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At the time of going to press Overton is subject to all Wales Covid-19 Alert Level 0, but still use your common sense! The latest information is available on <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> or on <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/coronavirus> If you need assistance email - volunteer@overton-on-dee.co.uk

The next Community Litter Pick

will be taking place on Saturday October 9th. If you would like to join in with tidying the village please meet us outside the Village Hall at 10am.



Support your Village Hall

You are invited to join Overton Village Hall Trustees at their AGM on Wednesday October 6th. The business will take place in the main Hall at 7:00pm.

For and on behalf of Overton Village Hall Management Committee.

Overton Indoor Bowls

We hope to commence Overton Indoor Bowls weekly from Wednesday 13th October at 2pm until 4pm in the Village Hall (provided there is no further lockdown). For further information please contact Alan Mawdsley on 01978 710052

Please join is for a Pizza Fundraiser

to raise money to support the Overton Recreational Football Club on Saturday October 30th 2021 4.00pm to 7.00pm outside the Overton Village Hall

Wood fired, hand stretched pizzas, prepared and cooked by the fabulous Dough Nation Station. Look for more information on posters or Facebook on how to order and pay for pizzas.



Bring along your apples

Overton on Dee Community Growers will be holding a community apple pressing day on Sunday 3rd October at the end of the Scout hut/playground car park in Overton. Please bring any apples (cookers or eaters) or even any pears that you have spare to the car park by 1pm and we can juice them for you. Either bring your own containers or you can buy pre-pasteurised juice on the day. Apples can also be donated to the Growers to make into cider for our spring fundraiser. Spread the word! We will also have food available, a bbq (sausages from ME Evans our lovely local butcher) and a beef hot pot from Michelle Williams at the Knolton Freezer vending machine. The Twinning Association will be doing tea and cakes and we shall have local yummys from crunch to crumb and sweet treat cookies for sale. So please come down any time between 11am and 3pm and support us, help out or just come and see how it's done. Any questions contact Claire overtongrowers@gmail.com



Overton Medical Practice Update

Overton Medical Practice has been frustrated on behalf of patients that our services have been impacted by issues outside our control and affecting all of Primary Care in Wales. In the last edition we had to apologise that GPs had been instructed not to request blood tests until after 17th September, and now many of you will be aware that our flu vaccination stocks have been delayed due to driver shortages. At time of writing we can now confirm that we will have sufficient flu vaccine to hold clinics on Tuesday 28th September, Saturday 2nd October and Tuesday 5th October 2021. We cannot plan yet beyond this as confirmation of further deliveries is still awaited.

We would like to invite patients who are aged 65 or older, or under 65 in an 'at risk group', to telephone the practice to book your flu vaccine appointment, as we do not have the resources to send out the large mail dispatch again inviting you all to contact us for this. At this time we cannot organise our flu clinics for patients aged 50 to 64 because of the delivery uncertainty.

Meanwhile, discussions are continuing with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board concerning delivery of Covid 19 booster vaccines to over 75s. We anticipate being able to publish clinic dates shortly and it is not our intent to hold these concurrently with flu clinics.

On October 19th in the Village Hall (7pm to 9.30pm)

Overton Community Council will hold a public consultation to find out what improvements the community would like to see in their village.

We've already installed a public toilet in the playing field at the request of community and fully refurbished the public toilets in the car park; work is ongoing to re-site the bike ramp which we know many of the village's children love to use ...

BUT WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE?
Let us know there!

"..... Who do I need to ask about setting up a?"

"..... Is there any reason why we can't have a?"

"..... Wouldn't it be great if Overton had a?"

Seeds from St Mary's with Rev'd. Peter Mackriell



Where do you belong? I remember as a teenager discovering a recording of a Christian song 'Going home', a slow rock ballad that spoke of 'always going home'. I remember as a young Christian being quite moved by the idea that we do not belong here but are always longing for a better place.

In words that will be familiar from many funeral services, St. John speaks in his Revelation of the 'new heaven and new earth' that God will bring into being at the end of time. What we see now, beautiful as our home may be, is not the full picture; God wants better for us and will bring that about. As St Paul says in other familiar words, "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face."

For us who have been bereaved, there is hope in the idea of heaven. And yet so often the picture of heaven that we have is colourless – white robed angels playing ethereal music seated on white clouds in the presence of a white haired old man. Can the God who created the world, the God of the rainbow, really create such a dull place for us to spend eternity?

Our problem is that we cannot think outside of the material, out of time. We are contained, and so are our imaginations. Just think of the different world into which some of our relatives, whom we will remember at All Souls services, were born. A world without air travel, in some cases, and certainly without space travel. A world without computers and mobile phones or even televisions. A very different world, beyond their imagination. In his context, Jesus used the picture of a feast - and I cannot imagine a world without the abundant variety of food that we now enjoy. We may find comfort from the idea of our loved ones still fishing, or playing music, or sitting with their feet up reading a book – and none of these things are wrong – but if we believe that the God of creation will make a new world even better than the one we enjoy now then we must know that we cannot possibly imagine how wonderful it will be.

Peter

All Souls Service:

remembering our loved ones, departed.

Come to St Mary's on Sunday 31 October at 4 p.m. to remember your loved ones – not only those who have died recently, but all whom we have loved and lost.

If you would like a family member or friend remembered by name in the service, please call Revd Peter Mackriell



Support for Veterans in the Community

The Royal British Legion exists to support and help members of the armed forces, ex- service personnel, and their families. The current situation in Afghanistan has brought to the fore the distinct possibility that many people in this category may be in need of help and support.

If you are one of these people, and you need support of any sort, please contact us. We are here to listen and to help.

Jean Williams - Secretary.

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Country Beat

by PCSO Dean Sawyer

Dear Residents,

I would like to introduce you to our new community messaging service - **North Wales Community Alert**.

You can now keep up to date with local policing news following the launch of our new service. North Wales Community Alert is a messaging service for people who live and work in North Wales to help our communities to stay informed and up to date with news, alerts, appeals, engagement events and general policing activities from your local police teams.

By being a member you will also have the opportunity to provide feedback to your local neighbourhood police team on the issues that matter most to you, helping us to work together to make North Wales the safest place in the UK.

Registration is completely free, quick and simple.

For more information and to register for North Wales Community Alert, please visit

www.NorthWalesCommunityAlert.co.uk

or www.rhybuddcymunedolgogleddcymru.co.uk for our welsh website. I would also urge you to ask your family, friends and colleagues to sign up to.

Please note that North Wales Community Alert is not for crime reporting. You can [report crime on our online reporting system](#), or by calling 101. Always call 999 in an emergency. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Dean

SCCH/PCSO 2961 Dean Sawyer

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Bell ringing news

Listen for the bells ringing at St Mary's Church, Overton in October. We will ring as part of the St Mary's Church open day on Saturday 16th October 10am – 4pm. Clare Morris, Tower Captain, will be there most of the day to talk to about the bells.

During the last hour 3-4pm the bell ringers will be attempting a Quarter Peal. This will be a thank you to Keith Overthrow for all his years service to St Mary's church but in particular for his time as Tower Captain from 1979 to 2020.

Thank you

Many thanks to Overton Community Growers (and especially to Melanie and Barry) for caring for and watering all the plants outside the Village Hall) and the Overton Wildlife Group for all their hard work and time ensuring that all the beds and planters are cared for, producing a display of colour throughout the year and managing the wildflower areas and the bug hotels in and around the village.

Overton Community Council



Welcome Ma Baker to Overton

Pharmacy House on the High Street has been empty and unloved for a very long time, and we are delighted to be able to start breathing some life back into this beautiful old building. We are planning to have the bakery and bread school, in the 'shop' part of the house up and running by late October, early November, all dependent on approvals etc.

For the first year or until the rest of the house is complete, I will run the bakery in much the same way as I did in London. I will advise what breads are available, people let me know what they want, I bake to order and the breads can then be picked up at a nominated time. Initially I will be baking two days a week and will include some of my award winning loaves such as my porridge bread, cheese, chive and chilli, focaccias, chocolate bread, country sourdough and many more.

I will also be running a range of bread classes, including; An Introduction to Bread, Italian, Artisan and a Sourdough Class. Details on what they entail can all be found on my website at www.mabaker.london. The classes are small, a lot of fun, hands on, include lunch, all recipes and a big bag of bread to take home. If people would like to be included on my mailing lists for classes or bread, I can be contacted at mabakerbakes@gmail.com I am really looking forward to bringing the joys of real bread to Overton.

Liz Wilson Ma Baker

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Overton on Dee W.I. News

Overton on Dee W.I. have enjoyed a very busy month; On September 11th, we hosted a County Ramble where 50 people from all over the County came to enjoy two different Rambles chosen to show the Village and surrounding areas in all its diverse



beauty. Our W.I. provided plentiful refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall and everyone went home tired but happy – we have since had more requests to organise similar events and judging by the comments, everyone fell in love with Overton. Thanks to all who helped with this.

Our Meetings have now recommenced on the third Thursday of the month at the Village Hall. Our latest coincided with National W.I. Day and we certainly celebrated with the added bonus of a wonderful entertainer. We also held a Members' Flower and Produce Show, which was well supported with eight Classes, independently judged.



At our October 21st Meeting, we are being taught to draw cartoons by the excellent and very amusing Malcolm Whittall. All are welcome, just bring along some paper and a pencil, you will be amazed at how easy it is. Overton Village Hall is a wonderful amenity for everyone to enjoy, and thanks must go to the Village Hall Committee for keeping it in good order, and thanks also to Tony, the caretaker, who always works

hard to make the setting up of any event as trouble free as possible for everyone. It is very much appreciated.

Margaret O'Neill 01978 710451

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Overton library is now fully open and opening hours are back to 6pm on a Wednesday and Friday. Appointments will no longer be necessary to visit. Face coverings must still be worn except for anyone who is exempt as it is a legal requirement to do so in Wales. Hands should be sanitised on arrival and a good social distance maintained whenever possible.

Here is some info about a new library service - Libby – The digital reading app!

More than 3,000 popular magazines are available for download from Wrexham Library Service. Readers can enjoy Radio Times, National Geographic, Hello! and many more through the digital reading app -Libby. There are no waiting lists and reservations do not count towards checkout limits and readers are provided with the option to renew their selections. Borrowers can browse lists of magazines within the app and search by format to find available titles. Readers may browse and instantly borrow titles then start reading for free with a valid library card. This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™. All titles automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use. To get started enjoying digital magazines, download Libby or visit www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online service link.

Rebecca

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The start of another school year at St Mary's . . .

It's been a busy start to the new academic year here at St Mary's, with pupils excited at moving up a year and teachers enjoying getting to know their new classes. Here is just a taster of what some classes have been up to.



Mrs Lawrenson tells us that Year 1 have been enjoying getting used to their new surroundings. Pupils have loved exploring their new classroom, sharing areas and have experienced Forest School which has included learning a new 'Shipshape' game. With Harvest in mind, and as part of our topic 'Being me in my world', pupils have looked at different fruits and how far they have travelled for us to buy them from the supermarket. (photos left and right)



Meanwhile, Year 6, along with Year 1 and 2, greeted visitors to our school on Wednesday 14th September - John and Wendy from the Shropshire Owl Trust. The trust are sitting a number of boxes for both tawny and barn owls in the local



area, and the exciting news is that a site along our School boundary has been identified as a perfect spot for a tawny owl nesting box. John and Wendy explained to the children that the main reason for the decreasing number of owls was because there are not enough suitable trees for them to nest in. So we are pleased that the area by our School may hopefully provide the perfect spot.



Children accompanied John and Wendy to the location, helped to fill the box with nesting material, and then watched as John hoisted and fixed it into its position. The chosen tree has plenty of small branches around the nesting box as tawny chicks need branches to land on as they emerge during the 'branching phase'. The Owl Trust will be carrying out monitoring visits (and checking that the box does not become home to cheeky squirrels instead!)



and we hope that it will provide a boost to species numbers come nesting time early next year.



by Year 6 Reporters,

Nyree Jones and Arthur Ware
and Mrs Williams, Year 6 Teacher

OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT

The closing date for applications is 31st Oct. 2021

- 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.
- Please note that grants will normally be capped at £500, however applications above this amount will be considered on an individual basis.

For further information or an application form and notes please contact the Clerk on 01978 710055 or email: clerk@overton-on-dee.co.uk or visit the office on a Monday or Wednesday between 9.00am – 3.00pm

**AUTUMN
FASHION SHOW**
Tuesday 26th October 2021
at Overton Recreational Club
(non members are welcome)
Featuring :-
Two Doves, Overton and
'Lemons, Limes & Nursery Rhymes'
(baby clothes & accessories)
£5.00 per ticket available from the Club
or Alwena Herbert 07966 462697

St Mary's Open Church and Gift Day Saturday 16th October

St Mary's Church is holding an Open Church and Gift Day on Saturday 16th October to launch it's Support St Mary's Appeal. We are delighted to launch our **Support St Mary's Appeal** with an open day, come along to hear about the history of our ancient church, try your hand at bell ringing or play the organ! Or just for a cup of tea and a chat, we would love to see you and hear about any memories you have about the church.

Look out for further information on the timings during the day or check out our website www.stmarysoverton-on-dee.org This appeal will sit alongside the *Friends Fund* and is to ensure that St Mary's, as a worshipping community, is here for generations to come. It is an appeal for 'time and talents', as well as financial support. St Mary's is for everyone in the community of Overton – everyone is welcome to be baptised, married or to hold a loved one's funeral here, or to join us for regular worship whenever you can. We look forward to welcoming you to visit our beautiful church.

As a Registered Charity we are entirely dependent on voluntary giving for our income. The *Friends of St Mary's* raises much needed funds to preserve and repair the structure of the ancient building. However, the ongoing mission of the church, its clergy and day to day running costs must be met by the congregation and fundraising.

Peter Mackriell, our priest in charge at St Mary's, will be there to welcome you and listen to any ideas you have in relation to how we can keep going by increasing essential support. Please think about how you may help us as we may struggle to keep going without you.

If you can give a small amount of time, then we would be delighted to see you ringing the bells or singing in the choir. Maybe you are a keen gardener or just want to contribute something to your community. We want to ensure that St Mary's remains open as a place of worship for generations to come.

On Sunday 17th October we will celebrate Harvest, this is especially important in our rural community where farming and agriculture play such an important part of our everyday lives. Our special Harvest of Talents Celebration Service will be at 11am and we look forward to seeing you then.

Overton Wildlife Group

Volunteer day

We had a fantastic volunteer day with help from local volunteer group 'Trees for Shropshire'. The field belonging to the Overton Bowls club was cut and part of it harrowed to expose bare earth, to help with seed germination.

The day consisted of planting 1,000 wildflower plug plants, 500 bluebell bulbs, 500 snowdrop bulbs and spreading 5kg of wildflower seed on the field. As with elsewhere in the village, hay meadow species were used as these provide a wider range of food for native pollinators and come back year after year.

Thank you to the Bowls Club, Trees for Shropshire and those who donated to the crowdfunder. Also thanks to our funders at the Landfill Trust.

Owl boxes

Our two barn owl boxes were installed by John and Wendy from the Shropshire Barn Owl group. Two boxes were installed as barn owls often like to move between two nesting sites. If barn owls take up residence it won't be till next summer, but fingers crossed

As well as the barn owl boxes 5 tawny owl boxes were installed at various sites around the village, largely on private property. These will create additional roosting spots for lots of tawny families hopefully and could be occupied as early as February.

Thank you to John and Wendy at Shropshire Barn Owl Group for all their expertise and to all the landowners who allowed us to place boxes on their land.

Pond ahoy

We're looking forward to the creation of a wildlife pond in October, by local conservation contractors Wildbanks. The pond will be opposite the sewage works, and will take several years to fully come into itself after it has been dug.

Many thanks to the landowner for giving us permission to dig the pond and to the Landfill Trust for funding the project.

Katie Piercy



Overton Community Growers update

Hanging basket competition

Over 100 baskets were looked at in and around the village and were marked on impact, variation, shape and care. The overall winner, by a narrow margin was Alan and Sue Foulkes.

Sunflower competition

This had fewer entries, although several people had commented that the recent storms had laid their prize babies flat! So we may run this competition slightly earlier in the year next time. Sunflowers were judged on a combination of height and flowerhead size, and by a sizeable margin we had a winner at 374cm with a 47cm face diameter. The winner was David Williams. Well done to the winners and everyone who entered.

Claire Latham



Thank you

The Evans family would like to convey their sincere thanks for all the kind messages, donations, and cards received for the sad loss of their lovely mum, nan, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, **Mrs Lyn (Welsh) Evans**. She would have loved seeing people lining the streets, and all her friends, neighbours and family that filled the Methodist Chapel on Friday 17th September.

Originally from Bala, she happily threw herself into the Overton community and was always ready to give her full support to local events, hence peoples respect and affection for her. We all knew she was much loved but in recent days you have truly shown us, just how much. Thank you !

Overton Community Council Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Overton Community Council is looking to appoint a Clerk/RFO to administer the work and finances of the Council. The Clerk will be responsible for executing the Council's administrative, legal and financial requirements.

For further information and job description, please contact the Clerk on clerk@overton-on-dee.co.uk or call on 01978 710055 or 07423 569949

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15th October 2021**. Interviews will be held on 20th or 21st October 2021, with the successful candidate taking up post on Monday 22nd November 2021, subject to references.

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.



Overton Royal British Legion 120 Club

Results of the "120 Club" Draw for September 2021. 118 members entered and the draw was made on 9th September 2021. Winning numbers were selected by Mrs Julie Birrell. **Winners -**

- 1st Prize £236.00 No 120 Emma Birrell
- 2nd Prize £118.00 No 10 Ian Nicolas Firth
- 3rd Prize £ 59.00 No 95 Peter Furber
- Legion Fund: £177.00

CONGRATULATIONS

Next Draw will be on Thursday 14th October 2021

If you wish to join please ring DAVE AUSTIN 01978 710678.

ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST PAY BY STANDING ORDER.

"IF YOU DON'T PAY - - - YOU DON'T PLAY"



More photos from Overton on Dee WI Ramble and Flower & Produce Show



What's On**October Diary for St Mary's & St Hilary's**

Sun. Oct 3rd 10am All Age Worship 11.00am Holy Communion
 Sun. Oct 10th 11am Holy Communion 9.45am Morning Prayer
 Sun. Oct 17th 11am Harvest Festival 9.45am Holy Communion
 Sun. Oct 24th 11am Holy Communion 9.45am Harvest Festival
 Sun. Oct 31st 10am Group service at Erbistock
 4pm All Souls Service at St Mary's

Every week:

Mondays 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
 Wednesdays 9.15 am Holy Communion
 Thursday 8.30 am Morning Prayer

For all service details see

<https://www.stmarysoverton-on-dee.org/worship>**October Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel**

Sunday Oct 3rd 2.30pm Harvest Service Rev Neville Pugh
 Sunday Oct 10th 2.30pm Rev Richard Parkes
 Sunday Oct 17th 2.30pm Rev Phillip Poole Holy Communion
 Sunday Oct 24th 2.30pm Deacon Lisa Rathbone
 Sunday Oct 31st 2.30pm Mr Martin Woodhall

Services at Our Lady And The Welsh Martyrs

Every Saturday 5.00pm Mass

Sunday October 3rd 11.00am-3.00pm Community apple pressing day at the playing field car park

Tuesday October 5th 6.30pm Friends of St Marys Thank You and Social Evening at St Marys Church.

Wednesday October 6th 7.00pm Overton Village Hall Management Committee AGM in the Village Hall

Thursday October 7th 12.00pm-2.00pm Rainbow Lunch Club. Meet - Eat - Socialize - Enjoy. £7.50 for a freshly cooked 2 course meal. To book Tel: 01948 830730

Saturday October 9th 10.00am Village Litter pick, meet outside the Village Hall.

Monday October 11th 10.00am-2.00pm Craft & Create and a spot of lunch at Penley Rainbow Centre. Booking essential, 01948 830730

Tuesday October 12th 6.50pm Overton Community Council meeting held remotely via 'GoToMeeting'. If members of the public would like to "attend" they should contact Katrina Chalk on clerk@overtonoracle.co.uk for log in details. Members of the public wishing to speak can do so 6.50pm-7.00pm.

Thursday October 14th 7.00pm Royal British Legion Meeting at the Village Hall

Saturday October 16th 10.00am-4.00pm St Mary's Open Church and Gift Day

Tuesday October 19th 7.00pm-9.30pm OCC Public Consultation in the Village Hall. Come along to share your ideas for improving our village.

Thursday October 21st 7.00pm Overton WI meeting in the Village Hall. Malcolm Whittall & "Cartoon Fun"

Saturday October 23rd Wildlife Group Volunteer day

Saturday October 30th 4pm-7pm Dough Nation Station Pizza Fundraiser to support Overton Rec. Football Club

Family Announcements

Congratulations to John and Madelaine Lunt on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Happy October Birthdays to Kathleen Dorey, Mary Perrin, Thomas Dorey, Charlotte Clarke, Rebecca Overthrow, Jean Edwards, Ruth Reeves, Stephen Sorfleet, James Wright, Mark Whittall, Martha Roberts, Lesley Davies, Tomos Williams, Sophie Blythen, Beverley Thelwell, Vi Taylor, Sally Green, Cath Roberts and Brenda Farrell.



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Lyn Evans who passed away on September 3rd, aged 97 years old.

For Sale

Adverts are not included in the on-line archived edition of the Oracle.

Zumba

Zumba classes have started again at Overton Village Hall on Fridays 9.30 to 10.15am. To book your place please contact Amanda on 07714 462685

Dustbin Days

Thurs Oct 7th General Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Oct 14th Garden Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Oct 21st General Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Oct 28th Garden Waste & Recycling/food

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Copy deadline is 20th of the previous month.

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