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**We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give.**
Winston Churchill

From the Editor

Spring is on its way with the first snowdrops appearing amongst the hedgerows. If you are having a Spring clean and come across unwanted gifts they would be appreciated by the Friends of Daldry Gardens and also Stepping Stones who are raising money for Sargent CLIC.

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

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Community Website: www.olvostonandaust.com.**

Village Person - Dave Stone

Pat Thirkettle

Dave was born in Horfield, the youngest of four sports-mad brothers - not unusual, but few go on to become professional footballers. He played for Bristol Boys under-15s when they won the English Schools Shield - a national competition, for the uninitiated. They played Swansea Boys using Bristol City's ground in front of 22,000 people and Swansea's Vetch Field, winning over the two games 8-4. When he was 15, Dave had a trial for English schoolboys at Chelsea's ground, Stamford Bridge. He lost out at the very end to – Terry Venables.

The sports master at his school ran the junior Bristol Rovers team and recommended Dave who became a full-time professional with the club when he was seventeen. His family were ardent supporters and he found himself playing with his heroes, staying there eight years. In those days, all professional footballers earned £20 a week with bonuses of £4 for a win and £2 for a draw. The highlight was playing West Ham in the League Cup drawing 3-3 at Eastville and losing 2-3 in the replay at Upton Park, to a side that included Bobby Moore, Geoff Hirst and Martin Peters who had all played in the victorious World Cup team of 1966. He married Margaret in 1965 and their first son was born in 1966. Dave transferred to Southend Football Club in 1967 for six months then moved to Hastings Football Club as player/manager for a short time, living at Bexhill-on-Sea. Football is a precarious profession and by now they had two sons, so Dave and Margaret decided to move back to Bristol, where they had kept their house, and Dave to get a 'proper job'.

This he did in the accounts department of Strachan and Henshaw for the princely sum of £16.10s a week. On getting the job, the manager (a Bristol City supporter) told him not to talk football all the time, but in fact the manager talked to him about it more than anyone else! Dave also worked part-time as player/manager for Glastonbury, followed by Welton Rovers and Weston-super-Mare, then Clevedon and finally Portway Bristol all in the Western League. Dave worked there thirty three years before being made redundant. He soon got a job in the accounts department at St Monica Trust four days a week and has been there for nine years.

He and Margaret always liked coming out of Bristol this way for walks and the pubs and in the late 70s they moved to Woodbine Cottage in Church Hill. As their sons became teenagers, instead of providing a taxi service, they moved into Westbury, but later, when the boys were grown up, they moved back to Silverhill Cottage on the A38 in 1998.

When Dave was fifteen he got an audition for the choir of St Mary's Redcliffe and sang there two years, becoming head chorister. However he had to give this up

as Bristol Rovers Youth Team trained on a Sunday. In 2005 they were talking to John Jones in the White Hart when he asked them to help behind the scenes for the Parish Players production of South Pacific and they have been involved ever since. June Robbins asked them to perform at a Harvest Supper and then David Shaw asked them to join St Mary's choir in 2006.

Since then Dave and Margaret have done three 'The Stones in Concert' for the re-ordering of St Mary's. This year Dave became Church Warden. As well as choir practice on Friday evenings and singing on Sundays, they are also committed to singing and dancing two nights a week and occasional Sunday afternoons, for this year's production of 'Carousel'.

Litter Pickers session 2.

Litter Pickers, please meet again on Saturday 5th March at 1.00pm at the Parish Hall car park for a couple of hours.

New members are always welcome – you'll see results (but sadly not for long). Equipment and orange vests provided. Rod Williams: tel 612850.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

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

The Hat Industry of Bristol and South Gloucestershire, 1530-1900



For over three centuries, felt hat-making went on in local villages and hamlets such as Frampton Cotterell, Rangeworthy and Watley's End, near Winterbourne.

It started in a small way in hatters' cottages but, in the 18th and 19th centuries, hundreds of men were employed. Manufactories were built for hat-making, factories without power or machines. Some of those buildings can be seen today.

Chris Heal, a PhD student at the University of Bristol, has carried out an enormous amount of research, using censuses, company records, port documents and Merchant Venturer archives, and will give us a **highly entertaining illustrated talk** about the working conditions of the hatters and how the hats were made, the materials and toxic substances used, as well as the trade relationships between our local villages and Bristol, London and the wider world.

All welcome. Non-members £2, payable at the door.

Parish Players: Carousel

The Parish Players are looking forward to their Annual Production. Following on from their success with 'The Gondoliers', they are presenting Rodgers and Hammerstein's favourite musical, 'Carousel', from April 12-16th at the Olveston Parish Hall @ 7.30pm.

Premiered in New York in 1945 to great popular acclaim, it transferred to London's Drury Lane in 1950 and has enjoyed many professional and amateur revivals, being made into an unique evergreen film starring Shirley Jones and Gordon Macrae in the Fifties.

The score and lyrics show just how great a musical can be, bursting with abundant life and full of memorable melodies and acute lyrics such as 'If I loved you', 'June is bustin out all over', the Anthem 'You'll never walk alone' adopted by the Liverpool football team, 'When I marry Mr Snow' and the not-to-be-forgotten, vibrant carousel waltz.

The backstage team, led by Rod Williams and Keith Richards, are working hard to bring Andy Black's technically challenging, artistic designs to life. The carousel itself, a daunting prospect on a small stage, is being created by rotating coloured lights in the capable hands of Richard Churchill, the Company's imaginative lighting technician.

A talented cast, with an encouraging influx of young people, is well into rehearsal. Mike Jones and Lynn Shelley play the star-crossed lovers Billy Bigelow and Julie Jordan, with Maedene Webb in her first leading role as their daughter Louise, whilst Almondsbury-based Heather and Mark Collins are cast in the comedienne's role of Carrie Pipperidge and Jigger Craigin, the bad lot of the piece. Phil Savage as Enoch Snow, in spite of the old adage 'never work with children or animals', is enjoying rehearsing with 'his' nine offspring, aged between 4-10 years, who have joined the Company for the Show, with Jacob Warn, the gifted recorder player, cast as his 15 year old son Enoch Junior. Cath Chappel, who made her debut in 'The Gondoliers', is cast as the maternal Nettie Fowler and Lesley Clarke as the unscrupulous owner of the carousel, Mrs Mullin.

The musical is unusual in that, amongst all the humour and vitality, it has a spiritual theme, with John Jones playing the heavenly friend, Brother Joshua, and Andy Black, the magical Starkeeper. The many cameo roles are played by local actors including David and Margaret Stone, Brian Brown, Richard Newley, Felicity Hemmett and Tad Olewicz, whose wife Gill has the formidable task of organising all the costumes.

Gill Harris is in charge of the varied choreography. As with all good storylines, there are exhilarating chorus numbers amongst moments of pathos, such as the

poignant ballet revolving round Louise, the children and a newcomer, Simon Harris, as the leading male dancer.

Chloe Allsop-Jones is the invaluable Musical Director. Direction under Linda Evans.

Box Office Methodist Hall, Olveston

Tuesday March 8th + 9th 6-7pm

Telephone bookings thereafter to John and Judy Jones on 01454 613482

Olveston And Tockington Methodist Church

Sunday 20th March at 6pm in Olveston Methodist Church

Why keep a 400th anniversary?

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of one of the best loved and most influential books in the English-speaking world – the King James Bible, more usually referred to now as the Authorised Version. On Sunday 20th March, there will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving for this version of the Bible and its legacy, bringing the story up to date. The service will be led by the Rev. Sandy Williams and will include readings, music and visual material.

Afterwards, coffee and light refreshments will be served in the Methodist Hall, and there will be an opportunity to view some rare and very early copies of the Bible, on show by kind permission of the Principal of Wesley College, Bristol. The College Librarian will be present. There will also be a few copies of early Bibles which are in the care of local churches, together with other material.

This occasion is being supported by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Severnside.

"Friends of Daldry Gardens"

John Ellis

I am the secretary of "Friends of Daldry Gardens". We are members and neighbours who live at Daldry Gardens off Vicarage Lane. We hold regular events for our members, including outings and coffee mornings.

On the first Tuesday of every month, we hold "open" coffee mornings when all are welcome to come along for a chat and refreshment. We make a small charge of 30p for tea or coffee and biscuits but the chat is free! We hold a raffle to help boost our funds and are grateful for any small prize brought along for the raffle.



At last, it's the Great Olveston Wine Challenge

It's time again for one of the must-do events of the local social calendar. The OPTA wine challenge is on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm in the village hall. We challenge you to test your knowledge of wines - and your ability to drink them! You will be served a selection of anonymous, and often surprising wines, and all you have to do is match the wines to the descriptions on your answer sheet.

The evening is sure to descend into confused merriment - it always does. Tickets cost £12 each, to include all the wines and some tasty nibbles. To make sure of your place, please call Noel or Nikki on 01454 614099.

Paul Hayton, OPTA Chair, Telephone 0789 975 4640

Off To The Palace!

Congratulations to Matthew Rogers and James Sawyer who have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and the Queen's Scout Award, which is the ultimate training award for youth members of scouting. Both awards require high standards of personal development, community service, leadership challenges and outdoor challenges including expedition hiking and camping on wild terrain for 5 days - with only streams for the water supply!

Many thanks must go to Kathy and Russell Cook from Endeavour Explorers for their guidance and support throughout.

Cancer Research UK

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK are holding a **Line Dancing** Evening on Tuesday **8th March 2011** at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury.

Please just come along, join in, have some good fun, great exercise as well and support us in what we hope will be a most enjoyable evening.

Light refreshments will be available. **Tickets** are £5 per person and are available from Betty Cain on 01453 843802 or any CRUK Committee Members who may be your local or regular contact.

'Carousel'

Tuesday 12th April until Saturday 16th April

This year's Parish Players' Production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's wonderful show will be presented in the Olveston Village Hall at 7.30pm on the above dates. Tickets are priced at £9 for adults and £5 for children and will be on sale at the Olveston Methodist Hall between 6pm and 7pm on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday 8th and 9th March.

Thereafter, telephone bookings can be made via the Box-Office on John and Judy Jones' number 01454 613482.

More Madness!

A quick update for those of you who are looking forward to the special **NIGHT OF CLASSICS**, featuring the music of *Madness*, plus some of the hits of *The Specials* and *The Beat*. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date has been changed, but the good news is that you don't have as long to wait, as it's on Friday 4 March!



Doors open at 7.30 pm, with the Band taking to the stage of the Armstrong Hall for their first set at 8.00 pm. Some of the cast members of the Northavon Youth Theatre Company production of **OUR HOUSE**, plus a couple of friends, have formed a group called **IT'S MADNESS** for this special event, which is a fundraiser for the production, which is also at the Armstrong Hall, from 19 to 23 April, with an energetic cast of 60 young people!

This is an opportunity to illustrate the musical and vocal skills of some of these talented youngsters and to be transported back to the era of *Baggy Trousers*, *It Must Be Love* and so many more great numbers. Tickets for the evening's entertainment are just £4.50 and can be purchased from Thornbury Town Hall, by ringing 07748 054184, or from students 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 discover it for the first time, so dig out that trilby and join us in our *House of Fun!*

Our Parish Matters

Andy Clarke - Olveston Parish Council.

Few of us can possibly have failed to notice the financial difficulties that the country is in at the moment. All of us are likely to be affected in some way or another and local services are feeling the pinch too.

Thornbury Hospital is currently facing drastic changes or even closure, which leaves many of us wondering what would be left in its place. How can the Hospital buildings and grounds best be used to serve the community? What will happen to replace the services previously catered for in the Hospital? Perhaps it is time for all those who feel strongly to follow this up if we are not to lose out. The Parish Council is concerned and will be taking appropriate action to express their views on the Parish's behalf.

Closure faces Thornbury Police Station front office where, in future, the public may soon be unable to call in personally with their concerns. It may, however, be possible for someone to be made available to receive the public instead at South Gloucestershire's offices in Thornbury.

On a more positive note, Patchway Fire Station is promoting a scheme of fire prevention. This entails free fire-safety inspections at any householder's dwelling-place, followed by the fitting of up to two free smoke alarms. Anyone interested should ring 0117 926 2061 Ext.8040.

Another service being offered by South Glos. is the Handy Van Scheme. This is to provide DIY help for home owners and private tenants who are either over 60 or of working age with disabilities. This covers a wide range of minor jobs as well as free safety and security checks. For further information please ring Andy Harris on 01454 863857 or e-mail andrew.harris@southglos.gov.uk .

While the Parish is willing to rescue the red phone boxes (once disconnected) in Tockington and Old Down, for posterity and their visual effect, we are interested in receiving any helpful suggestions as to their possible future use. Otherwise, these boxes will be sealed and retained purely as a visual amenity.

Sorry as we are to part with long-serving Parish Clerk Valerie Tutin, we are pleased to reveal that Richard Rogers of No. 8 Orchard Rise, Olveston will now be replacing her. He can be contacted on 01454 618987. Otherwise, please phone any councillor.

WEA

The WEA, the UK's largest voluntary provider of adult education, has a Thornbury branch run by local volunteers. We aim to offer support to all learners so that individuals with very different backgrounds, levels of general education and learning skills can learn together successfully because of shared interests.

Health In The Home

A practical introductory course covering health and safety aspects in the home, including food preparation, correct diet and preventative steps to avoid illness.

The Chantry, 52 Castle Street, 5 Mondays, 2pm - 4pm **from 7th March**.

Art & Belief in Ancient Egypt

Discover how and why tomb paintings and statues were created and the techniques needed to “read” their meaning.

DAYSCHOOL The Chantry, 52 Castle Street, **Saturday 26th March** 10am - 4.30pm.

For further information, pick up a WEA brochure in Thornbury library, or Powell's Butchers of Olveston, or ring Simon on 01454 610071. Also www.wea.org.uk

Concessions may be available to learners on low incomes – please ask for further information.

ST PETER'S HOSPICE SEVERNSIDE SUPPORT GROUP



would be delighted to welcome you to afternoon tea on Wednesday 23rd March at St Mary's Hall in Thornbury at 3.00pm. The guest speaker will be Reverend Canon Roger Royle. Tickets are priced at £10.00 (to include a full homemade high tea) and are available from Thornbury Town Hall.

Please support St Peter's – your local Hospice.

Movies at St Mary's

Trevor Anderson

Movies at St Mary's Church, Olveston are becoming increasingly popular and two programmes are offered. Have you been yet?



MONDAY MOVIES

MONDAY MOVIES are for adults and older children and are on **the first Monday evening of each month**. Doors open at 7.00 for tea, coffee, biscuits and a licensed bar. Shows start at 7.30 and there's an interval for further refreshments.

Our next show is on **Monday 7th March** and is an all-time classic Western from 1952 starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly with a memorable theme-song by Tex Ritter. (*Can't guess the title? See below.*)



MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES are for children of all ages and are on **Monday mornings in the school holidays**. Doors open at 9.30 and shows start 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.

Our next show is on **Monday 11th April** and is probably the most memorable animated feature film ever made by Disney studios. You've probably seen it 15 times by now, so why not make it 16? And bring the children/grandchildren. More details next month.

As we said last month, **COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS** mean we're not allowed to publicise the film titles outside the church. But if you want to know the programmes, look at the posters in the church porch, pick up a leaflet from inside the door, or contact **Trevor Anderson** (613279) or **Roly Bain** (616593). 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!**

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in this month's draw, held on 20th January 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	306	Mrs. P. Oakhill, Olveston
£75	391	Mrs. S. O. Shaw, Tockington
£25	316	Mrs. Y. Williams, Olveston
£25	158	Mr. D. J. Talbot, Olveston
£25	184	Mrs. R. G. Hitchcock, Olveston
£20	437	Mrs. C. E. Black, Thornbury
£10	370	Dr. M. Wright, Tockington
£10	451	Mrs. C. E. Black, Thornbury

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners February:

£50	Mrs J Maunder
£15	Bill Finch
£5	Tony Gardner

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

15th January	Paddy Gardner
22nd January	James Green

Diary Date:


Friday 11th March General Knowledge Quiz at OSSC 19.30.

Looking ahead to the 2011 Season the Club is always on the lookout for New Players of any age or standard. Contact & Pre-season Net details are outlined below.

The **Senior Nets** will be led by ex-Gloucestershire CCC Player & Coach **Andy Stovold**.

The **Junior Nets** will again be led by our CRB checked, ECB qualified **Junior Team Managers**.

Tony Gardner 07889 727729



Totally-Locally

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As the year 2011 swiftly moves on, I can't believe that we are already giving you our new dates for our Community Market.

For those of you who are new, we have a market once a month on Tockington Green selling **Fresh Vegetables, Unusual Breads** freshly made in Olveston, and **Local Honey** from the very important hives dotted around Olveston, Tockington and Old Down. We also have a wonderful selection of **cakes and biscuits, homemade marmalade, jams and local oils**. There will be lots of tempting tasters. Romy will also be selling her wonderful **authentic Indian sauces, pickles and chutney**.

Plus, our wonderful **Cotswold Rapeseed Oil** now comes with flavours! This makes a beautiful gift and will be available to taste, as they offer unique delicious flavours.

The market offers an easy-going couple of hours to catch up with your neighbours over a coffee and bacon butty.

This month, as Mothers Day follows on the Sunday, we will have some lovely fresh flower-arrangements, special gifts and cards.

It is also **seed time!** Chitted potatoes, cauliflowers, leeks, sweetpeas etc etc will all be available again, to either swap or buy.

The first two dates for your diary are:-

Saturday 2nd April 9.30 – 12.00

Saturday 7th May 9.30 – 12.00

*Jane Sunnucks
Old Down
01454 419931*

What is happening to Music in the Church at Aust?



Music in the Church at Aust has now been running since the 1990s, and this year will see some changes. Many of you will know that Peter and Gina Dobbins, the founders and continuing inspiration behind these concerts, have recently moved to Dorset. 2011 is therefore something of a transitional year, but the concerts will continue, although reduced in number this year. At the moment four are planned but it is hoped that some more may be added.

Clive and Susie Roberts have taken over from Peter and Gina, and most other members of the Committee continue. New members will be very welcome.

The first concert of the year is on **Saturday 9th April at 8pm**, with **Andy Cutting**, a technically outstanding melodeon practitioner with an ear for a fine tune. He has been a consistent musical force since he came to prominence with Blowzabella, and he has visited Aust in several line ups; this is a rare opportunity to enjoy a solo performance.

Tickets can be purchased at Olveston Stores, or by ringing 01454 614601. We look forward to welcoming you and hope for your support in maintaining these concerts, which have been much enjoyed by many folk over the years.

The date of the **Annual General Meeting** has had to be changed and will now be held on **Monday 7th March** (not 28 February) at 8pm in the Boar's Head at Aust.

What is art therapy?

Lynne Francis

I am an art therapist. I have lived in Tockington for 15 years and am often asked "What is art therapy?" As I am running workshops locally, I thought an explanation would be a good idea.

A common misconception is that art therapy is the same as an art class. In an art class, the emphasis is on producing something that's "good" and on learning and improving skills. An art therapy session will focus on using art materials to support health and well-being. Often the artwork isn't shown to others and usually it is not about the art looking "good" but more about using art materials and imagery to help the client look at their lives and explore difficult areas.

The art therapist will be a practising artist with a good understanding of materials and art making. In art therapy, no art skills are required – you are free to make images which express feelings and emotions. Sometimes clients will use unfamiliar materials or make physical objects. Sometimes clients will like their images, sometimes not.

Another misconception is that the therapist interprets images or tells the client what their image means. This is not the case - the art does not even have to be talked about, and art therapy works well for those who may have had problems with the "talking therapies".

Why does art therapy work? As children we use visual language (drawing) before we use verbal language. It is a natural way of expression or connecting with others. Many lose this ability as we become adults and see art as something done by artists to be looked at in a gallery. As adults, our images are criticised and judged and not seen as a way of communicating and expressing ourselves and our feelings.

Often people turn to art therapy because they have a specific problem, but art therapy can help people deal with stressful life events and enhance quality of life, wellbeing or simply to have fun. The artist Louise Bourgeois said "Everywhere we are unappreciated in this world. Art is about appreciating ourselves."

I am a qualified HPC-registered Art Therapist, nurse and teacher. I teach mindfulness meditation, on its own and in combination with art therapy. I offer individual sessions and group workshops in central Bristol and locally.

For further information contact me on 01454 612226 or on my website: creativeconnections.mustay.com.

Get Singing for Spring!

Singing Workshop – Saturday 19th of March

Get Singing for Spring is a one off community singing event run by Philippa de la Haye of www.getsinging.co.uk

- An afternoon of unaccompanied harmony singing in a fun relaxed atmosphere
- Suitable for all abilities, everything taught by ear
- Ideal for anyone who enjoys singing and would like to sing with others
- Older children are very welcome but must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Get Singing for Spring is on Saturday 19th of March from 2pm – 4.30pm in the main hall at Turnberries Community Centre. There will be a break in the middle and the cafe will be open for refreshments.

£5 per person (children half price), pay on the door.

Philippa also runs a weekly community choir called **Get Singing Thornbury** which meets on Tuesday evenings at Turnberries.

For further information about this workshop or the weekly group please contact Philippa (info@getsinging.co.uk or 01454 852705) or visit the Get Singing website (www.getsinging.co.uk).

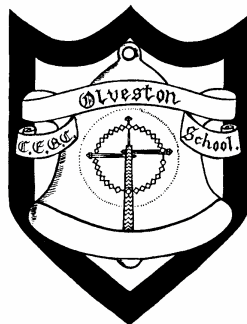
Lucy's news

This short sentence has been typed by Lucy in Reception class at Olveston school. She did this all on her own and had a certificate from her teacher.

School

I like doing art and I like painting and learning my letter sounds.

Lucy age 4



'BLAKES 4'

Four artists living in Thornbury have grouped together to exhibit their paintings in a large, light-filled conservatory at 6 Blakes Road.

They are: Leon Blunos (landscapes in watercolour and oil)

Christine Deahl (landscapes and abstracts in oils and acrylics)

Stephanie Keates (figures in acrylic and pastel)

Peter Todd (landscapes in watercolour)

Exhibition Opening Times: **Thursday March 10th – Monday March 14th**. Daily from **10am until 4pm**

The house is only a very short walk, through Pullins Green, from the main Thornbury Car Parks near Aldi's. We do hope you can spare a few minutes to come and see our work.

Inspire Involve Achieve

Thornbury St John Ambulance
is seeking new members to join its **Badger and Cadet groups**

So, if you are aged 5 and over – we have got some exciting opportunities for you!

Our **Badgers** (aged 5-10) in Thornbury have lots of fun while following our Badger Programme. We have been learning about: first aid, caring for others, being active, being healthy, and even going wild!

There are lots of chances to meet Badgers from other parts of the county too – for example at the teddy bears picnic, our yearly trip, or the quizzes and challenges we do. We go on summer camp every year in exciting places and even help to wash fire engines and ambulances, to raise funds for our Set!

As well as learning more about first aid, **Cadets** (aged 10-17) can choose from a range of subjects. Our Cadets in Thornbury have learnt about cookery, nutrition and made lots of different foods; we have learnt about other countries in the world where there are St John Ambulance groups. We have also learnt about radio communications and how to do someone's make-up so they look injured! We get to go on first aid duty at local events, school fetes, carnivals, and lots more. We also do sandcastle and kite building competitions, 10 pin bowling, take part in quizzes and competitions and even do laser tag and caving if the Cadets would like to!

St John also have adult members and **youth workers** in Badger Setts and Cadet Units. Volunteers get a first class training package including first aid and other relevant training to their role. Youth workers can do Essential Skills in Youth Work gaining a BTEC qualification. We can go on First Aid duties at events such as Weston Beach Race, the Bristol and Bath half marathons and the Harbour Festival.

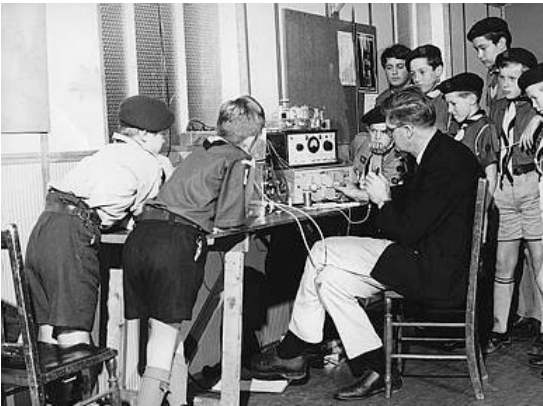
If you are interested and want to find out more, then please contact Sarah Bryant on 07717 289858 or email thornbury@avon.sja.org.uk or thornbury-badgers@avon.sja.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

100 Years of Scouting in Thornbury, 1911 - 2011

The international scouting movement is regarded as having begun with Baden-Powell's experimental camp on Brownsea Island, in August 1907. Soon after that, scouting took off in this country, with new scout groups springing up all over the UK. Eleven thousand scouts attended a rally at Crystal Palace in September 1909. A year later, there were over 100,000 scouts in the UK.

Now, in 2011, the Scout Association offers adventurous activities and opportunities for personal development to almost 400,000 young people across the UK. Scouting has come a long way!



March 2011 marks the centenary of the start of scouting in Thornbury. To mark this one hundred-year history, Thornbury and District Museum is hosting a display of materials associated with the Thornbury Scout Group over that period. This is a good chance to discover how scouting has changed over the last 100 years.

Boy Scouts learning radio transmitting, 1960s

Perhaps you or your parents were scouts? Perhaps your children or grandchildren are scouts now? Why not check out this free display and see if it rings any bells? **100 Years of Scouting in Thornbury** is at the Museum in Chapel Street, Thornbury, from **Tuesday 15 March to Monday 2nd May**. Opening times: **Tues-Fri, 1-4pm; Sat, 10am-4pm**.

Over **the Easter weekend (Fri – Mon)**, the museum will be open every day from **10am-4pm** because it is one of the venues for the Thornbury Art Trail. So, as well as seeing the Scouting display and the story of the Thornbury Roman Coin Hoard and other displays of Thornbury life, you'll be able to see a painter, a jeweller and a photographer and some of their work. All welcome.

Free admission to the museum and to all displays.

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.

Celebrate World Book Night with *Bags of Stories*- Saturday 5 March. 10.30-11.30am. But please note our event is during the day!

Jerry Dicker and Philip Darley from *Bags of Stories* will be telling stories in the library to help us celebrate World Book Night. Why not drop by for this FREE event and listen to stories ancient, new, happy and sad. Afterwards you can even take away stories to read in the comfort of your own home!

Need help with computers?

Don't panic! Mike is on hand to offer a quick word of help and advice every Monday morning from 10.00 -12.00 noon starting on Monday 21 March. Just drop by if you have a quick query on setting up an email account or help with a CV etc.

Please note these FREE quick sessions are NOT intended to be part of a formal programme of learning which is already provided by our *Age UK South Gloucestershire* computer tutors but are designed to offer a quick answer if you have a specific one-off problem.

Advice on making a will – Monday 7 March 10.00 – 12.00noon

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.

For more information on any of the above items please give the library a ring on 01454 868 006 or visit our web-site on www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries.

We also have a 24 hour renewal line on 08450 020 777.

Remember you can also access our web-site to renew your books, check the catalogue, reserve items and consult a wide range of on-line reference materials. You will need your borrower number and pin number (available from the library). We also offer a telephone enquiry service on 01454 866 900 or you can email your enquiry to 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 you provide us with an email address.

Spring Fair

Thanks to the great support from local people and traders, we are again planning more fairs this year. The Spring Fair takes place on **Saturday 26th March** on Castle Street, **10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.** with about 40 stalls selling a great variety of produce.

Further dates for your diaries are:

Summer Fair – Saturday **11th June**

Autumn Fair – Saturday **10th September**

Christmas Fair – Saturday **10th December**

The Autumn and Christmas Fairs will also coincide with an Antiques Fair at the Armstrong Hall, so plenty to interest you for a day out in Thornbury.

Stepping Stones Pre-school Bring and Buy

Wednesday 16th March – In aid of CLIC Sargent

Stepping Stones is holding a fundraising Bring and Buy in aid of CLIC Sargent on **Wednesday 16th March, 12.15pm** at the Methodist Hall in Olveston. This will include a cake stall, second-hand books and toys, raffle lucky dip and craft stall.

Please support this worthwhile charity by giving any donations of toys, books or cakes and supporting us on the day.

Stepping Stones is a small friendly Pre-school in the heart of Olveston village. We run our sessions from the Methodist church hall which is on the main high street. The hall has a homely atmosphere with only 12 children per session. Our philosophy is 'Where the environment is small and friendly the learning comes naturally'.

For more details about the Bring and Buy or Stepping Stones Preschool please visit our website www.steppingstonesolveston.co.uk or contact Gill on 01454 632828.

Women's World Day of Prayer

'How many loaves have you?'

On Friday March 4th 2011 women from around the world will celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service has been written by the women of Chile. It is an appropriate theme for bread can be eaten at every meal and is very much part of every day life. The women of Chile offer what it means to them as they share this service with us.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.'

Stretching from Peru to Antarctica, the Republic of Chile occupies a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and 110 miles wide. It is a land of incredible contrasts. It also has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other. Equal opportunities' are being pursued.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody as we demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend. Further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, can be found on the WWDP website at www.wwdp-natcomm.org.

Local venue for Women's World Day of Prayer is

The Oasis Church, Old Down 10.15am on Friday 4th March 2011

Enquiries: Irene Parsons Tel.No. 614610

From the Registers at St.Mary's

Funeral Service on 27th January , followed by Burial in the Churchyard, of Anita Elizabeth Shurmer.

Yours Faithfully

Sandy Williams

Dear Friends,

*The March wind will blow
And we shall have snow,
And what will the robin do then, poor thing?
He'll sit in the barn,
To keep himself warm,
And hide his head under his wing.*

When I was a child I can remember my mother reciting this old rhyme at the beginning of the month of March and although it may be a nostalgic memory it doesn't do much to cheer us up at this time of the year.

'Cold winds – not more cold winds!' we think to ourselves and 'Snow – not more snow!' we say at the end of a pretty chilly few months. Wordsworth's daffodils would be more the thing on the first day of March as we celebrate St. David's day or support the Marie Curie nurses by wearing daffodil pins in our lapels. At least the daffodils are a sign of new life and hope and anticipate Easter, the Christian festival that heralds resurrection life when tears of sadness turn to tears of joy.

Perhaps, though, the coming of March conjures different images. What about the March hares who, during the mating season, 'box' with one another and whose antics lead to the soubriquet: 'mad as a March hare'? With the coming of Spring the pulse quickens and hearts lighten as days lengthen and there is indeed a hint of the hare's 'madness' in the air and as energy is renewed spring is found in the step as well as in the season!

So what are our aspirations this springtime: to enjoy the beauty of the daffodils as they push up their heads and bow in the March wind, to become a little 'hare-brained' as we enjoy getting out more as wind decreases and milder weather beckons us out of our houses and into the countryside?

What about those whose hearts remain chilly and who hide themselves away like the robin in the poem? What can we do to bring a breath of fresh air that enlivens and brings new hope to people whose winter has made them feel low? Perhaps we all need to be a little 'hare-brained' at times if we are to embrace life once again and enjoy the free gifts that some of us believe are God-given: days in the garden, walks on the hills and most of all to put down responsibilities for a few hours and enjoy moments of hare-brained fun and laughter with friends and companions.

Christians believe in God who is not only the creator but also the one who re-creates – so enjoy some recreation this month. God bless.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 6	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Breakfast Club in Church Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Mr D Jones & Rev R Crew
Mar 9	9am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Rev Roly Bain
Mar 13	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Canon David Sansum Mrs Janet McBride Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Mar20	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club At Olveston Meth. Ch	Rev. Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team
Mar27	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday Breakfast Club Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Canon David Sansum Rev Roly Bain Breakfast Club Team Rev P Rowe & Rev R Crew

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contact:

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

Mar 13	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Mar27	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

Mar 6	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Mar20	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 13	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Mar27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev D Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 6	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Alison Smith & Mr Glyn Varney
	6pm	St Albans	Circuit Service
Mar 13	10am	Olv .Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney The Breakfast Club will join us later
Mar20	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	Olv. Ch.	Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams inc. 'Celebration of the King James Bible' by Rev David & Mrs Jennifer Bone
Mar27	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Wulston Perks

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

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP at the Swan Tockington Thurs. 17th Mar 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, OLDDOWN

Mar 6	6.30pm	Vic Saffe
Mar 13	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Mar 20	6.30pm	Dolfus De Chikera
Mar 27	6.30pm	Bristol Evangelical Male Voice Choir

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 March 2011

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

1 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women- Beetle Drive	9.30-11.30 7.30	WR DGCL
2 nd Wed	O.P.H.S -Hat Industry of Bristol & S Glos	7.30pm	MH
3 rd Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30pm 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
4 th Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer at Oasis Ch	10.15am	
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
6 th Sun			
7 th Mon	Monday Movie Music in the Church at Aust AGM at the Boar's Head (new Date) Open Mic at White Hart Olveston	7.30pm 8pm	StM
8 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Carousel Ticket Sales Women's Institute -Travels in Turkestan Aust Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 6.00-7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR MH PH EVH
9 th Wed	Carousel Ticket Sales Royal British Legion Men	6.00-7.00 7.30pm	MH DGCL
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th & District Flower Club - Sally Taylor	10.00-12.00 2.00-4-30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
11 th Fri			
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning & AGM	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	MH AVH
13 th Sun			
14 th Mon	Craft Gp. 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 Demo. Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2.00pm 8.30pm	AH
17 th Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
18 th Fri	OPTA Wine Challenge St. P eter's Hospice Quiz	7.30pm 7.15pm	PH AH

19 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
22 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
23 rd Wed	St P's H. Afternoon Tea, St Mary's Hall Th. Alv Local History Soc -Vagrant Children of Bristol Shirley Hodgson	3.00pm 7.30pm	AMC
24 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
25 th Fri	Preschool Quiz & Curry	7.30pm	AP
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning Marlwood Sch. Car Boot Sale (New Day)	10.30-12.00 1.30-3.30	MH
27 th Sun	Spring Walk & Pub Lunch	11am	LVH
28 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club-Practice	1.30pm	AH
29 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
30 th Wed			
31 st Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
Looking ahead to April			
2nd	Totally Locally on Tockington Green	9.30-12	
12-16th	Carousel	7.30pm	PH

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Olveston 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.

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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