

The Overton Oracle

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Overton's Free Newspaper - delivered to every household monthly



The invitation

to the 2018 St Mary's Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on Page 3.



Macmillan Cancer Support World's Greatest Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th October

10 am - 12 noon in the Catholic Church Hall.

Stalls! Raffle! Cakes! Quizzes!

Date for the diary

Saturday 17 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Overton Amateur Dramatics will present "Who Killed the Secret Agent?" An evening of suspense and quizzing with a licensed buffet supper. More details page 4.



Pop up Kitchen

in the Village Hall Foyer will be open on

Saturday 20th October

9.30am 'til 12.30pm

Tea, Coffee, Toast, Bacon Baps, Teacakes



The Overton Oracle

is looking for volunteer Relief Distributors who can assist our wonderful team of volunteer distributors in times of holidays or illness etc. If you fancy a walk once a month around an area of our beautiful parish then get in touch; ring 710631 or email overtonoracle@gmail.com

Overton Scout Group AGM

on Tuesday October 9th at 7.00pm in the Scout Hut.

A Post Office for Overton

I have had two meetings with the Post Office and it appears Overton could be suitable for an Outreach Post Office. A premises has been found subject to acceptance from PO and it is likely to be for a couple of hours one morning a week to start. We are in the latter stages of negotiation and if we are successful we will have to ensure the facility is used as much as possible. Post Offices are run as commercial businesses and it will be very much "Use it or Lose it"! Watch this space.

As for the closing of the post box in the High Street, this is a separate matter that I have broached with Royal Mail and am awaiting feedback.

Cllr John McCusker



Overton on TV



It's not often you see an ITV cameraman in Penyllan Street struggling to get his camera and tripod on the 146 bus. But then its not often you see a 146 bus!

And this is one of the issues that the 'Wales at 6' programme on Wales on Wheels, highlighted. Ian Lang, ITV Wales reporter used the example of Overton's infrequent bus service to emphasize the problems of rural isolation and the disadvantages for people who don't drive. Watch again on the ITV website.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Overton Playgroup who have received a 'National Lottery Awards for All' grant from the Big Lottery Fund! £8,200 for our outdoor space. We are so grateful to the National Lottery as this amazing grant will allow us to completely revitalise our



outdoor space for the benefit of our Early Education, Playgroup Plus, 2yr olds, Wrap Around and our very own Konekt Holiday Club!

The ground work will be prepared in the winter and the work will be done before a grand opening in the Spring! We will keep you updated with how the National Lottery Awards for All grant is being used and the incredible difference it will make to our children and our community. If you haven't already seen the video when the Big Lottery Fund surprised us with the news, it really is worth watching!!

Catriona Learmont Funding Officer at the National Lottery said "It was a wonderful moment when I could pull out a cheque and surprise the Playgroup, I was thrilled that they were so happy and I am looking forward to seeing the finished work which will really benefit this community"

A huge thanks to Clare, one of our parents, of Wildbanks Conservation for her fabulous help with this grant.

Churchwarden's Chat

by Euan Stevenson



The Uniqueness of Christianity

Most world religions - Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism and Confucianism were written and created by one man.

Christianity, the faith in a loving God and his son Jesus Christ, is defined by the Bible. In contrast with other religions, the Bible is the work of around 40 different writers, all writing in different places and at different times, over a span of around 1500 years.

A second unique aspect of Christianity is prophecy. There are over 300 predictions in the Old Testament of a coming Messiah, that is a Saviour of the faithful people of the world. In the book of Luke, Jesus states "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. Here is a brief snapshot of only a few prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah, written over 500 years before his birth.

- * He would be born of a virgin (*Isaiah 7:14*)
- * He would be born in Bethlehem (*Micah 5:2*)
- * He would be heralded by a messenger (John the Baptist) (*Micah 3:1 & Isaiah 40:3*)
- * He would enter Jerusalem as a King, riding on a donkey (*Zacharias 9:9*)
- * He would die a humiliating and painful death. His hands and feet and side would be pierced, while his executioners would cast lots for his clothing. (*Psalm 22*)

- * He would die with the wicked (the 2 thieves) and be buried in the grave of a rich man (Joseph of Arithamea) (*Isaiah 53:9*)

The chance of all these prophecies coming true hundreds of years after they were made is mathematically a MIRACLE.

Which brings me to another unique aspect of Christianity --- miracles.

Jesus performed a great number of miracles. As far as I am aware, no other religion speaks of miracles.

We are truly blessed with a unique and true faith to guide us during our lives.

Euan Stevenson

Thank you

Elliot, through the Oracle, wishes to say the largest possible thank you for all the many cards and gifts received on retirement. "It was very overwhelming to receive such affection, and the memory will always stay with me on my travels.

It has been difficult to say a personal thank you for each individual card and gift received, but please convey my heartfelt thanks and of course best wishes to everyone for the future.

Please convey how much I too will miss daily contact with so many kind friends and acquaintances. Every good wish for health and happiness to you all. Sincerely yours, *Elliot W.*"

Overton-on-Dee Community Growers

Our first Overton-on-Dee Calendar 2019 is launching!

Copies will be available at our
Grand Launch
at the
MacMillan Biggest Coffee Morning, Overton Catholic Church Hall
on Saturday 13th October at 10.30 am

and also at the following outlets within the village
**The Corner Shop, Overton-on-Dee Library,
Home Farm and Lewis' Farm Shop.**

Please support our voluntary community based group.

Wrexham Celebrates 100 yrs of the RAF

On 23rd and 25th August Wrexham Town celebrated 100 years of the RAF. Dave Austin Overton Branch's Royal British Legion Standard Bearer represented our Branch. Pictured below is Dave (*right hand side*) with other Legion and Military Standards



Sunflower Winners

Congratulations to Rowen age 4, Callum age 12 and Oscar age 7, the winners of the 'Childrens Class' of the Sunflower growing contest. The height of their tallest sunflower was 2941mm.



(*right*)
Congratulations to Joy Davies (*right*) winner of the Overton's tallest sunflower which measured 3026mm. Well done to all who



INVITATION

to St Mary's Church



SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

on **Tuesday 4th December at 1.00pm in the Village Hall**

If you or your partner are over 60 and live in the parish of Overton, you are warmly invited to our Christmas Party. Lunch and entertainment and a chance to meet new and old friends.

There is no charge. We just ask that you let us know by Sunday 25th November, if you wish to come.

Contact Mrs Val Stevenson, 9 Sundorne, Overton

Tel: 710618 Mobile: 07484 118484

Email: val.stevenson2@btinternet.com

St Mary's School News - Exploring the Magic of Science

Years 1 and 2 had an exciting start to the new term when they visited Technquest, Wrexham. They enjoyed lots of STEM-related activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to kick off their termly topic: 'Do you believe in magic?'

Children excitedly told our reporters how they programmed a crocodile made out of Lego to walk and talk, and how they had fun getting lost in the mirror maze. After a filling lunch, the children enjoyed the challenge of opening a magnetic treasure chest and then they tried to solve the 'riddle of the gate', which in the end they did!

The children enjoyed a workshop showing how both men and women can be scientists, and also worked together to build a tower of Knex, which was almost taller than them. Then they enjoyed some more hands-on challenges in the Technquest 'Zones'. Ethan excitedly told reporters about, "An amazing bowl that when you rub it the bowl sprayed water at you!" Josh recalled how he enjoyed trying to get a ball tied to a piece of string on a spinning table; "It was dizzyingly fun!" he told us.

The trip helped bring science to life and show how much of the magic around us can be explained by science.



by Joint Editors-in-Chief, Olivia Busby and Max Evans, Year 6

Penley Lunch Club

Freshly cooked 2 course meal for £6.95 at Enfys Cafe in the Rainbow Centre, 12.30pm Thursday October 11th. Transport can be provided for a small fee of £3. To book in advance phone 01948 830730

Overton Wildlife Group

The Overton Wildlife Group held its 1st litter pick on September 15th, concentrating on the High Street. Litter collected was largely small plastic items such as plastic bottle tops, cigarette ends and fragments of plastic bags. Smaller items like this can have a significant impact on wildlife as they are easily ingested and more likely to be washed away down drains during high rainfall. Cigarette ends for example are made of plastic, meaning they do not biodegrade and often are mistaken for food. One cigarette end can pollute around 50 litres of water, due to the harmful chemicals it contains. Another cause for concern can be small items of metal, especially if coated in bright plastic. Animals, attracted to the bright colours, swallow pieces of metal whilst they chew on the plastic. This can cause a long and painful death. The next litter pick will meet outside the Corner Shop on Saturday October 6th 10am- 12noon. All ages and well-behaved dog's welcome.

We are also looking for suitable scrap or spare wood to make swift nest boxes, and we will be holding a nest box making session in November. If you can help please contact Katie on 07725 224151 or email katharine.piercy@gmail.com



Edwin Northover 1886 - 1918

October is the centenary of the death of Edwin Northover who is remembered on Overton War Memorial. Edwin was born in 1886 in Overton, the son of George Northover a coachman and groom, and his wife Mary who all lived at Toll Gate Place, the cottage to the left of the present Parish Room, Penyllan Street. The tollgate had been abolished in 1874. Their children were Ernest b1884 (deaf & dumb from when he was 2yrs old) Edwin b1886, Louisa b1888 and Olive b1897. The family were still in the same cottage in 1901 by which time George was an Assurance Agent, Edwin was a Drapers Apprentice and his mother Mary was the manageress of the newly built Cocoa Rooms (now the Parish Room). It is remembered that there was a connecting door between the two. By 1911 Edwin was married to Alice and they had 2 daughters, Kathleen b1909, Madeline b1911 and a son Christian b1914, and the family lived at Gledrid (one of the cottages opposite the Poachers Inn) where Edwin, like his father, was working as an Assurance Agent for the Prudential. His parents had moved to Overton High Street, the first house/shop on the right from the Wrexham Rd end, where Edwin's deaf and dumb elder brother was a boot repairer with his mother as assistant, and Louisa was a school teacher at Overton School. At some time after 1911 the family moved to Mossleigh, Salop Road, but Mary died in 1918.

Edwin enlisted in August 1915 and was Gunner 37635 in the Royal Field Artillery, 178 Brigade, B Battery. On June 11th 1917 he was badly wounded and spent 11 months in hospital. He was reported as having Valvular Disease of the Heart but was still sent back to France. He was wounded again 4th October 1918, a gunshot wound to his left thigh. His leg was amputated but he died 20 days later on October 24th 1918. He is buried in grave II.H. 9 in Etretat Churchyard Extension, nr Le Havre where there are burials from The No.1 General Hospital, France. He is also remembered on Overton War Memorial.

Edwin Northover was the last Overton soldier to die during World War I. However there are 3 other soldiers remembered on the War Memorial who died in 1919 after returning to Overton, and the Oracle will remember them on the appropriate centenaries of their deaths.



Another exciting Murder Mystery Evening

Rehearsals have begun for Overton Amateur Dramatic Society's next production, "Who Killed the Secret Agent?" by Chris Martin. Directed by Sheila Miller and starring old faces and new, the not to be missed performance takes place, one night only, at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 17 November. For just £10 per person, you are invited to an evening of fun and suspense for Murder Mystery fans, quiz fanatics, theatre buffs, and those of you who just enjoy a jolly night out. And a hot pot supper is included in the price!!

Our last Murder Mystery evening was a sell out so don't delay getting your tickets. They go on sale at the Macmillan Nurses Coffee Morning on Saturday 13 October in the Catholic Church Hall.

Croatian Adventure

My Croatian experience with Wrexham Scouts & Explorers this August was something new for me, something that I had never done before. I felt nervous at first thinking that I would never make any friends or if I did, even have any fun. But as I progressed throughout the week I kept making more and more friends.



We did things like, on Monday we went swimming in the sea and in the afternoon we went into the town of Pula where we saw a castle and amphitheatre which was fun. We also went on a boat and learned about a local village on an island. We also went snorkeling because it was hot there. The sea was so clear you could see right through it. But it was fascinating when we went to Venice to learn about the gondolas and how the place came to be built on water and the different attractions there. My favourite part was the boat because of the amount of times it kept rocking side to side.

Overall I felt it was fun and I would go back again because of how good the country is and the number of things to do there. Both my cousin Harriett and I really enjoyed the trip and would like to thank Overton Scouts, Wrexham & District Scouts and all the organisers for a great time. Looking forward to our next adventure.

Ben Evison-Shone



Village vandals What a shame that not everyone cares for our beautiful village. Recently vandals set fire to the cricket covers, which had cost Overton Cricket Club over £4,000. Please report any suspicious behaviour to PCSO Lynne Maurice on 07854 352 815.

Overton 2018 Produce Show

The 46th Show was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st September. These are the trophy winners.

Trophies 2018

British Legion Cup <i>Exhibitor with most points</i>	V & G Roberts (photo right)
Tradesmans Cup <i>Runner-up</i>	Beaty Roberts
Lowther Cup <i>Overton WI member with most points</i>	Beaty Roberts
Farmers Cup <i>Best in Vegetable section 1-17</i>	Margaret O'Neill (photo)
WI Cup <i>Best in fruit section 18-23</i>	V & G Roberts
Healey Salver <i>Best in Blooms section 24-35</i>	Barry Metcalfe
Rosselli Cup <i>Best in Pot Plant section 36-38</i>	Val Ketelle
Kath Hamlington Cup <i>Best in Floral Art 39-44</i>	Sue Foulkes
Mrs Sumsion's Tray <i>Best in Cookery section 47-54</i>	V & G Roberts
Mrs Woodhouse's Bowl <i>Best in Preserves section</i>	Doreen Walker
Haynes Wine Cooler <i>Best in Wine section</i>	Beaty Roberts (photo)
Trotting Mare Cup <i>Best in Class 10</i>	V & G Roberts
Fitzhugh Goblet <i>Best in Class 16</i>	Joy Davies
Pam Upton Memorial Bowl <i>Best in Class 33</i>	V & G Roberts
Mrs Wrights Cup <i>Best in Class 45</i>	Sue Foulkes
September Plate <i>Best in Class 52</i>	Claire Latham
Mrs Roberts' Shield <i>Best in Class 69 5yrs & under</i>	Dougie Price
Mrs Watts Shield <i>Best in Class 69 6-9 yrs inc</i>	Jack Platt
Mrs Price Jones' Shield <i>Best in Class 71 6-9yrs</i>	Oscar Price



WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER . 2pm

You are invited to "Fall in" and join us for an afternoon with Sgt. Riley, alias Tony Davies Author and Historian, as he begins his recruitment campaign for King and Country

Also featuring a selection of Songs and Poems from the Great War era and a reminder of our School Days during this time

Free Entry & Refreshments Provided at the

RAINBOW CENTRE PENLEY

Memories of the Great War

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

For those with transport difficulties who would like to attend, contact Pat Burns on 01948 830 242 or 07873 422911

email: overtonoracle@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CIW VA SCHOOL, OVERTON VACANCY FOR CARETAKER / CLEANER

The Governors of St Mary's CIW VA Primary School are seeking to appoint an exceptional and highly motivated Caretaker with some responsibility for cleaning duties, to join our dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff.

The successful candidate must be a practical and self-motivated person with a positive attitude, who is able to use initiative in caring for our building and school site to a high standard.

The role of the Caretaker is for 8.5hrs per week during term time 7.00 – 8.20am and 6.00 – 6.30pm daily *out of term time hours to be agreed.

Wrexham Council welcomes applications from suitable qualified candidates regardless of race, gender, disability, sexuality, religious belief or age. Please note that all school positions are subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service).

Closing date Friday 12 October 2018

For more information/application form please look on the Wrexham Council website or contact the St Mary's School Office on 01978 710370.

"We will remember them"



Sky Birds

Rook and raven, raven and rook,
 darts of black fill every nook.
 In ones, twos, threes and fours,
 each sound of song brings more and more.
 Some stay frozen, locked in time,
 whilst others scatter every hour it chimes.
 From nave to tower, oak to beech,
 bending branches as they land and screech.
 Always there looking down,
 never too sure who's on the ground. *Angus D Birditt*



Dear Editor

What a shame that a nameless person has chosen to criticise the 'Invitation' leaflet from Overton Church in last months Oracle. How easy it is to criticise someone who is only doing their best to encourage others. The wording of the invite did not target everyone and certainly was not patronizing to those who understood what was trying to be said. Many people only teach their children about the Bible in part, that is their prerogative. Some don't wish to teach them anything, again that is up to them. Others might just need that bit of help. But to be criticised for encouraging people to come to Church is very unfair. These are of course only my opinions and I don't expect everyone to agree with them. Bad luck to whoever compiled the invitation, you did not deserve some of the comments made; I thought it was a good effort. *Mike Lawrenson*

**OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT**

The closing date for applications is 31st Oct. 2018

- 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.

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

**Overton Playcentre
 Baby & Children Goods Nearly New Sale**

**Sunday October 14th
 1 -3pm in the Village hall**

Admission £1.50 per adult / children free

For more details or to sell goods contact

OvertonNNS@hotmail.co.uk or 01978 710688

"WE do the hard work & YOU take 75% home"

*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 from the Produce Show



Overton WI invites you

to the Catholic Church Hall
 for a 'Precious evening' by our President
 'Gemstones and how they have taken over my life !'
 7.30pm Thursday 18th October
 Visitors £4 including refreshments
 Members competition: A ring



What's On

October Diary for St Mary's Services

Sunday Oct 7th 10.00am Village Praise, Rev Mike Vellacott
 Sunday Oct 14th 11.30am Holy Communion Rev Barrie Gauge
 Sunday Oct 21st 10.00am Family Communion Rev Paul Barrow
 Sunday Oct 28th 11.30am Holy Communion Rev Barrie Gauge

October Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Harvest Celebrations

Friday October 5th 7pm 7pm Rev Richard Hall
 Sunday October 7th Rev 6.30pm Rev Neville Pugh
 Monday October 8th 6.30pm Harvest Supper

Sunday October 14th 6.30pm Local Arrangements
 3.00-5.00pm Messy Church

Sunday October 21st 6.30pm Holy Communion Rev P Poole
 Sunday October 28th 11am All Age Worship Mrs S Rudden

Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm Craft Group
 Wednesdays 7.00pm Bible Study
 Fridays 9.30am Mothers & Toddlers

**Coffee Mornings at the Chapel every Saturday morning
 10.30am to 12 noon**

Thursday October 4th 10.30am-2.30pm Rainbow Centre
 Lunch & Learn 'Techniques of Coloured Pencil
 Drawing' with Christine Matthews

Tuesday October 9th 6.50pm Overton Community
 Council meeting in the Parish Room. Members of
 the public wishing to speak 6.50pm-7.00pm.

Wednesday October 10th 10.30am Overton British Legion
 AGM at the Scout Hut. All welcome

Wednesday October 10th 12.30pm Overton Lunch Club at
 the White Horse. Please book - see below

Saturday October 13th 10.00am-12noon Macmillan Coffee
 Morning in the Catholic Church Hall

Sunday October 14th 1-3pm Overton Playcentre Nearly New
 Sale at the Village Hall

Wednesday October 17th 7.30pm Maelor Music Society
 present Northop Silver Band in the Maelor School Hall

Thursday October 18th 7.30pm Overton WI Meeting
 'Gemstones and how they have taken over my life'
 at the Catholic Church Hall

Saturday October 20th 9.30am-12.30pm WI Pop-Up cafe at
 the Village Hall Foyer

Wednesday October 31st 2.00pm "Memories of the Great
 War" at the Rainbow Centre, Penley



Overton Lunch Club

is on Wednesday October 10th at 12.30pm at
 the White Horse. There will be a choice of a
 2-course menu all for £8.95. To book please
 ring Gwynneth Austin on 01978 710672.

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Family Announcements



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

Happy birthday to Sally Green on the 28th October
 from her loving husband Cliff, family and friends,
 wishing you a perfect day.

Happy anniversary to Sally and Cliff Green for
 October 15th, with love from their 3 daughters, 8
 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. They are the
 roots and foundation of our happy family and we love
 and adore them so very much.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of
 June Owen who passed away in September.

Family Announcement

Following the passing of Elsa Mary Buttress earlier
 this year her ashes are to be interred in the cloisters at
 Westminster Abbey on 7th October.

Following evensong on the same day, her great
 grandchild Cassie Elsa will be baptised in a separate
 service at the Abbey in the Chapel of King Henry VII.



Overton Royal British Legion 100 Club

Results of the "100 Club" draw for
 September 2018.

98 members entered and the draw was made at the
 White Horse Lunch Club on the 12th September by
 Rev David Child. The winners are -

1st Prize £196.00 No 98 Steve Roberts
 2nd Prize £98.00 No 21 Mrs Lyn Evans
 3rd Prize £49.00 No 97 Vicky Jones

Legion Fund: £147.00

Next Draw: Wednesday October 10th

2 places are now available. If you wish to join please
 ring DAVE AUSTIN: TEL- 01978 710678.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Copy deadline is **20th of
 the previous month.**

Get your events & news
 to us early to avoid
 disappointment

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 & announcements at the
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