

# Meeting Point

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**Have you had a kindness shown?**

**Pass it on;**

**'Twas not given for thee alone,**

**Pass it on;**

**Let it travel down the years,**

**Let it wipe another's tears,**

**'Til in Heaven the deed appears -**

**Pass it on.**

*~Henry Burton, Pass It On*

## **From the Editor**

There are numerous events in the MP this month ranging from church fetes to BBQ/Barn Dance or something to tease your brain or a brainteaser challenge.

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman  
Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and  
Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

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Community Website: [www.olvostonandaust.com](http://www.olvostonandaust.com).**

# A Message From The Methodists

It is now three years since Tockington Chapel was re-opened, following extensive renovation; and we are turning our attention to what needs to be done to Olveston Chapel.

Some of you may recall that when Olveston and Tockington Methodists came together into a single church in 2004, we gave a lot of thought to the best strategy for our premises, including whether we should seek to maintain them all. (As a small church we are in a very unusual position as stewards of four buildings.) However, we were conscious that Olveston Hall and the Wesley Rooms are substantially used by various groups in the community and we have done our best to maintain them appropriately. Since its makeover, Tockington Chapel has been used by groups from other churches and it is proving an asset to community groups organising events on the Green.

Architecturally, Olveston Chapel is our prime building, but our affection for it cannot disguise its shabbiness. Its last major renovation was over 100 years ago in 1902, quite possibly prompted by the major modernisation of St Mary's not many years before! When we renovated the Chapel in Tockington, the loan we took out was manageable, thanks to local generosity, our reserves at the time, some support from trusts, and the work we did ourselves. Now that the loan has been paid off, and our reserves are recovering, we do not wish to delay further on Olveston.

However, things have moved on in the past three years. Most obviously, the financial climate is, to say the least, much less encouraging. More immediately, other buildings in the parish have been renovated, extending their scope for community use. We are interested that our bookings are holding up, and in some respects, increasing. The exception is Olveston Chapel, where one of the difficulties is that although kitchen and toilet facilities are available in the adjacent Hall, when the Hall is also in use, they are not readily accessible.

We are looking to the next decade and beyond, seeking to anticipate likely usage and other developments, including our own capacity to sustain our property load and, of course, how the cost of work on Olveston Chapel could be met. Before we began work in Tockington, we took soundings with all our users, offered other churches the chance to advise us, and through Meeting Point invited anyone who wished to contribute to our discussion to do so. The same invitation applies this time. We very much want to continue to offer what the community will find useful, as well as thinking hard about what will serve the church's needs too.

We hope to hear from you, if possible not later than 10 August. Thank you for the generosity and support which you have given to us over many years. We will try to supply a second bulletin on developments before too long.

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## Tockington and Olveston Methodist Church

We are continuing our appeal for good quality items to be sold at our annual Harvest Fayre on September 18th.

Any household items, games, toys, books, ornaments (but no clothes or shoes please) that you could donate would be much appreciated. You can bring them to Olveston Methodist Hall on any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 12.00, to Tockington Wesley Rooms on Wednesday evenings between 6.00 and 8.00 or contact Maggie Spooner on 01454 610053.

## Simple Quiz!

Not as simple as it seems.

1. What colour is the Black Box on a commercial aircraft?
2. Where do Chinese gooseberries come from?
3. What colour is a purple finch?
4. What was King George VI's first name?
5. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after which creature?
6. What is a camel hair brush made from?
7. In which month do the Russians celebrate the October revolution?
8. From which animal do we get catgut?
9. Which country makes Panama hats?

*Answers to the quiz are on page 37*

# My dear Mum, ...

Jenny Newley

Older residents will remember the wartime evacuation of children to this area 70 years ago – and may even have had children billeted in their homes. Students currently in Year 5 at Olveston Primary School will also know a lot about this. In February this year, they had an Evacuee Day. They performed a play about young people being evacuated from city areas and they also cooked wartime recipes.



So, young and old and all those in between should be interested in the new exhibition at our local museum. It's called 'My dear Mum, ...', recalling the letters that the evacuated children wrote home to their parents. It tells the story of the evacuees who came across the country from Harwich on the Essex coast to the Thornbury area in 1940. There will also be items on display relating to the local population at that time. How did those on the Home Front - the people who weren't away fighting -- live through the war years?

You can find out at **Thornbury & District Museum** from **June to the end of September**. The Museum is between the Armstrong Hall and The Wheatsheaf pub in Chapel St., Thornbury, with parking available in nearby car parks in St. Mary St. and Rock St. Opening hours are Tues to Fri, 1 – 4pm and Sat, 10am - 4pm. Tel: 857774. [www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk) FREE entry.

*The Editor says: If you're in Year 5 at Olveston School and you've been learning about evacuees, perhaps you'd like to go along to the museum's exhibition on the subject – and afterwards maybe send me a few lines about what you discover there? If I've got room, I'll print it in the magazine!*

## The 67th Almondsbury Gymkhana & Pony Show

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

As usual it promises to be a fun packed day with something for everyone. From the Dressage and Jumping classes to the Gymkhana for younger riders, as well as the ever popular Dog Show .

Held as usual at Lower Tockington Lane, Tockington, the classes will commence in ring one at 10am. Schedules are available now.

# St. George's Day Cream Tea

I would like to extend a big thank you to all who came along and supported the St George's Day cream tea event on Tockington Green. It is not unusual to see events on the Green nowadays, which is a wonderful sight and brings the community together.

On this particular day, the funds being raised were for a cause much further away from home - a small orphanage just outside Cape Town. Several years ago, an old family friend, Bridget Parker, who lives out there, became involved with helping raise money to support a lady looking after many abandoned and helpless children in a nearby township. From these small roots, Bridget raised enough money, with support from all round the world, to buy a house outside the township which now is home to 8 boys – this is Ikhaya Lobuntu, House of Love.

Not only have these children escaped a bleak future back at the township, but they now have a home, a family and most importantly, an education – they now have a future. Many of the boys arrived with no papers, no birth certificates, many of them became orphans because of the aids epidemic. Educating each one, in schools in and around the area, has been the prime focus. One boy, Pepu, is currently doing so well at school, he is waiting to see if he has been accepted to study medicine at university. He studies so hard, late into the night because he knows what an opportunity he has been given. He emailed me the other day to thank anyone and everyone who helps support him and the other boys in the house – he commented that he was 'blessed' to have people elsewhere in the world helping him to realise this dream.

Not all the boys will be gifted like Pepu, but each one will be able to realise his own potential, whatever that might be, because they have been given this opportunity. There will be many more boys who will come and go through the doors of Ikhaya Lobuntu, and their lives will be completely changed - your kind contribution made on St George's day is part of that.

If anyone would like any more information on this project, please give me a call on 01454 619856

Thank you  
Vicki Hinks

## Thank You

*Sharon Lapworth*

Once again a very successful St. George's Day Cream Tea with £180 going to the charity mentioned above. Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who baked for the occasion.

# Scout Expedition 2010



On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April six Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston went on an Expedition in the Wye Valley in Wales. This was me (Heather Saunders), Greg Spratt, William Garrett, Henry Biggin, Ed Biggin and Dean Gardiner. Firstly, before we went, we had to plan the route that we were going to take and decide what food to take (it had to be light) so in the end we went with Wayfarer meals, two for each of us, one for breakfast and one for dinner, we had to provide our own lunch. We also had to pack our bags which had to carry our meals, clothes, sleeping bags, extras like First Aid kit and we shared carrying the tents. The lightest bag was 10kg.

When the day finally came we all met at the Scout Hut and the Leaders drove us to Kerne Bridge in the Wye Valley but when we arrived we saw that Endeavour Explorer Scouts were there as well! We didn't plan that. So after they had left we started our long journey of walking and when we had walked for a bit a dog started following us and it really wouldn't leave us alone! We walked through two large fields until some people came along and said they knew the owners of the dog and they took it. After a while we came to a bridge that we had been told to look out for where we came across our Leaders (they were keeping an eye on us).

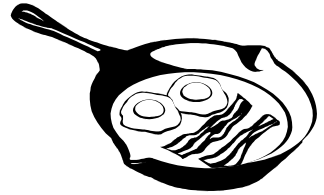
Off again, when we finally got about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way we reached Symonds Yat where we had to climb some steep steps! That was worth it because of the view at the top. There was a place that was set up where you could see the Peregrine Falcons through binoculars. The people who worked there said they were the fastest creatures on Earth (240 mph) and it can see its prey up to 2 miles away. After looking at the falcons, which were hard to spot, the leaders arrived again and bought us all an ice cream, we compared blisters, shared out the Compeed and relaxed before we set off... destination Biblins camp site. When we got there we set up our tents and had our dinner which was a Wayfarer meal – it was really good! But we were one short, luckily the Leaders acquired a Pot Noodle -problem overcome! Then the boys played rounders and some also went in the river! It was freezing, they came out frozen cold. When it eventually got dark we all sat around a camp fire and toasted marshmallows and told riddles and jokes. It was really funny because it took us ages to figure out the riddles.



We went to sleep but woke up at 5.30am freezing cold, then went back to sleep and woke up properly at 7.30 and realised the tent had ice on it! For breakfast we had another Wayfarer meal while the Leaders had a full cooked English breakfast – the smell was hard to resist! But we had no washing up to do so we were happy. Then we packed up our things and had to wait for the tents to dry to

pack them up. Once everything was packed we played Danish longball and rounders, then we headed out to Monmouth. When we got there we had a rest by a river, watched the Canoes and Kayaks playing on the water, then set off to Lower Redbrook, our final destination. We came across a big tree that had fallen over the path and we had to clamber over it without our bags and then pass our bags over and help each other. Just as we got over we noticed a dead sheep in the river, it was disgusting so we kept on walking and didn't look back! In the end we finished and we had hiked 22km and one very big hill! It felt really rewarding and it was a big achievement for all of us and although there were blisters along the way we enjoyed it!

Heather Saunders PL Panther Patrol



## Thank-you Meeting Point.....

On behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts, I would like to thank the Meeting Point for giving us £200 at the beginning of April. We spent the money on lightweight expedition tents which my scouts used on this hike. They were very grateful, not only for their lack of weight but for keeping them warm when the temperature plummeted into the minus when they woke up! And yes, we could write our name in the ice that morning brrrrrrrh! But Heather forgot to tell you, we did offer our left over sausages and bacon to them..... see, us scout leaders are all heart sometimes! But well done to all of them, they did themselves proud. 😊

*Lynda Spratt 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston SL 01454 632484*

## Midsummer Concert

*Peggy Oakhill*

St. Peter's Festival choir will be giving a concert at St. John's Church, Elberton on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Our choir Master is Jonathan Edwardes and the theme is (loosely) Film and Television music. There is no charge but donations will be appreciated. Refreshments will be served on the lawns at the end. It is a really enjoyable evening and we warmly welcome visitors from all the villages. We will also perform the same concert at Pilning Church on the 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

# Aust Church Fete

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2p.m.

In the centre of the village

Bric-a-Brac                      Books                      Soft Toy Game  
Plants                              Teas                              Ice Creams

Cake Stall and Bar - B - Q

Tractor Rides for Children

Children's Games

Skittles

Fun Dog Show and Agility Course

(very much fun, not national competition standards!!)

**and new for this year**

The Best Chicken in the Village Competition

to be judged by a well known chicken lover!!

**And from 6.30**

**Rounders Matches**

can you make a team of 6 people ?

Please phone Jo Jenkins on 632838 to register your team

Skittle for a salmon, Bar and Bar-B-Q

with the ever popular Hot Roast Pork Rounder

## Panama Jazz Band

On the third Wednesday of each month, from 8.30 till 11.00, the Panama Trad Jazz Band plays at the White Hart Olveston (and has been doing so for 10 years). The music ranges from up-tempo numbers such as "When the saints go marching in" to slow melodic tunes like Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo". You can be sure of an entertaining evening either just listening to the music (and sometimes joining in with the singing ) or having a meal at this attractive pub. The band will also be pleased to play your requests. Why not come and listen one third Wednesday evening - it's absolutely free.



# Childrens' Hospice South West

As part of the W.I.'s on-going fund raising for the Childrens' Hospice South West, Julie and Nigel Dawes hosted a coffee morning at Cromwell House on 10th June which was very well supported. They would like to thank everyone for their generous support and help and are very pleased to report that a marvellous sum of £560 was taken at the event.

## Old Down Neighbourhood Watch Spring BBQ

*Roger Hindle*

On behalf of Old Down Neighbourhood Watch, can I say a big Thank you to all those who braved the wind and the rain on Sunday 16th May at our annual BBQ event at Windmill House. With typical 'British' spirit we were able to have a successful BBQ. Well, all the sausages were cooked and eaten before the rain put out the charcoal embers. Along with the prize draw and a bottle stall we actually managed to make enough funds to send a cheque for £100 to the British Heart Foundation. It must have seemed quite amusing to the residents of Windmill House watching us eat our steaks, burgers, salads and scrumptious desserts to the sound of raindrops on brollies. Nevertheless there was plenty of laughter and good fun. So Thank you all again for helping to make it a worthwhile event. See you next year.

## Opportunities for Young People

The Parish Players are pleased to announce that their 2011 Production is to be  
Rodgers and Hammerstein's favourite musical  
'Carousel'  
April 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
At the Olveston Parish Hall

Music rehearsals commence on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 at the Hall. New members of all ages will be very welcome for this exciting show.

Further details from:  
Director – 01454 413887  
Chairman – 01454 413009

# Elberton Church Fete

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm at Village Farm, Elberton.

We welcome you to join us for cream teas, cakes, tombola, bric a brac, plants, skittles and draw.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Elberton Church.

## Music in the Church at Aust

Pantagruel

Laydie Louthians Lilte

**Sat 17th July 8pm**

Consider music from the lowlands of 17th century Scotland performed by a group featuring a virtuosic German recorder player, a magnificent English lutenist and the clear, vibrato free singing of a Danish vocalist, and you know the July concert at Aust Church will be something special. This will be a programme of distinctly Scottish music, but many of the tunes will be familiar as they were reproduced in John Playford's famous English Dancing Master of 1651.

Pantagruel have been described as "...a spectacle of the most sophisticated kind", and they will be at Aust church on Saturday 17th July at 8pm. Tickets are £10 full and £9 concessions, available from Peter or Gina Dobbins on 01454 632306 or directly from the Boar's Head, Aust, or Olveston Stores.

## Grand B-B-Q and Barn Dance

True to form **ACT** (Arts and Community in Thornbury) has continued its monthly events throughout this year and we aim to celebrate Summer with a grand Barn Dance and B-B-Q on **9<sup>th</sup> July** at Leyhill Officers' Social Club, Falfield, from 7.30 to 10.30 pm.

Refreshments include a barbecue supper, with meat sourced from a local butcher, plus lavish salads and a Bar. Those of you who have sampled our catering at past events will not be disappointed! Tickets will be on sale from Monday 14 June from the Garden Shop in Thornbury £13 (£12 for FACTs).

This is sure to be a popular event, so book early to avoid disappointment. To discover more about **ACT** and its plans to build a community facility with a theatre at its heart, visit our website: [www.ACTthornbury.org.uk](http://www.ACTthornbury.org.uk) and find out how to become a Friend of **ACT** ~ a **FACT!**

# Student Volunteers

Are you a student or someone looking for something worthwhile to do throughout the summer holidays? Call in to Thornbury Volunteer Centre at Thornbury Town Hall weekday mornings between 10.30am-12 noon and we will give you a list of voluntary opportunities, which are available locally and further afield which may be of interest to you. Everything from helping at a summer play scheme to volunteering at a Green Festival for a weekend. If you are over 16 years of age we may have something for you to do.

If you are unable to call in, please give us a ring on 01454 413392 or email [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk)

Let us help you to help someone else!



# Fun at the EcoFair

Sustainable Thornbury would like to thank all the people who turned out on a glorious Saturday in May to make our first EcoFair such a resounding success. More than 750 people came and many stayed all day, looking at the displays of crafts, enjoying the entertainment provided by our talented local community and feeling inspired by the possibilities of a positive approach to the future. The children enjoyed the many activities including the endless possibilities of a pile of old cardboard boxes. Many people contributed their skills and talents to making this a memorable community event and everyone contributed to the positive, friendly atmosphere – and the sun shone all day! We will be following up the event with some workshops later in the year – one making hot boxes (slow cookers which use no power at all) and another helping to revive and remodel your clothes – stop shopping, start sewing! If you would like to join either or both workshops, please email [info@sustainablethornbury.org](mailto:info@sustainablethornbury.org) or ring 01454 416778 to register your interest.

# Women's Institute

Owing to unforeseen circumstances Mr. Phil Savage is unable to be at our July meeting. Instead we look forward to hearing from Mr. Derek Moras about the U.K. Transplant Service. Phil's talk 'Hike for Hope' will be in next year's programme.

After our August break the programme is :-

14<sup>th</sup> September – Traditional wood-working

12<sup>th</sup> October – Hidden Slimbridge

19<sup>th</sup> November – Tesco Wines

Visitors will be welcome to any of the above. December will be our usual Christmas party.

# Police Report

In the month of May there were 48 calls to the police ranging from road accidents to false alarms. We have had 16 reported crimes and although this is above the monthly level some of these are 3 crimes from one incident. One such incident was three vehicles broken into at the Travelodge, Aust where sat navs and other items were taken. Please can we remind everyone not to leave such items in vehicles.

Patrols have increased in the village of Littleton due to an incident of criminal damage where offenders have broken the church windows. We were also informed about the occupants of vehicles taking drugs in the car park. Two people have been dealt with for possession of cannabis.

Across the district there have been a number of thefts from outbuildings and garages, not just in rural areas. Items being stolen are push bikes, portable garden tools. Please ensure that your property is adequately secured and marked. If an item is particularly valuable, it is worth securing it within a locked shed.

If you see anything that you believe is suspicious, vehicle or person(s) please get as much detail as possible and then phone the police on 0845 456 7000 or contact your local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator as soon as possible.

The next SSCG meeting is being held on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Oldbury Memorial Hall at 19.30pm  
PC 3404 Roger Hopes  
PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery

## 1st Olveston Scout Group supporting Vision Aid

If you have any spectacles you no longer need, 1st Olveston Scout Group would be very grateful to receive them. We are collecting spectacles for Vision Aid, a charity which works to ensure that people in developing countries have access to eye care and spectacles.

You can pass on your spectacles via the Scout Hut or you can pass them on to Andrea Davies at the next **Totally Locally** on the **3rd July** where she will be selling sweet and savoury pastries and cordials to raise funds for 1st Olveston Scout Group and Vision Aid.



Yet again we were lucky with the weather to allow us to have another lovely morning chatting, shopping, exchanging, tasting and eating on Tockington Green. It was great to have the community surge of support, which just highlights the preferred shopping for local products instead of processed and mass produced foods.

This also supports the local gardeners, allotments and shops while at the same time helping to protect the wider environment.

The next market day is on:-

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 – 12.00 and then 31<sup>st</sup> July – 9.30 – 12.00...**

It was great to introduce the new Rapeseed Oil which I hope those of you who bought it will agree has a unique delicious flavour. This is now available to buy in Olveston Stores and, if you missed it, we will be having another tasting session at the next market day.

Ian from The Crusty Loaf in Olveston sold out of his bread, which is made on his premises, together with the rolls for bacon butties which made a lovely morning snack using bacon from Powell's in Olveston. Next month we will be adding some samples of tasty sausages from Powell's.

A new introduction was the stall from Romy's Kitchen selling wonderful authentic Indian Sauces, pickles and chutney. Based in Thornbury, Romy is looking forward to coming next time too...[www.romyskitchen.co.uk](http://www.romyskitchen.co.uk)

Not to forget the other stalls selling handmade cakes, marmalades, chutneys, local eggs, old fashioned sweets, Saturday morning picked vegetables and fruit of the Season and of course the swap stall that is only one of the local plant stalls.

***This month we were able to make a contribution to the Methodist Chapel, and we are just getting permission to create our first communal herb garden. Thank you for all the jars and fabrics, we have enough to last us for a while!***

Please **REMEMBER** to participate on our web site...

[www.totally-locally.org](http://www.totally-locally.org)

Jane Sunnucks, Old Down 01454 419931

# **BCO Chamber Orchestra** - more Mozart at St Mary's

Following their first concert at St Mary's Olveston last July, the BCO Chamber Orchestra return on Saturday 17th July at 7:30pm, with another concert featuring Mozart: his effervescent overture to 'The Marriage of Figaro' and Symphony No.38 'Prague'. Virtuoso clarinetist Nick Shipman, whose playing in the clarinet concerto made such an impression last year, also returns to play Rossini this year, in the variations for clarinet and orchestra.

The choir of St Mary's will also join the orchestra to perform some delightful choral pieces, including the 'Hallelujah' chorus.

Tickets cost £7.50 (in aid of church funds) and are available from 616593 or 617491

## **Christian Aid**

### **House to House Collection**

This year you all raised the magnificent sum of £1989.28, many thanks. Together with the donation from the Methodist Church we banked £2041.53, before a substantial amount to be added from Gift Aid. As always, my grateful thanks to the army of collectors, some of whom have done it for over thirty years, you know who you are! Also thanks to all who dropped their offering in to the collectors, especially Haw Lane!

## **Helen Knight**

Helen passed away peacefully at home on 1st May 2010. Mary and her family would like to thank everyone for the support over the last few weeks.

Helen's life was celebrated at Memorial Woodlands on 14th May and we were overwhelmed with the number of people who came to join us in paying tribute to Helen. It just reiterated what a lovely person she was. Thank you everyone who was able to join us.

Donations have been split between St Peter's Hospice and G Ward Out patients at Southmead Hospital.

Once again many thanks for the ongoing support that is being shown to us all as a family. Mary

# Our Parish Matters

Olveston Parish Council

A dry spring and a sunny, early summer enticed many people to get out and about into the countryside, some cycling and some on foot, to enjoy our lovely country views.

All the more disappointing then that no-one could be found this year to coordinate Olveston's entry into the village of the year competition. This means that Olveston village, so much at the centre of the countryside we all enjoy, will not be entered in the competition, although luckily Old Down and Tockington will be.

Many will relish, however, the long awaited good news that South Glos has agreed to start building the Old Down to Alveston footpath later this year, ensuring the safety of walkers on that route. Interestingly, there is evidence that there is an increase in parents walking their children to pre-school, which is in sharp contrast to the masses who still insist on clogging our streets with traffic in carrying those same children, only a year or two older, to Olveston Primary with some of them even breaking the law to do it.

More good news emerged recently that, after continued lobbying from ourselves and others, South Glos looks set to introduce regular kerbside collections of waste plastics. In fact it looks likely that a food waste collection may also be in the offing later this year.

The observant among us too may have noticed evidence of fly tipping of waste (usually builders' rubbish) in our area. If you know of any, please report it to the relevant authorities, especially if you know who did it.

The usual problems persist outdoors, where irresponsible dog owners have shown a flagrant disregard for the needs of others and have been seen allowing their animals to use the parks, footpaths and other open spaces as open toilets, leaving the mess there for children or others to walk in. Please report these anti-social people but name and addresses are what we need to prosecute. Indeed dog walkers should only take their dogs into many places when they are on a lead, as people, especially children, whether rightly or wrongly, can be easily frightened by loose animals.

Finally our Pre-school at the Parish Hall is set to begin fantastic improvements this autumn, though this may involve some inconvenience over several months. There will be temporary alterations to accessing the area, including to the footpath, although final alterations will straighten, widen and upgrade the surface of that footpath to improve it permanently. The work done on all of this does great credit to all involved but especially to Parish Councillor Val Hudspeth, Parish Hall Chairman Geoff Chappell and the Pre-school's Natasha Harrod.

If you have any queries or information to share please contact any councillor or the Parish Clerk Valerie Tutin on 01454 613730. If you wish to contact South Glos regarding fly tipping or dog related issues please contact South Glos at Streetcare on 01454 868000.

Andy Clarke

# Old Down Cricket Club

## 150 Club Winners June

£50 Bill Finch  
£15 Dave Buckley  
£5 Lesley Clarke  
World Cup Bonus Prize Tony Williams

## Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners

8th May Paul Middleton  
15th May Barry Reeves  
5th June Barbara Binns

## July Fixtures at The Park

Saturday	3rd July	1st XI	v Gordano Valley	2.00
Tuesday	6th July	U15 'Blue'	v Chipping Sodbury 'Gold'	6.00
Thursday	8th July	U15 'Yellow'	v Hambrook	6.00
Saturday	10th July	2nd XI	v Winterbourne 'A'	2.00
Sunday	11th July	Over 30s	v Under 30s	2.30
Saturday	17th July	1st XI	v Stothert & Pitt	2.00
Sunday	18th July	Sunday XI	v Chairman's XI	2.30
Saturday	24th July	2nd XI	v Hambrook 'A'	2.00
Sunday	25th July	Sunday XI	v Cardkey	2.30
Saturday	31st July	2nd XI	v University Staff	2.00

Please come along & support Old Down Cricket in The Park!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Hog Roast and Barn Dance

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton from 6.30pm, in aid of St.Mary's Almondsbury Fabric Fund.

As well as a Hog Roast, there will be music by Rumpus Band, Inflatables for children (free) and for grown-ups (small charge). Great family night out – all indoors, so the weather can't spoil it!

£30 per car, 3 people and over and £20 per car with 2 people.

For more information call Nicky Tregenza on 01454 202636.



# Tockington Manor

## Summer Quiz Night

Wednesday 14th July 2010

Tockington Manor School is proud to present its inaugural Summer Quiz Night.

With a percentage of all of the proceeds going to the charity Ataxia UK, the event will be a fun evening of beer, bread and brainteasers.

Book now as places are strictly limited. Weather permitting, the event will be held in the beautiful School grounds. The School grounds will open to Guests from 6.30pm and the Quiz will run from 7.45pm until 10pm with a break for dinner and the Charity Auction at approximately 8.30pm.

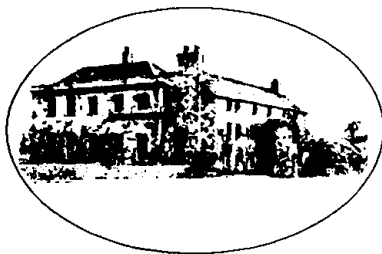
Tickets cost £10 per person in a team of 5+

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Discount vouchers for use of the schools facilities for all entrants.

Bring your own picnic and drink.

Email: [pnjh77@gmail.com](mailto:pnjh77@gmail.com) to book your place for this exclusive event



## Thornbury Camera Club

A **Beginners' Course** for people wanting to improve their photographic skills is scheduled to take place this autumn, beginning on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm**. The following sessions will be on 14th, 21st and 28th October, then 11th and 18th November. It will be held at the Old Bakery Annexe, Chapel Street, Thornbury. The cost will be £44 (£72 for joint enrolment) which includes one year's membership of the camera club. The course will start with an introduction to digital cameras and an understanding of the menu system. It then moves on to picture-taking techniques and ends with basic manipulation and presentation. To register your interest in this popular course, please e-mail Andy Gillingham on [secretary@thornburycamera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@thornburycamera.co.uk) or telephone him on 01454 415015.

## St Peter's Hospice - Garden Party

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Heneage Court, Falfield to a Garden Party to be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Mrs Durston).

Entrance is £3.00 to include tea and cake.

Bring a picnic chair and listen to the music of "The Standing Stones" and enjoy the beautiful gardens.

Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.

# Thornbury Library

## Summer Reading Challenge 2010

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual reading challenge, Space Hop, takes place this summer in all South Gloucestershire Libraries. Were you one of the 4200 young people who took part last year? If not, make sure you don't miss out this time.

Space Hop starts on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>, so hop along to your library to sign up to help the young crew of the Ex-Libris set up the first library on the moon. There are hazards to overcome on the way, stickers and mini prizes to collect.

Read 6 books to complete the mission and get your medal.

If that's not enough Thornbury Library is holding FREE activities during August but you'll need to collect a ticket in advance to secure your place.

Free tickets will be available from 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August pm ( Please ask for exact times in the Summer) – Space Sculptures -Drop in session with artist Lucy ( No ticket required)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August - 10.30 – 12 Space Chase (Free Tickets)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August - 10.30 – 12 Lunar Landing (Free Tickets)

Also in August come along to a Creative Writing workshop run by Explore Learning. More details available soon.

## Thornbury Carnival

Look out for us at the Carnival on Saturday 3rd July!!

**Fascinating Rhythm**, the all female close harmony singing group will be performing at Thornbury Library on Saturday 7th August 11 – 11.30. No ticket required just come along and be entertained!

*For more information on any of the above items please give the library a ring on 01454 868 006 (24 hour renewal line 08450 020 777) or visit our web-site on [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries). We also offer a telephone enquiry service on 01454 866 900 or you can email your enquiry to [askthelibrary@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:askthelibrary@southglos.gov.uk)*

We also offer free internet access and word processing in the library. Please note we can send your reservation and overdue notifications by text, email or voice message and we will also send pre-overdues if we have an email contact.

# **Olveston School Summer Fayre**

**Saturday July 10th 2pm to 4pm**

Don't forget to join us on the second Saturday in July, at the school summer fayre! There will be plenty for all with our French theme, Games, competitions, Bouncy castle and a scooter park.

Burgers and hot dogs and of course plenty of French Patisserie to go with your afternoon tea.

Entrance 50p for adults, Children are free.

We are hoping that Totally Locally will also be able to join us on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Friends of Olveston School.

## **Thank You**

Hannah Preedy-Lunt wishes to thank everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on 14<sup>th</sup> June, which raised £40 for Childrens' Hospice South West.

## **Did You Know?**

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal.. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'

## **Simple Quiz answers from page 5**

1. Orange
2. New Zealand
3. Crimson
4. Albert
5. Dogs
6. Squirrel fur
7. November
8. Sheep or Horses
9. Ecuador

# Maintaining Standards!

The Parish Hall, a community building and an important facility for all to enjoy, will soon be having a much needed extension thanks to a Pre-School grant from South Gloucestershire Council. This will enhance the improvements and ambience already achieved within our existing refurbishment programme. Weekday bookings will be available next year when work is completed.

We now need to recruit an important person who can spare a few hours a week to join our team to carry out odd jobs and cleaning, keeping the Parish Hall in the condition our users have come to expect and ready for any event. Should you be interested in this paid part-time position, please contact Geoff Chappell on 01454 615806 or email [geoffrchappell@aol.com](mailto:geoffrchappell@aol.com)

## From the registers at St. Mary's

Baptism on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 of Hugo Morgan, son of James and Emma Slade.

Funeral Service for the life of Molly Parker on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 followed by cremation at Canford.

Thanksgiving Service on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 for the life of Helen Knight at Woodlands Cemetery.

Thanksgiving Service on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at St. Mary's for the life of Helen Jennifer Horton.

Marriage on 5<sup>th</sup> June of Cole Skuse and Louisa Clare Price.

## From the registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

At Olveston on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010, a Funeral Service for the life of Joan Mary Preddy. Followed by cremation at Westerleigh Crematorium.

# Yours Faithfully

*Helen Webb*

At this time of year, much of our conversation revolves around, "Are you going on holiday? Where are you going?" Many of us still arrange our holidays around school terms but when and where would you get away to, if you had the choice? As I thought about these questions it made me wonder - where would Jesus go? If we look in the Bible it seems that Jesus' preferred destination was the wilderness. When he wants a break with the apostles, he invites them 'to a deserted place' (eg Mark 6:31) and that almost certainly means a wilderness. I don't know about you, but I don't think of a wilderness as a good place for a holiday! But maybe the wilderness is a good place in the spiritual life. It is somewhere the Christian Church has known in former centuries as a desirable destination, but in our comfort-focussed world we have lost sight of that. I am thinking not simply of the wilderness in a literal, geographic sense, but also the spiritual wilderness, when our lives seem dusty and barren.

Jesus takes His friends, the disciples, to the wilderness in order to rest, because He wants to get them away from the notion that non-stop busyness is what makes someone a good or valuable person. You have to come away from that way of life at times in order to reset your priorities. And our priorities are not just to do, but to be. Jesus calls the disciples away from people to the loneliness of the wilderness, so that they could spend time with Him. How often do we forget that for ourselves? We reduce our faith to a series of lists: a to-do list, a tick list, a shopping list. We forget that we are also called to spend time, just being, with God. Sometimes we need to put our busy schedules, our diaries, blackberries, laptops, mobiles away, because our hectic life is ruining us. We become like car drivers who never fill their tanks with petrol, and then wonder why we stutter to a halt. And sometimes we need the action of removing ourselves from the busy place – actually 'going away' on holiday - to restore us.

When we are in need, God may well bring us to a wilderness for our own well-being, renewal and healing. Is it possible that God wants to take us to a stark place in the wilderness - a place where he strips away the things we hide behind, the things that we think are important in our lives and take us back to basics? From reading different stories in the Bible one thing is certain: when God leads people into a wilderness, his intention is to do great things. In our spiritual lives we may feel that we're in a wilderness, we may wonder how we got there or what we're doing there. It may be due to our own rash choices, or it may directly be in the purposes of God. But God in Jesus has good things for us in the parched places of life.

Maybe your holiday plans are for something a little more luxurious than a wilderness experience. Maybe your longed for break will turn into something that you didn't quite expect! However you spend your holiday I hope there will be some space for 'being' rather than 'doing', the opportunity to think about what matters in your life and a sense that God is refreshing and restoring you.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jul 4	8am	Holy Communion	Rev D Bone & Mr Neil Coleman
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev.D Bone & Mr Neil Coleman
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
Jul 11	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe
Jul 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Jul 25	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)with Choir	Rev David Bone

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

### Contact:

**The Rev Philip Rowe**, 01454 613223; email: [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

Please contact Philip about Baptisms, marriages, funerals or other matters at any time, but please try to avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.

**Verger:** **Mrs. June Robbins**, 01454 617491

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html](http://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

Jul 4	10am	Family Worship	Mr Denis Jones
Jul 11	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Denis Jones
Jul 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jun 27	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

**Assistant Curate:** **Rev David Bone**, 01454 614601

**Church Wardens:** **Jo Jenkins**, 01454 632838 and **Janet Ford**, 01454 633300

## ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jul 4	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Jul 18	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; [www.sthelensalveston.org](http://www.sthelensalveston.org)

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jul 11	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Jul 25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; [www.sthelensalveston.org](http://www.sthelensalveston.org)

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jul 4	10am 6pm	Tock Ch St Andrew's Filton	Morning Worship led by Mr Colston Smith Farewell Service for Rev. Peter Mortlock & Circuit Staff
Jul 11	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Tock. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Breakfast Club will join us later . Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Jul 18	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. Daldry Gdns	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Evening Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Jul 25	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Evening Worship led by Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi

**LIGHT LUNCHESES:** . No lunches during July and August

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**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](mailto: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 and incorporating Communion, normally on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. As we also visit other churches and events please check our Notice Board or contact .

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

[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDDOWN

Jul 4	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jul 11	6.30pm	Munir Din
Jul 18	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Jul 25	6.30pm	Mike Levy

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](mailto: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](http://www.bcfnet.com)

**RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury - each Sunday  
8.30am Mass      11.00 Family Mass      6.30pm Mass

**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: Elizabeth Sidwell**, 412975

National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)



# Diary Dates for July 2010

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Totally Locally Tock Green Thornbury Carnival	10.30-12.00 9.30-12.00	MH
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	The 67 <sup>th</sup> Almondsbury Gymkhana	10am	Tock.
5 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
6 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women Visit to Hestercombe Gardens	9.30-11.30	WR
7 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
8 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club-Flowers to Fashion	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
9 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Ol. School Summer Fayre	1030-12.00 2.00-4.00	MH Ol.Sc
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Garden Party at Heneage Court	2.30-5.00pm	
12 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Craft Group	7.30-9.30	MH
13 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Aust Parish Council meeting Women's Institute	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR EVH PH
14 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club -Summer Lunch Royal British Legion Men	12.00 7.30	AH DGCL
15 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
16 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Elberton Church Fete at Village Farm Music in the Church at Aust-Pantagrue Bristol Chamber Orchestra	10.30-12.00 2pm 8pm 7.30pm	MH  AC St M
18 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
19 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
20 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR

	Royal British Legion Women Bingo	7.30pm	DGCL
21 <sup>st</sup> Wed			
22 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club Practice	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS† MH TMH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Fri			
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Church Fete	10.30-12.00 2.00-late	MH
25 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Car Boot Sale Marlwood School	9.30-1pm	
26 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice-	1.30	AH
27 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting Fibromyalgia Support Gr. Summer Supper	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.00-9.00	WR AP AMH
28 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
29 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.0 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
30 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
31 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH

## Looking ahead to August

30 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Teas on Tock. Green	3-5.30pm	
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**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; **CCCP** – 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; **OS†** – 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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