

The Overton Oracle

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Don't forget

It's the **50th Anniversary**

Produce Show in

the Village Hall on **Saturday 3rd**

September. Classes for Vegetables, Fruit, Blooms, Eggs, Pot Plants, Floral Art, Cookery, Preserves, Beverages and lots of Children's competitions. Bring your exhibits along 9.00 -11.00am.

Show opens at 2.30 pm and the presentation of prizes will be 4pm.



WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Friday
25th Sept

Friday 30th September. See posters in village for details.

Best of luck

Best of luck to Ben, the butcher from M E Evans in Overton, and to the rest of the Craft Butchery Team Wales as they journey to the USA to take part in the 2022 World Butchers' Challenge. The competition takes place in Sacramento, California, on 2nd & 3rd September.

Team Wales is joining the competition for the first time in 2022.

The team is (from left to right): Tom Jones, Liam Lewis, Matthew Edwards, Peter Rushforth, Ben Roberts, Daniel Raftery, and Craig Holly.

The team will compete in the three and a half hour World Butchers' Challenge, and Ben will also compete in the World Champion Butcher Apprentice competition.

We wish them well.



Overton Post Office

The Partners and staff of Dee Valley Medical Practice appreciate our patient's understanding and tolerance whilst we have been through a period of exceptional vacancy and absence disruption compounded by recruitment challenges. This has been most acute within our administration and reception teams and we are aware that our telephone queue may have been longer than we would wish on occasion. We are grateful to those colleagues who were available and willing to provide additional hours to maintain our services which have seen unprecedented and unrelenting demand.

Moving forward, we have welcomed Jordana Farrow and Amber Pattinson into our Reception Team and look forward to meeting expectations. The community will also have noticed the impact that our staff shortages have had on the Post Office within our waiting room. It has been unfortunate to impose occasional closures but under the circumstances we have had to prioritise clinical service. Amber is now training to be able to provide Post Office counter assistance and we anticipate that she will be approved to do so unsupervised shortly. In the meantime, Debbie Churchill has been a stalwart in offering every Post Office opening that she could on her own for which we are grateful.

Vaccinations

The new vaccination season is approaching and it is anticipated that clinics will be available from the end of September 2022. Please be aware that this year Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will be sending out the invitations for the seasonal vaccinations directly to eligible patients. There will be no ability to book or change appointments by contacting the practice and any such requests should be made to the Health Board at the telephone number that will be included within their vaccination correspondence.

Clinics will be offering both Flu and Cov-SARS-2 vaccinations concurrently and patients may receive one of either or both vaccines dependent on eligibility and personal wishes at the same clinic appointment.

Tony Marriott, Business Manager

Practis Meddygol Dyffryn Dyfrdwy / Dee Valley Medical Practice



No Parking for Triathlons

The World Triathlon Qualifier and Shropshire Triathlon, based in Cremorne Gardens, Ellesmere, are due to take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September. As part of this, the 38.8km Cycle Race will come through Overton, entering along Station Road and turning left into Salop Road. This will be throughout both mornings, up to approximately 1pm. On these dates, "No Waiting Cones" will be placed along Salop Road.

We ask that residents find an alternative spot to park your vehicle(s) overnight on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September, to ensure minimal obstruction so that the Cyclists have a clear route. Please take this into account whilst planning your day, and we will endeavour to cause as little disruption as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance. *PC 21868 Eve Barber,*
for and on behalf of the Ellesmere Triathlon Committee.



This month at St Mary's

Sunday 4 September

10.00 a.m. "Back to School with Bacon Butties!"

A service for all ages, marking the beginning of the new school year, with free bacon butties and beverages. All welcome!

Saturday 17 September

10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Open Church and Gift Day. History tours, bell ringing, organ demonstration, and Overton Playcentre exhibition, with free refreshments. *Gifts will be received in support of the continuing work of the church in this community.*

And looking ahead...

Sunday 2 October

Harvest Celebration for all the family
3.00 p.m. Service in church, followed by Harvest Tea.



Hello Oracle readers,

My name is Josephine (Josie) and I moved to this fantastic village in March 2021. This summer I have taken the leap of setting up my own business as an Educational Practitioner after several years working to support people who have complex additional needs and barriers to education. I would love to get involved working locally whether that be with educational settings, charitable organisations, community groups or businesses.

I offer workshops, learning interventions and training sessions to anyone aged 6+, using a person centred approach every time.

An example of some of my current sessions include: "Introduction to Sign Language", "Sensory Creative Writing" and "Disability Awareness", however, I can take commissions for sessions within the areas of creative education, special educational needs, employability skills and communication.

I am a graduate of The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and currently completing postgraduate study at the University of Chester.

You can drop me an email at josephine.herd.education@gmail.com to find out more or if you see me out and about in the village, do stop and say hello!

Josie



Gwalia Fields Dog Park update

We are currently in the final stages of the development of the secure and private dog walking field based just outside of Overton on Dee. Everything is coming together as we imagined. We hope to have an opening date for everyone in the coming weeks along with the



website and booking. We hope to add a few amenities as time goes on. For our opening we will be doing a raffle/giveaway to our first clients.

We hope our park can be used

by dog walkers, trainers and the public. Please feel free to pass on our update to any one who may be interested.

Thank you all for the support and we look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future.

Amelia Scorer & Kyle Hall

New swings



Overton Community Council have installed new swings at the park, of a larger size for older children, or for the young at heart.

The trim trail is also being enjoyed by locals

and visitors to Overton's lovely park.



Show success



Congratulations on Overton on Dee WI's entry in the Oswestry Show which won a 3rd rosette. The tabletop display, with a theme of Alice in Wonderland, included embroidery, sugar craft, cordial, jam tarts and pottery (the dormouse in his teapot), all made by members.

The August meeting had everyone making sculptural paper flowers, led by Juliana, whose work had impressed everyone at the Handicraft Show.

In September we are looking forward to the Produce Show on Sept. 3rd, and our meeting on the 15th when we will be hearing about Edgar and Liz Cowards' expedition to walk the Thames Way, from source to sea. New members are most welcome.

Margaret O'Neill 01978 710451



Bellringers update

In 2015 I spotted a notice in the Overton Oracle written by Mike Marshall encouraging any readers to come and find out about learning how to ring church bells. The rest is history as they say.

To begin this update, I would like to ask if there is anyone in the village or beyond who would like to try their hand at bell ringing, please do get in touch with me on a Tuesday evening between 6.30-7.30pm at St Mary's church (you can just come to watch!) or email overtonbellringers@outlook.com. Bell ringing is an inexpensive hobby for young people and adults of all ages. You don't need to be musical, mathematical or strong, and it can take your mind off the stresses of the day. It can be as small or as big as you want it to be, from practice night and Sunday morning ringing in St Mary's church, to ringing all over North Wales and the rest of the country!

It's been a busy summer for the Overton bell ringers. It began with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations where we took part in lighting the Overton beacon and ringing a special quarter peal. We rang another quarter peal to mark the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict.

During July we ran a competition with years 4 and 5 of St Mary's school, under the watchful eye of teacher Miss Nia Williams. We asked for the children's help to design a logo for our new bell ringing clothing. I spent time with the children, explaining what church bell ringing was and giving them ideas. We had



forty-three wonderful designs to choose from, but eventually chose a winner, Ffion Evans, and a runner up, Grace Horrocks (see photo left of the winning design).

We look forward to wearing our ringing tops for Sundays and weddings.

Clare Morris, Tower Captain



Harvest Supper

The Erbistock Harvest Supper will be on Friday, 30th September at 7.00pm in Overton Village Hall.

They will be serving hotpot and fruit crumbles for £15 a head. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available and of course, there will be a raffle.

It's a relaxed and fun evening. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbours.

If you would like to go please email Chris Thomas for tickets on chris.yewtree@outlook.com

All proceeds will go to support St Hilary's church.



Overton's Perigrinating Peacock

We've run Overton's Little Pentre Barn Cottages for over 15 years and are well used to visitors. Our Hens often grumble at the presence of pleasant pheasants and regularly share their birdseed with cunning and curious corvids. Feeding the chickens has become a regular treat for visiting holiday makers and their children, however August this year brought us (Percy?) the perigrinating Peacock and possibly our most beautiful feathered friend yet.

"Percy" as he was dubbed quickly, introduced himself politely and was clearly quite used to people, although perhaps wasn't as "tame" as we first thought. As Saturday's dusk descended a combined (and slightly tipsy) seven adults, fortified by a summer evening's barbecue and liquid refreshment and assisted by two energetic children, engaged in a game of "corner and capture" and smugly (or so we thought) outwitted the birdbrain. We used team skills to work him into a corner, hemmed in by hedges, only to discover Percy Peacock's penchant for vertical take off. An outstanding ornithological skill! Once we had all given up, a lone girl simply and quietly opened the henhouse entrance and captured Percy, who wandered in quite unaware of the concept of swinging doors and hinges.

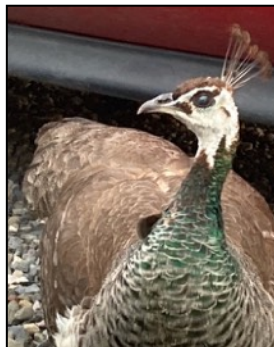
Ha! Humans (eventually) one, Birdbrain nil!

And so what to do? Fortunately a quick appeal on Overton's community Facebook page reunited Percy (who sadly, in reality, turns out to be nameless) and his owners. They duly collected him, capturing the beast with somewhat more skill, panache and technique than had been shown by the combined entourage the previous evening.

Mr Peacock has been sentenced to six weeks in a home hen prison near the Cheese Farm as punishment for his escapade. The human in charge tells me that he will have forgotten all about the attractions of his holiday henhouse by then and will be unlikely to wander again...although we would be happy to welcome him for another holiday.

Thank you Overton's Facebook Community!

John Buttress



Have you renewed your garden waste collections?

There's not too much time left to renew your garden waste collections ready for September 2022 (if you haven't already done so).

If you need to renew, just pop across to wrexham.gov.uk/gardenwaste and make your way through the very easy-to-follow instructions to pay for the service. It's by far the quickest and easiest way, and you get to do it at a time that's convenient for you.

The charge for 2022/23 remains frozen at £25 per green bin per year, and the service runs from Monday, September 5, 2022 until Friday, September 1, 2023.

The 2022 Twinning visit to La Murette

The La Murette and Overton on Dee Twinning Association is a wonderful international collaboration between our 2 villages, Welsh and French. Now that normality has (hopefully) resumed after the Pandemic, we will once again continue to forge and maintain the strong links of friendship between the people of Overton and the people of La Murette. This year's visit to La Murette at the beginning of August was a resounding success, despite the fierce heatwave which continues to ravage the South of France. 16 Overton residents, including 6 under 18 year olds, travelled to La Murette by plane, train and camper van, to meet up and spend a relaxing interesting week in and around the vicinity of La Murette with our French hosts. Old friends met up again, and new friendships were made. We were treated to relaxing days by



beautiful lakes surrounded by mountains, which were perfect to cool us down. We also had days visiting towns, local markets and the nearby historic Chartreuse Museum – with a tasting session afterwards...

The Twinning experience is such a positive, immersive and fun way to meet new people, in our own village and La Murette. The generosity and warm welcome of everybody involved, hosting, catering, cooking, driving or just coming along to support the functions, is humbling. Anybody and everyone can get involved, the more the merrier.



We look forward to welcoming our French friends next year. They will be visiting during the first week of August 2023. We will be holding fund raising events, the money raised is used only for our visitors – towards hiring minibuses, entry tickets for attractions, food and drink for informal communal meals and any formal meals that are arranged.

We will know numbers nearer the time, but it's never too early to think about whether

My reflections on La Murette

As we travelled to La Murette, we were filled with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. I will recount the highlights of this adventure. However, before I start, I want to say how amazing and warm the community of La Murette was.

On the Friday evening, we were picked up from the train station in Voiron by our hosts. We were taken back to their beautiful house (which had spectacular views of the mountains in the area). We were introduced to our host family: Julien, Lucie, Nathan, Adam, Elisa and Rooky the cat. On Saturday, we met our group in the village central car park and were driven in minibuses (which we used all week). Firstly we went to the markets, bustling with people and filled with wonderful smells of different kinds of foods and the sight of colourful dresses ready to be sold. We later arrived at a beautiful blue lake where we swam, sunbathed and played games and enjoyed a delicious shared picnic lunch. We then had dinner in a lovely restaurant by the lake.

A few days later we were taken to the bastille overlooking Grenoble and the mountains via minibuses, the tram, and cable cars. After, we went into the city of Grenoble which had beautiful buildings and a fascinating history. During the following week we went to other fantastic lakes and the fabulous market town of Voiron. On the final night, we all met at a bar in the centre of La Murette. We ate pizza, drank nice drinks, played table football and had a wonderful last night with our hosts. By the end of this eventful week we had built firm friendships with our hosts and the other families and would miss them when we left. A week that we entered with some apprehension turned out to be eventful, fun and prosperous for all involved. Vive la France!

Niamh Williams, Age 14,

Overton resident and member of the Overton Twinning Association.



you'd like to welcome or host a family, a couple or person into your home for a week – or even part of a week. It's a great chance to improve your French and celebrate our different cultures. If you are interested in getting involved in this fantastic collaboration, please get in touch. You can email me on k.crockford@btinternet.com.

I will happily answer any questions you have.

Vive le jumelage!
(Long live the Twinning).

Katharine Crockford.
Secretary, Overton
Twinning Association



email: overtonoracle@gmail.com



Overton Royal British Legion 120 Club

Results of the "120 Club" for August 2022. 118 members entered and the draw was made on 9th August 2022. Winning numbers were selected by Charley Walker. **Winners**

1st Prize	£236.00	No 120	Emma Birrel
2nd Prize	£118.00	No 112	Rhys Vaughan
3rd Prize	£ 59.00	No 24	Ben Willmott
Legion Fund: £177.00			

CONGRATULATIONS

Next Draw will be on Tuesday 13th September 2022
If you wish to join please ring Dave Austin Tel: 01978 710678 or contact him by Facebook Messenger.

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

Thank you for your Loyal Support

Overton Amateur Dramatics Society News

Overton Amateur Dramatics Society are planning their next production. A clue to it's title is - Remember a TV comedy about a hotel in the 70's where the name changed slightly each week? A comedy classic?

Details of ticket sales will be in the October Overton Oracle.

The Director for the new production is Overton resident, Catrin Owen who introduces herself -



My inspiration for studying acting was going to an amateur musical theatre production called "Rats!" with my grandparents. It was such a fun-filled production, both the audience and actors had a fantastic time, and I wanted to get involved in something creative for myself. To that end I took time out from my teaching career to study a full time acting diploma in Yorkshire over the course of a year.

That experience was one of the toughest of my life, learning to be a performer in radio, film, television and theatre, and also learning the practical technical aspects of producing each type of media. Over that gruelling year I found that my passion for theatre blossomed, and I delighted in each new opportunity to perform for the public. My absolute favourites were the musical productions and pantomimes, I

have such happy memories of performing in Pinocchio and Sleeping Beauty. Our interpretation of Treasure Island became a defining moment for me, we turned our theatre into a pirate ship, tavern and desert island, with fantastic swords and barrels as props. On the second night disaster struck, a power cut! Our director decided we should take the production outside to the amphitheatre, so the audience would not be disappointed. We quickly carried the props that we could outside, and performed in an outside space having never rehearsed in before. The show did go on! This taught me that excellent preparation and flexible thinking are required when putting on a production, and above all have fun.

Since completing my diploma I have appeared on TVs 'Pobl y Cwm', I set up a media studies course, and I taught media and drama for six years. In my current role I work closely with Storyhouse in Chester, enabling young people to access the arts.

I am delighted to direct the current production for the Overton Amateur Dramatics Society (OADS), it's an exciting new challenge for me, and it's a great way to get to know people in the village. We always welcome any new members who want to join in on stage or behind the scenes, we always have a lot of laughs! *Catrin Owen*

Maelor Music Society 52nd Season.

After a two-year interlude, we are delighted to announce that a full programme of five concerts has been arranged for the coming season, which runs from mid-October to the end of March. We have responded to pressures on the use of the Maelor School's hall and the high demand for the best musicians by adopting a more flexible approach to choice of venues and dates. Last year we enjoyed the new experiences of hearing sublime music in Hanmer Church and devouring delicious cream teas in Overton's excellent village hall as successful ventures beyond our ancestral home.

The 2022/23 Programme

(All at The Maelor School except the March 31st. 2023 concert at Hanmer.)

- Wednesday October 12th. or 18th. Artist and date to be confirmed.
- Friday November 18th. The Welsh Chamber Orchestra (on tour)
- Wednesday January 25th. Chethams Music School-see the stars of the future at close quarters!
- Wednesday February 15th. Northop Silver Band (now in the premier league of the 18 top bands in the UK)
- Friday March 31st. John's Boys ("Choir of the World" winners!) at St. Chad's, Hanmer.



We pride ourselves on recruiting musicians of high calibre, a number of whom have national and in some cases international reputations.

This policy is costly and we have to rely on members committing to a subscription for the whole five concert programme in advance to provide guaranteed income to book artists a year or more in advance. In recognition of the cost-of-living crisis, we have kept this at £40, which represents just £8 per concert! We would urge music lovers to subscribe but we recognise that such a commitment is not always possible. Consequently tickets are available on the door for £10.

For further information or to add your name to our mailing list please contact: Geoff Mason Tel: 01978 710486; or email gcmason47@yahoo.co.uk

Exciting News from your Pharmacy Team

Did you know that the waiting list for Flu Jabs is now open. You can book using the Rowlands website rowlandsparmacy.co.uk or by just popping in to the Pharmacy. Book now to avoid disappointment.

We also have new services such as Travel Health, Sore Throat, Testa and treat for tonsillitis where we will swab and treat if necessary. So exciting times! We look forward to seeing you all

Your local Pharmacy Team

What's On

September Diary for St Mary's & St Hilary's

Sept 4th 10am All Age Worship 11.00am Holy Communion
 Sept 11th 11am Holy Communion 9.45am Morning Prayer
 Sept 18th 11am Gift Day Service 9.45am Holy Communion
 Sept 25th 11am Holy Communion 9.45am Morning Prayer

<https://www.stmarysoverton-on-dee.org/worship>

September Diary for Overton Methodist Chapel

Sunday Sept 4th 6.30pm Revd Neville Pugh Holy Communion
 Sunday Sept 11th 6.30pm Mr Collen Ndoro
 Sunday Sept 18th 6.30pm Local Arrangements
 Sunday Sept 25th 6.00pm Circuit Celebration at Wrexham

Services at Our Lady And The Welsh Martyrs

Every Saturday 5.00pm Mass

Every Monday 9.30am - 11.30pm Art Group at Penley Rainbow Centre.

Every Monday 10.00am-12.30pm Overton Art Group in the Catholic Hall, Wrexham Road.

Every Thursday 11.30am - 1.30pm Knit and Natter group at The Two Doves Cafe, Overton

Thursday September 1st 12.00pm-2.00pm Penley Rainbow Lunch Club. Meet - Eat - Socialise - Enjoy. £7.50 for a freshly cooked 2 course meal.

Saturday September 3rd Overton Produce Show in the Village Hall. Open to public from 2.30pm

Tuesday September 13th 2.00pm Craft Group at Overton Methodist Chapel resumes weekly meetings

Thursday September 15th 7.00pm Overton on Dee WI Meeting in the Village Hall. Speaker. Edgar & Liz Coward - "Our Thames Way Adventure"

Saturday September 17th 10.00am-4.00pm Open Church and Gift Day at St Mary's Church

Thursday September 22nd 7.00pm Overton on Dee Branch Royal British Legion meeting in the Parish Room

Saturday September 24th 10am-12pm Methodist Church Coffee Morning.

Saturday September 24th Race Night at the Recreational Club

Monday September 26th 6.30pm Friends of St Mary's thank you evening in St Mary's Church

Friday September 30th 7.00pm Erbistock Harvest Supper in the Overton Village Hall.

Family Announcements

Congratulations to Jenny Smith and Mick Bradbury for their wedding on September 2nd.



Happy September Birthdays to Bev Manley, Hannah Roberts, Lucas Pimparel, Euan Stevenson, Val Stevenson, Ross Morrison, David (Wavy) Williams, Melissa Haynes, Charlotte Eve, Pauline Lynch, Kayleigh Cheshire, Haf and Aoife Edwards, Laura Marks, Myra Worthington, Holly Lynch, Pauline Edwards, Marion Sinclair, Amy Leech, Simon Edwards, Rob Lawrenson, Stephen Evison, Sarah Fell-Groom, Ian Roberts, Vince Worthington, Jean Hughes and Dave Austin.



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Barbara James who passed away in August.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Terry Roberts who passed away in August.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Barry Cornes who passed away in August.

News from the Recreational Club

Football is back meaning we are showing most of the Premier League matches. No matter who your team is, be sure of lots of friendly banter!

- 10th Sept is Quiz Night - a general mix of questions and picture round
 - 24th September is Race Night, to raise funds for Overton Bowling Club and Overton Recreational Football Club. If you would like to sponsor a race for £25 or buy a horse for £3 get in touch. Cash prize, as well as for winners on the night.
 - 8th October - Eighties and Oldies Disco Night
- See our Facebook page for more information on events. With the current cost of living crisis we aim to keep our prices as low as we can. However to help us keep them low we are asking for help - is anyone interested in a sponsored 24 hour Poolathon or Dartsathon or any other fundraisers? Let us know.

For Sale

Adverts are removed from the Archive edition as details go out of date

Dustbin Days

Thurs Sept 1st General Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Sept 8th Garden Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Sept 15th General Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Sept 22nd Garden Waste & Recycling/food
 Thurs Sept 29th General Waste & Recycling/food

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