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St Mary's Church Annual Fun Quiz



with buffet on
Friday 23rd October
7.30pm in the Village Hall
£5 per person. All welcome

New Christmas lights on the High Street?



You may have noticed over the past few years that our Christmas trees lights have lost their sparkle!! Overton Community Council wish to replace them with some alternative ones, but would like to know what your views are on the shapes which have been shortlisted.

If you would like to come along and have a look at the designs and tell us which ones you like, please pop at 7.00pm, prior to our next Community Council meeting on 13th October in the Parish Room. There will be photographs of the High Street with the proposed lights superimposed onto them and also a breakdown of the prices.

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If you can't attend, these photos are also available on the Oracle website www.overtonoracle.com. Have a look and let the OCC clerk know which you prefer on 01978 710 055 or email:



Come along to the next
OCC Drop-in at
Woodlands Deli on **21st**
October, 10.00-11.00am.

October is Overton Beer Festival

Following the success of last years event, the 2015 Overton Beer Festival will be on Friday October 16th, 7.30 till midnight (bar closes 11.30) in the Village Hall.

All the beers will be provided by local brewers, namely Axiom Brewery Wrexham, Cwrw Ial Brewery Eryrys, Hafod Brewery Mold, Chapel Brewery Ellesmere, Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry, Big Hand Brewery Wrexham who have recently perfected a 'real ale lager' which you will be able to taste, and Joules Brewery Market Drayton who are providing a cask of Calcutta 1757 a refreshing "India Pale Ale.

Soft drinks and normal bar will also be available.

The tickets are £7 and are available from the Corner Shop, Woodlands Cafe, the White Horse or 01978 710556. Included in the price of the ticket will be a small glass of beer and a locally produced sausage in a tasty bread roll. Ruabon based 'Bandjack' will be there playing music to dance to. Tickets are limited so don't miss out!



In grateful memory



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Prebendary Peter Jones who was Rector of Overton for 34 years from 1952 to 1986. Many local people will have memories of him officiating at their family marriages, baptisms and funerals, as well as at services both in church and at school. He was the last Rector to live at the old Rectory in the High Street and meetings were held in the front room there.

For many years before Peter retired he worked tirelessly for the replacement of the old village school (and its outside toilets). Pat Clarke the ex Headmistress writes, "In 1986, due to the tremendous efforts of a group of key people and the community in Overton, St Mary's C.A. School opened. Peter Jones was one of the appointing governors who placed their trust in me to develop the 'new' school, for which I have always felt privileged. We worked together for several years and I found him to be a person of great intellect, wonderful humour, who was also compassionate and courageous. Even when Peter left Overton, every Christmas pupils and staff of the school would receive a Christmas card and I would receive a letter keeping me updated about his busy life and his lovely family. What amazed me was that Peter always knew what was happening in the school and I didn't discover who was keeping Peter informed, although I had my suspicions. This continued interest in the school and community did confirm in my mind that although Peter was no longer physically present in Overton, his spirit was still with us and always will be. Peter Jones was an amazing person who will be sadly missed."

Ramblings from the Reverend



by Rev'd Canon David Child

First of all Diane and I would like to thank all of you who made our wedding such a special day for us. It was wonderful to feel surrounded by so much love. The forecast was for rain all day but the sun shone with a clear blue sky and fluffy white clouds.

But things changed rapidly when we set off for our honeymoon to St David's. We were caught in the electric storm which most of you also experienced. Driving was difficult to say the least. Torrential rain - flashes of lightening - it was like driving through a river. Visibility was non-existent - all we could see was the red lights of the car in front which we grimly followed - but then after about 40 minutes the sky cleared and all was well.

Storms and earthquakes feature often in the Bible story as Bishop Gregory reminded us in his address. He retold the story of Paul and Silas who were arrested, flogged and thrown in prison for teaching the good news of Jesus. But that night an earthquake shook the prison and released the prisoners. The jailer was about to kill himself - he knew that he would be tortured and killed if his prisoners escaped. Paul shouted to him - "stop we're not going anywhere". Trembling the jailer took them to his house, cleaned their wounds and fed them and was converted to Christianity.

Many people when they first hear that story think that it was the earthquake which converted the jailer. But 'No' Bishop Gregory told us it was the love shown to him by his prisoners who were willing to accept whatever punishment might be dealt to them in order that he might live. Miracles don't convert people to Christianity - it's the love shown to them by Christians that does.

So what does that mean to the church? Well it means it has to change to stay the same. And that means becoming more involved in the community and that's what we're trying to do in St Mary's.

- We now have a thriving Toddler Group which meets on Monday mornings at 10 am in the Scout Hut,
- a thriving Messy Church for children 4-11 again in the Scout Hut at 3 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month - games, craft, free food and a short 5 minute service,
- and recently a Food Bank in the porch of St Mary's.

Many people have approached me and have asked whether we could resume our Wednesday coffee and chat mornings as they have missed the get-together and social interaction. We are therefore going to restart them but just on the 1st Wednesday of every month during the winter and spring.

The first will be on October 7th at 10.30 to 12noon, Please do come and join us in St Mary's.

With every blessing
David

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Country Beat

by PCSO Lynne Maurice



This month we would like to make people aware that we have recently had a couple of incidents at local car boot sales where the stall holder has been distracted, whilst others try to enter their vehicle from behind the stall and take whatever is on offer. Please be vigilant if you are a seller or a buyer and be alert to what is going on around you. Make sure you lock your vehicles and keep all handbags and money out of sight. Don't make it easy for them. Other issues that we have been dealing with of late are thefts of garden ornaments. There seems to be an attraction to the mushroom style stone ornaments commonly known as straddling stones. There have been a couple taken from gardens in the area. Maybe something else to watch out for whilst you're browsing boot sales. Here are a few tips on securing your boundaries. Fit security lighting, either dusk to dawn energy efficient lights that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or brighter passive infrared activated lighting drawing attention to movement. Make sure that passers-by can see the front of your home so that a burglar can't work without being seen. Trim overgrown plants - don't give burglars a hiding place. Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure. Gravel and pebbles on driveways and paths prevent a silent approach. Secure all ornaments and lights firmly to the ground. If possible, put expensive furniture and ornaments in a back garden behind a secured gate.

I am sure everyone has heard of the sad news regarding the break-in at the Overton Recreational Club and Village Hall. There was also a burglary just outside the village recently. So if anyone has any information that may help the police please do not hesitate to call 101 to report anything suspicious.

If anyone needs any advice or leaflets as regards securing your home or boundaries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We're here to help.

I would just like to add a request to everyone to **'KILL YOUR SPEED'**. There have been a couple of accidents recently where sadly one person lost their life. 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 your vehicle. Is it causing an obstruction, is it parked in a dangerous position? Please ask yourselves this before you leave it just anywhere. I know it's a busy time and we all have busy lives, but just 1 second to stop and think may save a child or adults life No-one would want to be responsible for that when parking irresponsibly and taking risks.

Many thanks
Lynne

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Playgroup News

Well we are back in full swing here at the Playcentre. It has been lovely seeing old and new faces starting with us this academic year.

We have recently had a CSSIW spot inspection and have passed with flying colours! This is a once every 12 - 18 months inspection.

It is that time of year again when we are doing our Nearly New Sale (NNS). It is on Sunday 18th October at the Village Hall, 1pm-3pm. This really is a great opportunity from both sellers and buyers. We sell pretty much anything related to pregnancy, baby, toddlers and up to early years. There are some absolute bargains to be had. We do the hard work and you take home 70%. If you would like any further information please contact the Playcentre 01978 710688 or overtonNNS@hotmail.co.uk.

We are doing Bags 2 School on Tuesday 20th October please look out for a collection bag being dropped through your door or if that does not happen, please contact us for a bag. They collect all re-usable clothes, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags, once its weighed we earn money.

We also have our Playgroup Halloween party! This is on October 31st from 3pm-5pm at the Playcentre. It is a lovely little people's party, full of party food, a fancy dress competition, craft and a spooky disco!

Don't forget our toddler group is on a Tuesday morning, 9-11am, a morning of craft, songs and a cuppa and a chance to meet people and all for £2!

Who do you think you are?

If you are interested in the family history of those who lived in Overton, the St Marys parish records have now all been transcribed by the Clwyd Family History Society and are available in 11 volumes (baptism, marriages and burials) from 1602 to 1914 or can be viewed at the society's resource centre at Community Enterprise Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr.

Dates for the Diary

Overton Amateur Dramatics Society will be presenting "See How They Run" by Philip King in the Village Hall on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November at 7.30 pm.

Well done!

Well done to all this who volunteered for the Keep Wales Tidy Big Community Litter Pick last month and for keeping Overton tidy.



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St Mary's School News



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the whole school community back for the new academic year and hope everyone has had a peaceful and relaxing summer. It has been great to get back to school and see all the children so happy, smart and ready to learn. I couldn't help noticing lots of happy smiles on parents' faces too!

A very special welcome to our new nursery and all of their families. The children are already settling in very well to new routines and I look forward to getting to know all of the new faces in the coming weeks.

During the summer term, St Mary's School undertook the assessment for the Healthy Schools National Quality Award. Following a successful assessment, St Mary's is now one of only a few schools within Wrexham to have achieved the highest award in Wales for helping to support pupils and other members of the school community in becoming healthier.



In order to be entered for the National Quality Award the school had to demonstrate the highest standard in all seven of the National Quality Award indicators. These include food and fitness, emotional health and wellbeing, personal development and relationships, substance use and misuse, the environment, safety and hygiene.

Everybody at school is delighted to have received this very special award, which demonstrates the school's commitment to the health and wellbeing of all pupils in St Mary's School. Our Healthy Schools programme has had a positive impact on children's learning and has ensured that all pupils feel valued, making positive contributions to all aspects of school life.

Mr. Gary Wyn-Jones

Old Photos?

Has anyone got any old photos of Overton football club from the 1950's to the present day?

Overton Recreational Club would like to put together a display



of Overton's football history. If you have any photos can you can drop them off (with your details) at the Club above the Library, please. If you want to keep your photos they can be photocopied and returned to you. Thank you for your help.

Overton Produce Show

The 43rd Show was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September. 50 entrants were recorded including 5 children. There were 319 exhibits entered by adults and 6 in the Children's section. The Show attracted entries from loyal supporters over the years, but with also some new names appearing on the prize cards.

The judges praised the high standard of the entries submitted in all classes. The Cookery & Preserves Judge commented on the excellent presentation of preserves entered with nicely polished non-trade jars filled to the brim, correctly marked with name and date. The standard of baking was highly praised and congratulations expressed to the winners.

One or two helpful hints were given:

- Green bean chutney is regarded as a pickle:
- Lemon curd is classed as a conserve not a preserve and
- It is important to put a waxed disc and a cellophane cover because with egg & butter content lemon curd needs to breathe.

Refreshments were served by WI members

The prizes were presented by Mrs Sue Cooke, President of the WI and thanks expressed to all who supported the show by entering and coming along in the afternoon.

Trophies 2015

British Legion Cup *Exhibitor with most points* V Roberts
 Tradesmans Cup Runner-up J Ralphs
 Lowther Cup *Overton WI member with most points* J Ralphs
 Trotting Mare Cup *Best in Class 7* M Davies
 Fitzhugh Goblet *Best in Class 16* C Williams
 September Plate *Best in Class 52* V Stevenson
 Farmers Cup *Best in Vegetable Section 1-17* J Parry
 WI Cup *Best in fruit section 18-23* C Latham
 Healey Salver *Best in Blooms section 24-35* J Armstrong
 Pam Upton Memorial Bowl *Best in Class 33* C Williams
 Rosselli Cup *Best in Pot Plant Section 36-38* V Roberts
 Kath Hamlington Cup *Best in Floral Art 39-44* J Ralphs
 Mrs Wrights Cup *Best in Class 45* J Ralphs
 Mrs Bransby's Cup *Best in Class 46* S & B Wilson
 Mrs Sumsion's Tray *Best in Cookery section 47-54* M Evison
 Mrs Woodhouse's Bowl *Best in Preserves Section* M Davies
 Haynes Wine Cooler *Best in Wine Section 62-68* B Roberts
 Mrs Roberts Shield *Best in Class 69 5ys & under* Oscar Price
 21st Anniversary Shield *Best in Class 73 Edible Necklace* Ben Evison



Picture left:
Some of the winners
with their trophies

There are more photos of the Produce Show - all in colour - on the Overton Oracle's website www.overtonoracle.com



Jumping for Joy!

Congratulations to Lisa Pearson's Junior Mounted Games Team who were Reserve Champions at Cholmondeley. The team: left to right in photo are Heath Rosselli, Marcus Davies, Iyla Gallacher, Amelia Jones, and Tillie Davies (plus reserve rider Will Tomlinson) have had a lot of fun together this year in all their qualifying competitions.

The Competition is the National Final of the Pony Club mounted games for 2015. 250 teams from all over the country enter the competition and go through two qualifiers to get to The Pony Club Championships which were held at Cholmondeley Castle.

Our team is The Sir Watkin Williams Wynns 'A' team trained by Lisa Pearson. They won the morning session which got them into the 'A' final and in the afternoon's Championship final they were on equal points for the first place going into the final flag race. The title was fought all the way to the last race as they raced for the final flag on equal points with the eventual winners, coming second to the Atherstone "A" team by 4 points.

The team have had a lot of fun together all year and have done a lot of competitions and a lot of different races such as bending, postmans, stepping stones and tyre, to name a few! They specialise in vaulting on as the pony gallops off, for which a lot of speed and bravery is needed.



Overton's 'Golddiggers'

Two Explorer Scouts from the Bryn-y-Pys Explorer Scout Unit here in Overton were amongst the 40,000 scouts from all over the world who assembled in August in Japan for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. They are Charlie Matthews from Argoed Lane and Antonia Harlow from Cross Lanes.

270 scouts applied for the 150 places in the Wales contingent so competition was stiff from the outset. Following extensive training weekends both Charlie and Antonia were appointed Patrol Leader and Assistant for the North Wales Troop which was christened the 'Golddiggers'. After 10 days at the Jamboree they went to stay in the homes of Japanese families for home hospitality. Many of the scouts Overton has sent to World Jamborees over the years will know what a fantastic experience they have had.



Overton Playcentre Nearly New Sale



SUNDAY 18th October 2015

1 - 3 PM

Overton Village Hall, Overton-on-Dee

Admission: £1.00 per adult / children free

For more details or to sell goods contact us

OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk or 01978 710688

BABY AND CHILDREN NEARLY NEW SALE:

Come and grab yourselves a **BARGAIN!** Baby, children and maternity clothes: nursery equipment, pushchairs, toys, videos/DVDs, books, games and puzzles will all be on sale at great prices.



Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday October 14th at 12.30pm at the White Horse. The menu will be toad in the hole followed by cheesecake. All for £6.25. To book please ring Gwynneth Austin on 710672

White Horse News

Our Halloween Party will be fancy dress on 31st October from 8 pm. Live Music from local band.



We are also having a Christmas Market on 28th November from 4pm till 8pm with local sellers. There are a few spaces left so please contact us if interested.

Attention Toddlers & Carers

The start of the new school year has left lots of spaces at PATIO (Parents And Toddlers In Overton). We meet every Wednesday of term time in the School Room at the Methodist Chapel 9.30 to 11.30am. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT

- 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 Community Council.
- 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.

The closing date for applications is **26th October 2015**. For further information or an application form and notes please contact the clerk on **01978 710 055** or email: occ.clerk@btinternet.com or visit the office on a Monday or Wednesday between 9.00am – 3.00pm

Calling all scarecrow makers

Bangor on Dee is holding their 1st annual Scarecrow Competition on Friars Field Community Garden on Sat.17th October at 11am to raise much needed funding for the upkeep of these beautiful gardens. Volunteers work tirelessly to maintain them and to provide homes for birds, butterflies, bees and many more wildlife animals.

To register your Scarecrow phone Jo & Jimmy on 780919 or check out Facebook page 'Bangor on Dee Scarecrow Competition'. It's £5 per scarecrow to enter and your scarecrow should be 1.5-2 meters tall and delivered to the field for judging on the 17th before 10am.

On the day of the judging we have organised, a raffle, Tombola stall, name the Teddy, count the lolly pops, glitter tattoos, icecream, refreshments, home made cakes and more. Please come along and support us. Entry free.



Felt very proud to see the RAF Ensign flying on the top of Overton Church in commemoration of those who gave their all for our today during the "Battle of Britain" 75 years ago. "We Will Remember Them". Many thanks to Rev David Child and Mike Marshall for their assistance. *Dave Austin*

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

More photos for the Produce Show



What's On

October Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday October 4th 10.00am Family Village Praise
 Sunday October 11th 11.30am Holy Communion
 3-5pm Messy Church in the Scout Hut
 Sunday October 18th 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday October 25th 11.30am Holy Communion

October Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Harvest Festival Friday October 2nd 7pm Rev Neville Pugh
 Sunday October 4th 6.30pm Rev Andrew Evans
 Monday October 5th 6.30pm Harvest Supper
 Sunday October 11th 6.30pm Rev Richard Sharples
 Sunday October 18th 6.30pm Rev Phillip Poole
 Sunday October 25th 11am All Age Worship Mr Nigel Burns

Every Saturday 10.30am-12 noon Weekly Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Chapel

Thursday October 1st 10.30-2.30 Rainbow Centre Lunch & Learn - Paper Sculptures with Rebecca Cupit

Thursday October 1st 8pm Overton Community Gardeners meeting in the White Horse

Saturday October 3rd 8.00pm 1925 film "Phantom of the Opera" with organ accompaniment at St Mary's Church

Wednesday October 7th 10.30am St Marys Coffee Morning

Friday October 9th 7.15pm Maelor Belles WI at the Rainbow Centre - Annual Meeting, nibbles and fun social session

Sunday October 11th 8pm Overton Music Group in the White Horse, all welcome

Tuesday October 13th 7.30pm Overton Community Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of the public wishing to speak e.g. on Xmas Lights 7.00-7.30pm

Tuesday October 13th 7 for 7.30pm Bingo at the Rainbow Centre, Penley

Wednesday October 14th 10.30am Overton British Legion AGM in the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Wednesday October 14th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at the White Horse. Booking required

Thursday October 15th 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting in the Parish Room. Gill Corp on "Refuge-Against Domestic Violence".

Saturday October 17th 6 to 10pm Live music at the White Horse - singer Mark Jones

Sunday October 18th 1-3pm Overton Playcentre's Nearly New at the Village Hall

Wednesday October 21st 10.00-11.00am OCC Drop-in at Woodlands Deli

Friday October 23rd 7.30pm St Mary's Church Annual Fun Quiz with buffet in the Village Hall

Saturday October 31st 8pm Halloween Fancy Dress Party at the White Horse

Family Announcements



Happy October Birthdays to Kathleen Dorey, Thomas Dorey, Charlotte Clarke, Mary Perrin, Rebecca Overthrow, Jean Edwards, Gary Wyn Jones, Brian Done, Ruth Reeves, Stephen Sorfleet, Brenda Farrell, Mark Whittall, Martha Roberts and Lesley Davies.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Prebendary Thomas Peter Jones 06/07/1920 - 09/09/2015 who died peacefully in Bassetlaw Hospice, Retford, Nottinghamshire. He was Rector of Overton, Erbistock and Penley from 1952 - 1986. He is survived by his wife Joyce and children Claire and Barnaby.



St Mary's Church
Michaelmas Fair and Coffee Morning
Saturday November 7th
10.30am - 12.30pm in the Village Hall

Thank you

Laurence, Christian, Catherine and Lucy for all the support and encouragement you have shown me during the past 12 months. I really appreciate it.

Katrina

Thank you

For the 3rd year the Wednesday coffee mornings at St Mary's Church raised over £800 again for Nightingale House Hospice. Many thanks to all those who helped and supported the coffee mornings.

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