

Meeting Point

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**"Remember happiness doesn't depend upon who
you are or what you have;
it depends solely on what you think."
*Dale Carnegie***

From the Editor

If you would like to get involved in the community, there are several groups within this month's MP who would appreciate your time or/and ideas.

A 'Getting Singing Thornbury' article appears in this month's magazine. Due to a layout error, it was omitted from last month's MP.

Our cover this month is by Pat Winstone

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

**The Meeting Point magazine and the Meeting Point Directory are online on
the Community Website: www.olvostonandaust.com.**

Olveston Sing Stars

Olveston Sing Stars had a very busy schedule of performances in December. We were so proud to have been chosen to sing at Clifton Cathedral on Tuesday 7th December. The choir sang, 'Snow Song' confidently to an audience of over 1,000 primary school children and dignitaries from the community,



including the

Director of Education and the Mayoress.



The whole carol service was recorded by BBC Radio Bristol and a video clip can be seen on our school website:

www.olvestonschool.co.uk/singstars.html

The song was accompanied by beautiful hand bells played by Anna P (Yr 4).

Olveston Sing Stars also enjoyed singing carols outside Tesco to help raise money for CLIC. We have been informed that the two days of collecting for CLIC raised £1572 and we were pleased to be able to support this fundraising.

Well done Sing Stars!

Mercy Ships Mosquito Net Appeal

Olveston School is proud to be supporting the fundraising of St. Mary's Church for the Net-Work appeal.

St. Mary's is aiming to raise £10,000 to buy mosquito nets for Mercy Ships, a pioneering charity that works directly with Sierra Leone.

We had a collection at the end of term church service on Friday 17th December and raised £71.55.

This term, the School Council are working with FOOS to plan a cake sale. We will be splitting the profits of the cake sale equally between the mosquito net appeal and FOOS fund.

Our cake sale will take place on Thursday 3rd February at 3.30pm. We would like to ask for donations of cakes by Wednesday 2nd February.

1st Olveston Scout Group

Colin Prewett

I recently took over as Chairman of the 1st Olveston Scout Group. My initial reaction after the first meeting was slight trepidation but since that time I have been continually surprised by the efforts and dedication of the Section Leaders and the standard of behaviour, manners and respect shown to them and the general public by the young members. Scouting, as I am sure you are all aware, is not just about woggles and tying knots, but has a much more serious objective of preparing young boys and girls for their place in society in a capable and responsible manner and from my observations so far I can assure you that the 1st Olveston Scout Group is more than satisfying that requirement.

Scouting is not free and requires the regular payment of fees by each member. These fees are set at a level to cover vital expenditure such as affiliation fees to the Scouting Association and insurance aspects but are kept at a level that does not discourage membership. The Olveston Group is an Educational Charity (Registered No.273206) and without the continued support of the general public could not maintain the exceptional training facilities it has managed to build up over the years. I should therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported us with your generosity. This includes private donations and, of course, the annual "Line of Coins".

We as a Group are well blessed with individual Section Leaders and assistants but have struggled for the past couple of years to find a Group Scout Leader. The Executive Committee looks after the business side of the Group but we really need a Group Scout Leader to co-ordinate the programme of events and provide overall direction and operational support for the many and varied aspects of training we attempt to provide.

If there is anyone out there who thinks they may have the leadership potential we are seeking and would like to discuss the possibility of joining us, then please give me a call on 01454 614210 at your earliest convenience. I can assure you that the satisfaction of a job well done and the respect and gratitude of the young members will be more rewarding than you could ever imagine.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who attended Hannah's shopping event back at the end of November. It was a lovely pre-Christmas sociable day and evening. The donations from the refreshments and the raffle raised £222 for Bristol Oncology Unit.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Wednesday, 2nd February 2011, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Hall

What connects 1362, 1522 and 1605 with 1611 and Olveston parish?

Jennifer and David Bone are posing this question and, as a clue to the answer, point out that 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the most famous English translation of the Bible. This was to have a huge influence on life and literature across the English-speaking world. Commissioned by James I, its trouble-free publication had been preceded by struggles and tragedy during earlier centuries. Jennifer and David's talk traces the connections of key players with Olveston parish.

Come and find out how our parish is linked to this important anniversary. Everyone is very welcome. £2 payable at the door or £5 for the whole season, which includes two more talks after this.

Rolling, Rolling, Rolling...



From January
to March 2011,
Thornbury and

District Museum is hosting a free exhibition curated by Reginald King, called "Rolling, Rolling, Rolling: Beautiful and Historic Rolling Pins". Expect to see some wonderfully decorative examples, as well as some saucy postcards of rolling pins in use!



Maids-a-Milking

"Maids-a-Milking", another new free museum exhibition, has been guest-curated by long-standing members of the Gloucestershire Dairy Students Association, including our own June Lyons, and tells the history of local women cheesemakers.

The museum, in Chapel St, is open every Tues-Fri 1-4pm and Sat 10am-1pm (10-4pm from March). FREE entry to the museum. All welcome.



Make a new year's resolution a reality with Get Singing Thornbury!

Do you love singing but usually only sing at home or in your car? Have you always thought it might be fun to sing with others but not got round to it yet? If so, then come along to Get Singing Thornbury.

Get Singing Thornbury is a friendly community choir that meets on Tuesday evenings (term time only) at Turnberries Community Centre, from 7.30 – 9.00pm.

The emphasis is on singing for fun rather than for perfection. The group is open access, all musical abilities are welcome and you will not be asked to read music as everything is taught by ear. Singing with others is relaxing, fun and a great way to meet new people in your local area.

If you'd like to come along and have a try, you can just turn up. There is no need to book in advance and no regular commitment is necessary.

For more information about Get Singing Thornbury, please see the website at www.getsinging.co.uk or contact Philippa on 01454 852705.

Programme for Severn Valley Quilters 2011

Weds 16th Feb. - Sewing Machine Demonstrations by Mark Pickles.

Weds. 23rd March - Management Quilts – Quilts with Anne Rippon.

Weds. 27th April - Skills Evening – Various short workshops.

Visitors Welcome. Contact Lorraine on 01454 417559 for details.

Reminder

Olveston Hall AGM, - Wed 23 Feb at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall, followed by Wine and Cheese

Olveston Toddlers

Many thanks for all those who supported our nearly new sale in October. We are continuing to fundraise this year to buy new equipment for our group and also to be able to make a donation towards the Methodist Hall.

If you are having a toy de-clutter and would like to donate anything to our group please contact: olvestontoddlers@yahoo.co.uk or 07773 709155

We plan to have another sale in early May, so please look out in future Meeting Points for further information.

Also, if you are yet to try our little friendly group, please do come along on a Thursday between 2pm and 4:30pm. If you're expecting, new to the area, need somewhere to take your pre-schooler before school pick-up, or a place to take grandchildren, we would love to see you.

On 3rd February, we will be having a Chinese New Year session – with fancy dress and craft.

A Big Thank You!

Lesley Clarke

Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the collection for the Crisis Centre Ministries' annual Christmas party. All the donations were very much appreciated. The clothing, chocolates, toiletries etc. were used to make up Christmas presents for their clients (some of the most vulnerable and needy people in Bristol) - about 150 parcels were made up in total!

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners January:

£50	Ian Watkins
£15	Graham Clare
£5	Bill Finch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

18th December	Charles Jarvis
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Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Pancakes and Paintings

As you may know, St Mary's Church is raising £10,000 to buy 2225 mosquito nets for Mercy Ships. At the launch we heard from volunteers working with patients recovering from surgery in the Recuperation Centre that they were repeatedly asked for mosquito nets to take home, but did not have them to give. These nets are high quality and protect families, and children in particular, from malaria, which kills millions of children annually.

One of our fund-raising events will be '**Pancakes and Paintings**' to be held on **Shrove Tuesday 8th March, in church**. At least ten local artists are donating pictures and we will sell a hundred tickets at £10 each, thus everyone has a one in ten chance of owning an original painting. (Should we have more paintings more tickets could be sold, but the winning ratio will never be higher than 1 in 10.) The paintings will be on view from Sunday 6th March in church, and the draw will take place during a social evening on Tuesday.

Tickets are on sale at Olveston Stores and from Roly Bain, 616593, Gail Lowe, 612709, and Pat Thirkettle, 612084.

Thornbury Rotary Club

Annual Swimathon:

This ever popular event, now in its 26th year, will be held at Thornbury Leisure Centre on March 11th, 12th, & 13th. Principal charities to benefit will be The Autistic Society and SSAFA.

Full details and entry forms are available on our website

www.thornburyrotary.org/swimarathon

We are extremely grateful to our main sponsor this year, Energy Solutions, and many other local businesses that are sponsoring the Swimathon this year.

Ceilidh Evening:

A fun evening to suit all ages, with Irish Music and a caller to lead the dances, will be held at the Armstrong Hall on Saturday 26th March, 7.30 – 11.30p.m.

Tickets £18 to include a meal are available from Thornbury Town Hall or from Derek Baker, Tel: 01454-619289 or e-mail: dereknigelbaker@btinternet.com

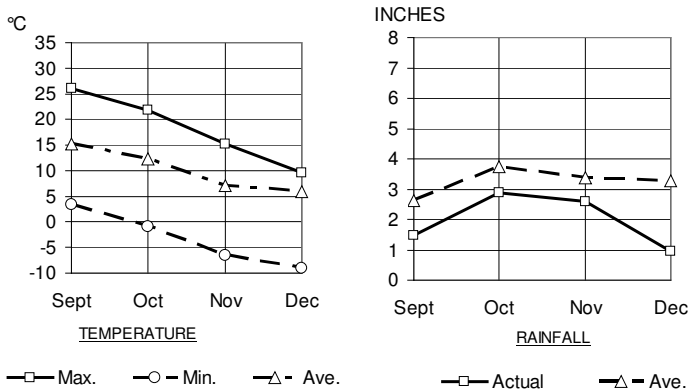
All proceeds to support local charities and worthy causes.



Weather Record

October to December 2010

Marcus Bean



October A boisterous start to the month, with very heavy rain and strong winds. This lasted for nearly the first week, after which more benign conditions returned with sunshine and showers. The middle fortnight of the month was very dry, with little rain, and on the 25th a cold Northerly wind blew, bringing sub-zero temperatures. After two days, Westerly winds returned, bringing some rain. Rainfall for the month was nearly an inch below average, whilst temperature and pressure were marginally below norm.

November A wet and windy start to the month, with a very low barometric pressure of 962mb occurring on the 8th. Atlantic low pressure systems continued to pass over us until the 21st when an extremely large high pressure system built to the east of Greenland and stretched across the Atlantic as far as Norway blocking out all the Atlantic systems. A low centred over Denmark brought extremely cold Arctic air over us with night time frosts and 2cm of snow at the month's end. Rainfall for the month was just over an inch below normal and average pressure and temperature were well below normal. The latter was 1.75°C below average. We had four gales in the month.

December The month started very cold with severe night frosts which continued until the 10th, when slightly warmer air made inroads into the high pressure which had established itself. This continued for seven days, when the cold weather returned, with snow on three occasions, totalling 5.3cm, which was still lying on Christmas Day. Following Boxing Day, a thaw occurred, with slightly warmer conditions to the month's end.

Average rainfall was about 2¼ inches below normal and pressure was marginally low, but temperature was 4.5°C below average making this the coldest December for about a hundred years.



Weather Report for Olveston 2010

Marcus Bean

Listed below are the highlights for the year followed by a short commentary on each month.

1. Temperature (degrees Celsius)			Date recorded
1.1	Highest day max temperature	29.3	22 nd May
1.2	Lowest day max temperature	- 3.3	20 th December
1.3	Highest night temperature	17.2	27 th July
1.4	Lowest night temperature	- 9.0	20 th December
2. Barometric pressure (millibars)			
2.1	Maximum pressure	1040	26 th January
2.2	Minimum pressure	962	8 th November
3. Wind			
3.1	Maximum speed	54mph	12 th November
3.2	Prevailing Direction	West	74 days
4. Rainfall (millimetres)			
4.1	Maximum in one day	25.21	26 th August
4.2	Wettest month	141.85	August
4.3	Driest month	23.96	December
4.4	Total for the year	649.75	
	<i>Equivalent to</i>	<i>25.58 inches</i>	

Commentary

January was an extremely cold month with significant snow. These conditions continued into February and whilst March was dry it continued cold with Northerly or Easterly winds. April had some changeable days but the middle of the month was dry and sunny. Early May was cold for the time of year but it warmed up later in the month and the warmth continued into June with a long period of dry weather in the middle of the month. July was a more typical summer month of sunshine and showers, but August brought very wet conditions with rain on most days. Early September was warm and dry but became wet and cold later in the month. October started with gales then sunshine and showers, with mid month being very dry. November was wet and windy at the beginning but became dry and cold at the month end, with snow. December was a very dry and cold month with severe night frosts and snow lying on Christmas Day. It was also the coldest December for about a hundred years.

In summary, this was the driest year since 2003, being approximately 8 inches below average rainfall, and the coldest since 1981, with a particularly cold January and December. We had gales on seven days and snow on twelve days.

Monday Movies at St Mary's

Trevor Anderson

MONDAY MOVIES are for adults and older children and are on **the first Monday evening of each month** in St Mary's Church, Olveston. Doors open at 7.00 for tea, coffee, biscuits and a licensed bar. The film starts at 7.30 and there's an interval for further refreshments.

Our programme covers a mix of recently released films and classics from the past. Subjects covered include drama, adventure, comedy, fantasy, musicals, animated and westerns.

Dates for the next four shows are:

7th February (*Surreal version of a much-loved children's classic*)
7th March
4th April
2nd May

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES are for children of all ages and are in the church on **Monday mornings in the school holidays**. (We may extend this to include monthly showings at weekends during term time if there is enough interest). Doors open at 9.30 and the film starts at 10.00. Popcorn, soft drinks and biscuits are available on arrival and during the interval. *Please note: children should be accompanied by an adult and must be signed in.*

Dates for the next four shows are:

21st February (*Animated film. Up there with the Disney greats*)
11th April
18th April
2nd May

COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS mean we're not allowed to publicise the film titles outside the church. But if you want to know the programme, look at the poster in the church porch, pick up a leaflet from inside the door, or contact **Roly Bain** (616593) or **Trevor Anderson** (613279). If you like what you find, do tell your friends – there are no restrictions stopping you from publicising things!

If you've not yet been, do come along – it's a real community event. And admission is **free!**

Police Report December

Severn Neighbourhood Policing Area received 46 calls to the police, which included 23 reported crimes for the month of December. Two properties were burgled; one in the village of Hill and another in the village of Tockington; personal property was taken, including jewellery, laptops, ipods. Please ensure that you inform neighbours when you are away for any length of time so properties can be checked. If you have jewellery that you don't wear often or is of sentimental value, it's a good idea to keep it somewhere safe, for example in a box in the loft. The Severn beat has suffered a number of attempted outbuilding breaks, where mountain bike, golf clubs, power tools and an off road motorbike have been stolen.

Please be vigilant and report any persons or vehicles that are acting suspiciously in your area. Please make sure that property is security marked and register it on the following website: www.immobilise.com. This website can accommodate any type of property that you wish to register.

Two birds, one Heron and a Muscovy Duck, have been killed in the duck pond, Catherine Hill, Olveston. It would appear that they were shot with an air weapon. If anyone recalls seeing anything out of the ordinary, please contact us.

On New Year's Eve, six vehicles in Olveston were damaged, where windscreens were broken and bonnets and doors have been kicked. They were parked between The White Hart Public House and near to The Butcher's Shop. Anyone with any information regarding this incident, please contact on the number below.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in your area. If you are not part of a scheme and would like to be, it's simple, give me PCSO Kelly Dimery a call on 0117 945 5959 and I will pass your contact details to the relevant scheme so they can keep you updated.

The next Beat Surgery will be in Olveston Stores between 10.30 and 11.30am on Thursday 17th February 2011.

To contact PC 3404 Roger Hopes or PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery please call 0117 945 5959 or mobile (on duty only) 07919628625 or 07917586645. These numbers **MUST NOT** be used to report crimes or incidents.

For emergencies, phone 999.

To report a crime or an incident, phone 0845 456 7000.



Happy Birthday Beaver Scouts

This year Beaver Scouts throughout the UK will be celebrating the 25th birthday of Beaver Scouting.

Although the Scouting movement has been running much longer, Beavers in the UK only really got underway on April 1st 1986 (having first begun in Northern Ireland 23 years earlier).

1st Olveston Beaver Scouts will be celebrating with local and county events, ranging from, appropriately, a Mad Hatter's tea party in April to a mass birthday party in December.

The children and leaders of 1st Olveston however, want to reach out further and share their birthday celebrations with people and organisations that need some help and support... so we have set ourselves the challenge of raising £25 for each of 25 different charities before our final birthday party in December.

The charities will all be small local groups to which £25 will make a difference. So, if you see us out campaigning during the coming months, please stop and donate whatever you can, or if you know of a charity that we can help, do let us know.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

St Peter's Hospice Annual Quiz



St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to the Annual Quiz on Friday 18th March at the Armstrong Hall, commencing at 7.15pm. The quiz team should be made up of four people, an excellent supper is served and a very good raffle takes place. The cost is £24.00 per table of four.

For further information and to reserve your table, please telephone Mary on 01454 412567. Thank you.

Our Parish Matters

While your Parish Councillors offer you all an embarrassingly late message of goodwill and best wishes for your New Year, there are already issues to be dealt with. We have all suffered in the grip of the coldest and snowiest winter for a hundred years, making movement a bit of a problem and yet more local travel difficulties beset us to make matters worse.

Many people may already realise that scheduled council work to create a footpath between Oldown and Alveston, in the Pump Lane, Limegrove area, has necessitated road closure for a likely six weeks or more, starting on January 17th. With Strode Common effectively closed off to traffic, we should use the A38 to and from Thornbury, via Washingpool Lane or The Down and Down Road as possible alternatives. While regretting any inconvenience suffered, the obvious advantage will be that our youngsters going on foot, to and from their local school, will have much safer journeys in the future.

Rod Williams' lofty frame can often be seen around the Parish and this very approachable man may be contacted personally, or on 01454 612850, if you have any concerns or queries about local footpaths, now that he has become our footpath warden.

With the threat that local public telephone boxes might be removed, the Parish Council has decided to purchase the red box in Tockington for a nominal sum in order to retain it as part of part of the visual amenity, though it will be non-operational. If no useful suggestions are received about any additional use it can be put to, the box will be permanently sealed up.

The modern phone box in Olveston will be run viably as per usual but we will release details of any arrangements for the future use of the phone box at Old Down soon.

Those parishioners needing to contact the Parish Council following Valerie Tutin's retirement as Parish Clerk, should feel free to contact any local councillor, until such time as Valerie's replacement's contact details can be released. (Valerie herself may be happy to guide you otherwise.)

By Andy Clarke for Olveston Parish Council

The Affordable Art Fair

Saturday 5th February Put this date in your diary! You are invited to come and view a fantastic show of paintings at very reasonable prices. The members of Thornbury Art Club are rallying to support the Armstrong Hall Backstage Refurbishment Fund by donating paintings for this unique Event. The Affordable Art Fair aims to raise monies to upgrade the out-dated changing rooms and provide other facilities that are lacking at Thornbury's foremost theatrical venue, the Armstrong Hall.

This promises to be a wonderful event. Please give it your support. There will be a wide selection of work. Given the number of artists in the Art Club, the variation in subject matter, style, materials, etc., is immense. You will be spoilt for choice! Perhaps we can persuade you to enhance your sitting room with an original painting! ... add that special accent to your décor?!!

The Affordable Art Fair takes place in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury, on Saturday 5th February from 10am to 5pm, admission free.

View at your leisure, with morning coffee and afternoon tea and cakes whilst you are deciding on your purchase(s)!

Tricia Latham, Thornbury Art Club

Marlwood School PTA

Car Boot Sales – Change of Day

Traditionally, the car boot sales at Marlwood School have always been held on the last Sunday in the month, but this is changing. From March this year, they will now be held on the last Saturday of the month from 1.30pm (setting up at 1.00pm) until 3.30pm. Entrance is free to buyers, sellers will be charged £5 per car. So, on Saturday 26th March, either come along and grab a bargain or clear out the loft and earn some cash!

Thank You

Derek Nicholls, Olveston

I would like to thank everyone who has sent either a card or their good wishes after my recent operation. I am now well on the way to recovery and will be out walking the dog before too long, when I will be able to pass on my thanks in person.

MEETING POINT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2010

RECEIPTS	2010 £	2009 £	PAYMENTS	2010 £	2009 £
Balances at 31st October 2009 and 2008			Printing and Collation	9568.10	8542.50
At Bank:			Insurance	72.84	72.84
Current Account	1074.14	2409.32	Postage	410.30	424.85
Clubs & Charities A/C	5990.46	5882.08	Stationery/Materials	66.98	97.65
Advertisements	11220.75	10357.50	Local Shops Voucher Scheme	-	133.50
Interest	5.94	108.38	Meeting Point Website	77.55	105.75
Donation	10.00		Hall Aid: Littleton Village Hall	-	400.00
			Aust Village Hall	-	400.00
			Tookington Wesley Rooms	-	400.00
			Olveston Parish Hall	-	400.00
			Elberton Village Rooms	-	400.00
			Donations: Olveston Brownies	200.00	-
			Olveston Girl Guides	200.00	-
			Olveston Beavers	200.00	-
			Olveston Cubs	200.00	-
			Olveston Scouts	200.00	-
			Granities	50.00	63.00
			Corporation Tax	218.19	132.98
			Bookbinding	42.00	42.00
			Repairs to Community Seat	-	77.61
			At Bank:		
			Current Account	1798.93	1074.14
			Clubs and Charities A/C	4996.40	5990.46
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Documents relative to this Statement have been examined and found correct.

J S Howells

J S Howells F.C.A.

Dated

6/12/2010

Treasurer

T W Roberts

HELSEFEST 2011

Community Fundraising Festival for St Peter's Hospice and the Lung Cancer Fund at Southmead Hospital.

HELSEFEST 2011 will take place on Saturday afternoon, 21 May 2011 in the field adjacent to Primrose Cottage.

There will be performances from local musical artistes plus activities for the children, Promise Auction, Tombola, Cake Stall etc.

If you would like to be involved in the planning or indeed run an activity on the day, donate a cake, plants etc please let me know. Prizes would also be welcome for the Tombola.

Mary Slader
mezza192@yahoo.co.uk
07747 562264

Double Madness!



Inspired by the music of the group **Madness**, which forms the score of their latest production: **OUR HOUSE**, some of the cast members of the **Northavon Youth Theatre Company** have joined with a couple of friends to present a **Madness Gig** in Thornbury's Armstrong Hall on Saturday 5 March at 7.30 pm.

The actual show will be staged, with a cast of 60 young people, from 19 to 23 April and a fascinating story is woven around the many hits of **Madness**, including *Baggy Trousers*, *Driving In My Car* and *It Must Be Love*, but before that an evening of all their many hits and other SKA music will showcase the musical and vocal skills of some of these talented young people.

Tickets for the evening's entertainment are just £4.50 and can be purchased from Thornbury Town Hall, by ringing 07748 054184, or from any student of the Northavon School of Drama, which performs as NYTC. People of all ages are welcome and the evening is an excuse to revisit a fun era or to discover it for the first time, so why not dust off that trilby and join us in our *House of Fun*!

Get out in the fresh air with Severnside Ramblers



There will be hints of Spring this month. Come and enjoy the countryside on a walk with the Severnside Ramblers. We are a friendly group and non-members are always very welcome.

Walks range from two hour ambles on a Friday to walks between 5 and 10 miles at the week-end.

For more information about our walks in February, log on to www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk, or pick up a programme at your local library.

We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA and share lifts to the start of the walk.

Well done, Will

As the residents of Orchard Rise are well aware, our road is not one that gets treated when the snow and ice is upon us... that is, not until the evening of 19th December.

Upon our return from the Carol Service in St Mary's, which once again was an uplifting occasion, imagine our amazement to find our own personal gritter.

Armed with a shovel, wheelbarrow and plenty of grit, not to mention determination, Will Duke who actually lives in Laxton Close was busily gritting Orchard Rise. It gives you a warm feeling to discover there is someone with the thought and the wherewithal to do such a good deed for his community.

Let's hope this bad weather will not be here for too long but, thanks to Will's actions, Orchard Rise has been made a little safer to drive on. Once again, well done, Will.

A grateful resident

Johnny Coppin Is Back In Town!

Arts and Community in Thornbury (ACT) is delighted to announce the return of popular singer/songwriter Johnny Coppin to Thornbury on Saturday 26 March at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church.

Johnny has been described by *Q Magazine* as "one of the finest voices around" and the *Daily Telegraph* called him "a gifted songwriter", so tickets for this special concert, supporting ACT's project to build a theatre-based community complex in Thornbury, are bound to sell quickly!



ARTS & COMMUNITY
IN THORNBURY

Fellow folk singer and fiddle player Paul Burgess will join Johnny and they will probably revisit not only some of the mesmerising numbers from his latest albums: *The Winding Stair* and *Breaking the Silence* (recorded with Mike Silver), but also his earlier work, like *Forest and Vale* and *High Blue Hill*.

Brought up in Gloucestershire, Johnny was a founder member of the folk-rock band: *Decameron*, which rapidly found popularity in the UK and Europe, but eventually his solo career took him all over the world, producing more than 12 albums, including an interesting collaboration with Gloucestershire writer: Laurie Lee. An accomplished poet/raconteur, radio/TV presenter and entertainer, Johnny promises a feast of music and fun, so get your tickets from Thornbury Garden Shop ~ a snip at £10.00/9.00 FACTs. Ring 01454 416421 for information and visit ACT.Thornbury@yahoo.co.uk to learn about **ACT**.

Bristol Academy of Performing Live Arts (BALPA)

is set to open its doors in Thornbury's very own, state-of-the-art performing arts centre in September 2011, offering high quality, accredited arts training and exciting performance opportunities for the whole community. To celebrate this, throughout 2011, BALPA are running various taster days for you to sample what is on offer through a selection of workshops.

February brings the first of such workshops with a Dance Crew Day, where you can come and meet Release, our exciting and innovative dance crew, and spend a day with them learning how to Street Dance. This opportunity is not one to be missed. The Dance Crew Day is on 22nd February, 10am-4pm at Caedmon Complex, Thornbury, for young people aged 11-16 and is £20 for the whole day. For more information, or to book, call 01454 414880 or email info@balpauk.com

Thornbury Library

Digital camera talk – Wednesday 2 March 7.30pm - tickets £5

Alan Jones has kindly offered to give another of his popular and practical talks on the basics of using a digital camera. So if you were given a camera for Christmas and are struggling to get to grips with it, then please bring it along with you!

Tickets available in advance from the library, with proceeds going to charity.

Advice on making a will – Monday 7 February- 10.00am

Georgina Tankard, Estate Planning Associate with Collective Legal Solutions will be available to answer your queries on the first Monday morning of each month. The topics covered include Wills, Power of Attorney and Probate. Please ask for details or just drop in. There is no charge.

Half term activity for children

Look out for details in the library of our holiday activity which will take place sometime in the week commencing 21 February.

Pre-school story-times and musical rhyme time

We hold FREE Monday afternoon pre-school story-times from 2.15pm-2.45pm and a monthly rhyme time for younger children on the last Monday of each month also from 2.15pm-2.45pm.

Pre-school children and their parents and carers are most welcome to attend these FREE fun activities which are also an opportunity for them to meet up with one another in a relaxed setting.

Please note these story-times are held during term time only but we also hold regular holiday activities.

From the Registers at St.Mary's

Funeral Service on 11th January, followed by burial in the churchyard of Roger Ernest Hicks.

Thornbury Choral Society cordially invites you to come and join them for an all day workshop to study.

We will be studying Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle and we will be conducted by Steven Kings and accompanied by Thornbury Choral Society's new accompanist Robin Baggs, with soloists Llio Evans (soprano), Cathy Al-Ghabra (alto), Paul Rothwell (tenor) and Dan Robson (bass).. This will be Thornbury Choral Society's eighth workshop. The cost will be £12.50 for the day.

Thornbury Choral Society



Venue: Thornbury Baptist Church, Grovesend, Thornbury.

Timetable: Saturday 19th February 2011

First Rehearsal	10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Coffee Break	11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
Second Rehearsal	12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Lunch	1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Third Rehearsal	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Tea Break	3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Workshop performance	4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
(free entry with a retiring collection)	

Tea, coffee, juices, biscuits and cake at tea time are included in the cost of the ticket

Scores: Available for hire for £2 (the pair together only)

Lunch: Available only by prebooking for £6.00

For a Choral Workshop Booking Form contact:

Jos Gregson,
18 Willoughby Close,
Alveston,
Bristol BS35 3RW
Telephone: 01454-411652
Email: jos@josgregson.plus.com

Yours faithfully

Prayer for the Sick

In the Catholic Church we keep the 11th February as World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This day is chosen because it happens to be the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

You may know that in 1858 Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette at Lourdes on eighteen separate occasions. Since then it has become a place of tremendous prayer and healing particularly for the sick.

Six million pilgrims visit Lourdes every year making it the second most popular destination for visitors in France after Paris. Our own parish of Christ the King in Thornbury has organised a pilgrimage there in May this year which will be led by my colleague Father Richard.

People go to Lourdes to pray, to find peace and to bathe in the healing waters. Occasionally there are miracles and over the years there have been about seventy such cases which have been recognised by a special team of doctors as having no explainable cure.

But it is not for a cure that most people go to Lourdes. They go to experience pilgrimage, to give time to God and to experience spiritual refreshment.

It is good that throughout the world we remember the sick in prayer on this special feast day. Those who suffer illness whether it is of body, mind or spirit certainly need our practical support but they also need our prayers. They need to know that they are not forgotten and that they are frequently brought before the Lord by their brothers and sisters in the human family. This gives them much comfort and hope.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

By Father Alex McAllister SDS, Christ the King Catholic Church, Thornbury

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Feb 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe & Rev R Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Ruan Crew & Mrs Janet McBride
Feb 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones & David Caporn (Trinity Student)
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe
Feb 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann LLOYD
Feb 27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Ann Lloyd
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev P. Rowe & Rev R Crew

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

The Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk

Rev Roly Bain for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals on 01454 616593

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am led by the Rev. Roly Bain

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Feb 13	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Feb 27	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Feb 6	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Feb 20	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelensalveston.org

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Feb 13	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Feb 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev D Pole

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelsalveston.org

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Feb 6	10am 6pm	Olv Ch Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Miss Rosemary Clews Evening Worship led by Mr John Trebble with congregation of St Andrew's, Filton,
Feb 13	10am	Olv Ch	All Age Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams The Breakfast Club will join us later
Feb 20	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Feb 27	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 9th Feb. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP at the Swan Tockington Thurs. 17th Feb at 12.15 To book please ring 613241 or 612112

PRAYER MEETINGS: Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Olveston Vestry.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall.

CONTACT: Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,

Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07840 793772 or email:

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

Feb 6	6.30pm	Royston Pick
Feb 13	6.30pm	Rev. Jim Dick
Feb 20	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Feb 27	6.30pm	Peter Halesley

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30 for 8pm.

For further information please contact **Olwen Wonnacott**, 412141 or **Paul Ashford**, 07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am,
Contact 01454 613305 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury
Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass
Tel 01454 412223 www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury
Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry, Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. **Children welcome with prior notice.**
Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603
National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for February 2011

The information given below is believed to be correct as we go to press.

1 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women - Talk by Eric Garrett	9.30-11.30 7.30	WR DGCL
2 nd Wed	O.P.H.S - 400 th Anniv. of Authorised Version of Bible	7.30pm	MH
3 rd Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30pm 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
4 th Fri	OPTA Quiz	7.45pm	PH
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
6 th Sun			
7 th Mon	Monday Movie Open Mic at White Hart Olveston	7.30pm	S+M
8 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute: Gardens of England - Phil Roos Aust Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH AVH
9 th Wed	Royal British Legion Men	7.30pm	DGCL
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th & District Flower Club-Practice Class	10.00-12.00 2.00-4-30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
11 th Fri			
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning Tickety Boo (ACT) at Marlwood School	10.30-12.00 2.30 & 7.30	MH
13 th Sun			
14 th Mon	Craft Grp. Phone 07747 562264 for venue		
15 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women - Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
16 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club AGM Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	1.00pm 8.30pm	AH
17 th Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
18 th Fri			
19 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
20 th Sun			

21 st Mon	Monday Morning Movie	10.00am	StM
22 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Dance Crew at Caedmon Thornbury Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 10.00-4pm 7.30pm	WR AP
23 rd Wed	Parish Hall AGM Followed by Cheese & Wine Open to all Alveston Local History Soc - Wells Pumps & Pipes: Thornbury's water supply - Meg Wise	7.45pm 7.30pm	PH AMC
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th & District Flower Club-AGM	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OST MH TMH
25 th Fri			
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning Film Night at Littleton Village Hall	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH
27 th Sun			
28 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club - Practice Music in the Church at Aust - AGM at the Boar's Head	1.30pm 8pm	AH

Looking ahead to March

11-13th	Rotary Club Swimarathon		
18th	OPTA Wine Challenge & SPH Quiz		

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OST** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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