confirmed. Membership is £20/£15 (OAPs) Members admitted FREE to every film, plus one guest @£2.50. Everyone else £5 on the door; OAPs £4. To join leave a cheque in the envelope in the Corner Shop or email wilfmb@yahoo.co.uk

Corrections

In the August edition we stated that the Liquidamber Jubilee Tree was donated by Eastwick Nurseries. In fact it was purchased from Eastwick Nurseries and generously donated and planted by All Things Trees. We apologise for the error.

Also apologies to Den Metcalfe on the misprint of his wife's name June, not Jean as was recorded.

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