

Meeting Point

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From the Editor

This month the Meeting Point cover is an illustration of St John the Evangelist Church, Elberton. On the next page, you will find an article about the village of Elberton written by a resident. The second article is the story of a past hero of Tockington and, later on in the magazine, there is the personal account of a recent lucky escape by someone who lives in Old Down.

In addition, there is a very great deal going on locally, as the rest of a very full magazine, not forgetting the packed Church News and Diary section, shows. March 2013 is coming in with a flourish. And when we get to March 31st, the clocks go forward for the start of British Summer Time - and a Happy Easter to everyone!

The cover: an illustration by Samuel Joseph Loxton (1857-1920)

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Elberton

Claire Hawkins

Elberton is one of the smaller villages in the Meeting Point area and, with no pub, few readers have a reason to come here except on their way to the White Hart in Littleton. The main road through Elberton was widened and straightened in the 1960s to bring construction material for the Severn Bridge. Today motorists often speed through the village (reducing the local cat population!). If you are an offender, please note we are going to be using the speed camera more often this year.

The village has a long history. There is an Iron Age fort, a scheduled monument, in Vineyard Brake, a small wood believed to be on the site of a Roman Vineyard. The oldest house dates back to the 11th century, St John the Evangelist Church was built in the 14th century on the site of an earlier church, and the farmhouses were mainly built in the 16th and 17th centuries.

A hundred years ago Elberton was a sleepy place, dominated by agriculture. Change only took place slowly. There were about 25 homes mostly owned by the Lippincotts of Over, who had bought much of the village before 1725. By the 1910s their financial circumstances had changed and in 1912 and 1917 their property was split into lots and auctioned in Bristol.

Since then the number of homes has doubled, with at least 8 homes converted from agricultural buildings, a Coach House and the village Forge and 17 new homes. Elberton's population has remained around 150 people for the last hundred years, but in earlier centuries larger families and live-in servants meant that Elberton's population reached over 200.

Today relatively few work in agriculture, while most residents are practising or former medics, engineers or lawyers. Elberton is a social community with monthly pub evenings and games nights and a series of events such as sloe gin and pub skittles competitions, and the occasional village meal. Last year we hosted the Aust Parish Olympic Games which saw teams from Aust, Littleton and Elberton battle against each other at Redhill Valley Farm. We look after neighbours, keep an eye on them but never interfere or judge! A great community to live in.

Tockington's Victoria Cross Hero

Nick Fear

Looking through some old photographs of Tockington I came across one of the view near Grove House on the approach to the village from Almondsbury. This was taken in the 1920s and given a caption that includes the information that the house was the home of Colonel Dan Burge VC. This led me on a trail of discovery prompted by the fact that no man with his name had ever been awarded the Victoria Cross. I suspect that the mystery was caused by a simple typesetting error and that it should have read Daniel Burges, who had indeed won the Victoria Cross along with many other honours.

Daniel was born in Winterbourne in 1870, the son of a clergyman who at that time was the rector of the village. Daniel had chosen the army for a career and served with distinction in the South African War. At the outbreak of the Great War he was commanding a reserve battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment in Bristol. He was soon abroad however, in action with the 2nd Battalion of the regiment in Belgium, being wounded at Second Ypres, in the spring of 1915. Once recovered, he was promoted to major and posted to Egypt, commanding the 10th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He took his battalion to France in March 1916 and then returned to the UK taking an instructor's post in the Senior Officers' School at Aldershot.

In September 1917 he was promoted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel and went to Salonika to command the 7th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers. In September 1918 he found himself leading his men in an attack on a fortified and well defended enemy position about a hillside around two thousand feet high. One account praises Daniel for his remarkable spirit and energetic leadership, taking his men up a steep slope through a hail of bullets and shelling. The battalion took many enemy positions, but suffered casualties, amongst them Daniel who was wounded and lost consciousness several times. He kept his command until forced to retire with his men and for his actions that day Daniel Burges was awarded the Victoria Cross, the citation for which reads:

“For most conspicuous bravery, skilful leading and devotion to duty in the operations at Jumeaux (Balkans) on the 18th September 1918. His valuable reconnaissance of the enemy first line trenches enabled him to bring his battalion without casualties to the assembly point, and from thence he maintained direction with great skill, though every known landmark was completely obscured by smoke and dust.

“When still some distance from his objective the battalion came under severe machine-gun fire which caused many casualties among company leaders.

Lieutenant Colonel Burges, though himself wounded, quite regardless of his own safety, kept moving to and fro through his command, encouraging his men and assisting them to maintain formation and direction. Finally, as they neared the enemy's position, he led them forward through a decimating fire until he was hit again twice and fell unconscious. His coolness and personal courage were most marked throughout and afforded a magnificent example to all ranks."

Daniel Burges was invested with his Victoria Cross by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 21st December 1918.

Following the end of the war Daniel stayed in the military working in the War Office as Inspector of Quartermaster-General's services. He later became Commandant of the Military Detention Barracks at Cologne and then held a similar appointment at Colchester. He finally retired from the army in 1923, but was then given the post of Resident Governor and Major of the Tower of London.

Daniel Burges died aged 73, at his home in Bristol on 24th October 1946 and was cremated at Arno's Vale Crematorium. Like so many old soldiers his remains were buried in an unmarked plot in Soldier's Corner at Arno's Vale. That is until 2006 when friends of his memory arranged for a memorial stone to be placed there.

Daniel Burges' medals can be seen in the impressive Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum in Gloucester Docks. Alongside his Victoria Cross, is a Distinguished Service Order; his two South African medals have six battle clasps between them; one of his three Great War medals has an oak leaf emblem on it which signifies that he was Mentioned in Despatches. His final British decoration was King George VI's Coronation Medal in 1937. Daniel also achieved a French Croix de Guerre and Greek Military Cross. By any standards Daniel Burges' medal awards are impressive and it is thought provoking that they were probably all once worn in Tockington.

Arthur Robbins

June Robbins

I have been overwhelmed by the huge number of cards and messages of sympathy received following Arthur's death and would like to thank everyone for their kind words. I would also like to thank my neighbours and my friends at church for their help and support at this time.

A special thank you to all those who organised the refreshments at the Parish Hall following the service.

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

The Parish Council provides updated information, either through its three notice boards or via the Olveston website. It would like to look for further opportunities but has not yet resorted to notices tacked to telegraph poles – please could those using this method remember to remove the adverts after use!

The harsh economic environment has seen authorities at all levels making significant cuts in expenditure. Whilst South Glos. Council is again likely to try and cap its expenditure, it will only do so by limiting some more services. Last year saw cuts in youth services, which included the loss of ‘Urby’ and the closure of the Saturday Morning Music Club at Marlwood School. In the next few years the parish may be given increasing responsibility for maintaining its own grass verges etc. ‘Localism’ is a wonderful device – in this case it means that if local people don’t want to fund locally, then the service will be lost. The Music Club has since reopened and is going from strength to strength - entirely funded through the efforts of parents’ support and a dedicated team of music teachers.

At the January meeting of Olveston Parish Council, the budget for 2013/14 was set, along with the associated Precept from South Gloucestershire Council. Despite the economic environment, the Council has had to decide whether to maintain the fabric of the parish, provide some resource to support the proposals envisage in the Parish Plan, and develop plans for further much needed provision (such as a new burial ground). £4,000 also needs to be found for a potential election of Parish Councillors, and money may be required to fund any appeal against the wind farm that the majority of residents don’t want.

While some work can be deferred and loans taken out, financial issues will re-occur year after year. Our Parish Council firmly believes that it is worth trying to maintain our wonderful parish, and although it will look to using reserves, and actively seek financial partners (as with the recent renovation of the Tockington play area) it has had to request a £36,000 precept from South Gloucestershire Council. It is difficult to measure the effect on individual household bills, as the national government has also withdrawn a 10% funding support grant, so that all local rates will automatically rise. However an overall rise of 20p per week per household is expected.

The next Annual Parish Assembly is now being held at 7:30 on the 2nd May 2013 at the Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion, and everyone is invited to meet the Councillors (old and new), to hear how the parish has performed

financially, what works are proposed in the coming year, and most importantly of all to give parishioners a chance to present their observations and opinions. We look forward to seeing you there.

BT Broadband update

On 31st January 2013, BT was awarded the contract to provide superfast broadband for South Gloucestershire! By March 2016, £35.6 million will have been spent across South Glos & Wiltshire to ensure that 94% of all premises are able to access superfast broadband (24Mbps) and that all premises are able to access a standard broadband (2Mbps) service. In the main, the copper cable between the local BT telephone exchange and the local “green cabinet” will be replaced with a fibre optic cable, although the connection between the premise and the local “green cabinet” will continue to use the existing copper wires. (www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband)

Movies at St Mary's: March *Trevor Anderson*



THREE movies this month at St Mary's Church Olveston. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 4th Mar at 7.30pm: An unruly class of history students in pursuit of an undergraduate place at Oxbridge. Big screen version of Alan Bennett's famous stage play. *Cert 15*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*Quality 'non-mainstream' films*)

Mon 18th Mar at 7.30pm: The irreverent and uplifting French comedy that has taken Europe by storm. Based on the true story of an unlikely friendship between a disabled millionaire and his street-smart ex-con carer. *Cert 15*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Every Monday morning in the hols*)

Mon 25th Mar at 10.00am: Studio Ghibli sprinkles its fairy dust over Mary Norton's classic children's tale of a family of little people who live by secretly 'borrowing' from their unsuspecting human neighbours. *Cert U*

Refreshments available at all the shows. Admission is free although a small **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.



Weather Report for Olveston, 2012

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

Marcus Bean

1. Temperature (degrees Celsius)			Date recorded
1.1	Highest day max temperature	32.6	27 th July
1.2	Lowest day max temperature	1.2	9 th February
1.3	Highest night temperature	16.4	15 th August
1.4	Lowest night temperature	- 7.0	4 th February
2. Barometric pressure (millibars)			
2.1	Maximum pressure	1042	12 th May
2.2	Minimum pressure	970	14 th December
3. Wind			
3.1	Maximum speed	55mph	23 rd December
3.2	Prevailing Direction	SW	85 days
4. Rainfall (millimetres)			
4.1	Maximum in one day	63.6	24 th September
4.2	Wettest month	185.46	August
4.3	Driest month	23.27	February
4.4	Total for the year	1281.74	
	Equivalent to	50.48 inches	

Commentary

The early part of **January** was very boisterous with gales and heavy rain battering the country but by the end of the month Siberian cold air had established itself which continued into the first half of **February**. Warmer conditions ended the month with much cloud but little rain, these conditions continued through **March**. Early **April** was warm and dry but following this Atlantic storms returned with torrential rain and gale force winds. Early **May** continued the rain and wind of the previous month but the last two weeks were warm and dry. Wet conditions returned in **June** with very little sunshine and this was the wettest June on record since 1766. **July** continued wet and windy for the first three weeks but the last week was sunny with virtually no rain. **August** was very wet all month with sunshine levels barely 50% of norm. A dry two weeks at the beginning of **September** was a relief but very wet weather followed with the remains of a hurricane passing over us and depositing 2½ inches of rain in one day! The wet conditions continued into **October** with the first half of the month being very wet but the latter half marginally less so. The very wet conditions re-established themselves in **November** and with constant torrential rain caused severe flooding

with very similar conditions continuing through **December**.

Average temperature and pressure for the year were both marginally below norm, and sunshine levels were low during the summer months, but the overriding impression of the year is of almost constant rain, after the end of March, and of year-end record levels of rainfall with ground saturation and flooding.

Long Term Weather Review; 1995 to 2012

The bar charts shown on the next page should be read in conjunction with the following comments:

The first twelve years of the average temperature chart shows significant fluctuations around a long-term mean but the latter period demonstrates wild fluctuations and certainly does not show a warming trend.

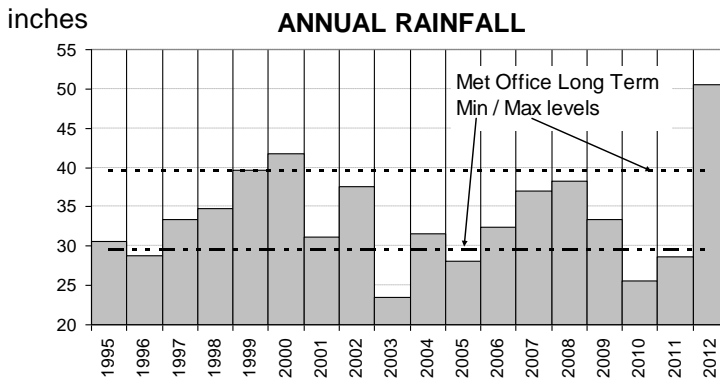
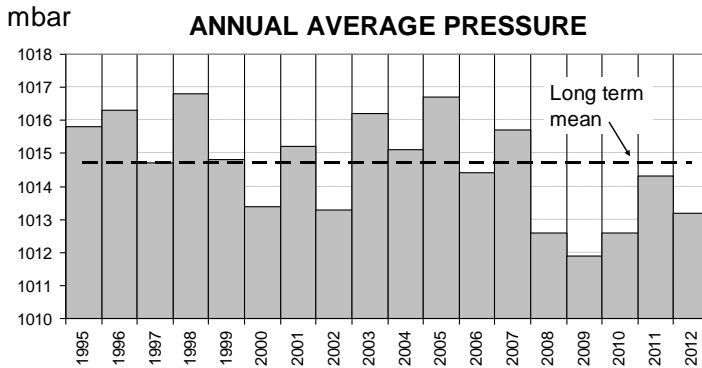
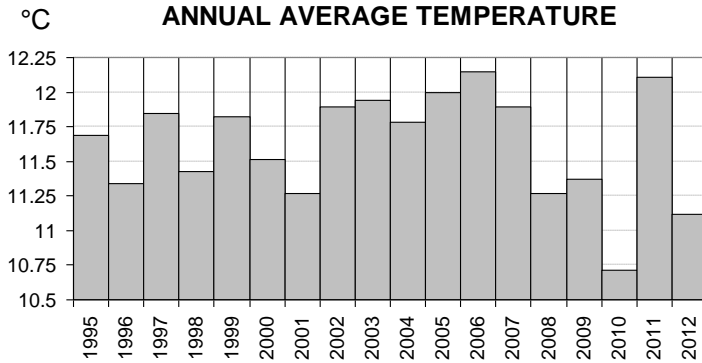
The first ten years of the average pressure chart shows similar fairly significant variations around the long-term mean. However, the last eight years shows the same variability but around a much lower mean pressure level than the long term.

Whilst the rainfall has shown significant variations over the years it has mainly remained within the long-term max/min range until 2012 when the record for Olveston was noted. For England and Wales 2000 was reported as the wettest year.

When viewing the charts it should be remembered that, other than for rainfall, these are annual averages and are thus fairly insensitive, with any variations being significant.

I leave the reader to draw their own conclusions from the charts, but it is worth noting the very dry year in 2003 which had less than half the rainfall of the wettest year, 2012. Also the variation in average temperature between 2010 and 2011 of 1.4°C is quite remarkable and worthy of note.

Weather Summary 1995 to 2012



Curry and Quiz Night

Saturday 16th March at Olveston Parish Hall - Tockington

Raising money for the medical clinic in Jheelpur slum, Dhaka, Bangladesh supported by local charity **Arban UK**. (www.arban.org.uk)

It will be a fun night. Lots of competitive spirit required. £10 per ticket - includes curry and entry into quiz. Teams - any number up to 8 people - bring your friends. Curry from 7.30. Quiz starts at 8. There will be a bar.

Curries cooked by Secret Cook Natasha Harrod and Matthew Bullock renowned good cook! Quiz master Paul Harrod

For more information or tickets, contact Jo Jenkins 07595 493345 or Saffia Bullock 07917 276410

OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The Great Olveston Wine Challenge

Friday 22nd March 2013

It's that time of year again! One of the most popular events of the local social calendar, the OPTA wine challenge, is on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Parish 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 (£10 for OPTA members) to include all the wines and some tasty nibbles.

To make sure of your place you will need to buy your ticket in advance - please call Noel on 01454 614099.

Stop Press: The French are coming...

We have heard from our French friends in the village of Bréhan, Brittany. They are planning their visit to Olveston for the weekend of May 4th/5th/6th. We will be giving out more details of this visit nearer the time but if you do want to find out more, and get involved, please make contact with Noel (01454 614099) or Marelin (01454 610081).



Cook's Calendar:

March

Natasha Harrod

Chicken with Tarragon and Chorizo

This recipe makes fantastic use of two of my total obsessions: seasonal veg and chorizo, the spicy Spanish sausage.

As anyone who has seen me struggling home with my weekly veg box knows, I am a committed seasonal eater. At this time of year, however, it does require a level of commitment not all of us feel.

This recipe uses leeks and carrots, both abundant at this time of year, and yet with a helping hand from tarragon and chorizo they turn into something utterly sublime. It is a favourite amongst my Secret Cook customers and I am sure it will become one of yours too.

This freezes beautifully, so making a double portion is a great way of giving yourself a night off somewhere down the road.

100g chorizo, diced
3 tbsp olive oil
2 onions, chopped finely
2 leeks, chopped finely
4 free range chicken legs *
1 tbsp plain flour
500ml apple juice
2 tbsp whole grain mustard
4 carrots, chopped
Small bunch of tarragon, leaves taken off stalks
3 tbsp double cream

* breast can also be used but I think leg has a far better flavour

In a large casserole with a lid, gently fry the chopped chorizo in a little oil until the orange fat is released, then add the chopped leeks and onions. Cook gently for 5 minutes until soft, then remove from the pan.

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Turn the heat up to hot and add the remaining oil to the pan. Add the chicken, skin side down and allow to become golden.

Return the chorizo, leeks and onions to the pan and add the chopped carrot. Stir together then add the flour. Stir in, add the apple juice and put a lid on the pan.

Cook on a gentle hob heat for 45 minutes or until thoroughly cooked, then stir in the cream and serve with rice or new potatoes.

Tockington Manor School



Mr Stephen Symonds, his wife Amanda and their boys, George (right) and Archie.

Mr Stephen Symonds has been appointed to be the new Headmaster of Tockington Manor School. He will take up his post in September. Mr Richard Tovey is retiring after 38 years as Headmaster of the school which was founded by his father Mr Gordon Tovey in 1947. Mr Symonds is currently Headmaster of Boundary Oak Preparatory School in Fareham, Hampshire.

News from Olveston School

Anna Morris [Key Stage 1 Leader] writes:

"Olveston School has enrolled on Unicef's Rights Respecting Schools Award, a commitment that places the United Nations Children's Rights Convention at the heart of the school's ethos. It embraces pupil voice, global awareness and rights respecting values. I believe it will continue to enhance our outstanding social, moral, spiritual and cultural provision.

"I am looking for volunteers to form a steering group (about 5-10 people) to help us with the journey to achieving the award. These may be parents, children, staff or members of the local community or church. We would meet termly. Can you help?"

Please contact Anna Morris via the office at Olveston School on 01454 613299 for further details or to express your interest.

Olveston School Play Pod

The Play Pod has only been in Olveston School for 3 weeks and it has already become a top lunchtime activity. There have been dozens of dens, hammock building and children have already started to think of ideas for transport; things like buggy rides. Box taxis have become very popular! Boys are enjoying scrap on scrap fun, football games with nets for goal nets and girls especially like making houses. All of this with 'scrap' that nobody else wants.

By Ava, Joe and Corey Year 5



Heart Attack: Myocardial infarction

Peter Floyd

Generally I am a healthy person, so felt quite well when I awoke, but by the time I had got downstairs an oppressive feeling was settling on my chest like bad indigestion. It got worse; my hands ached and my vision closed down, like looking through a multi coloured paper doily! But it didn't really hurt; I didn't lose consciousness; the feeling passed and I settled down to breakfast. My wife Tessa, though, was worried and was lucky to get an appointment at the surgery at 10.30.

The doctor took one look at me and phoned for an ambulance.

"You are not going home. You are going to hospital – now!"

Tessa was right, I had had a heart attack and thank goodness she was wise enough to understand what was happening

Only later did I learn that a heart attack is a total blockage of blood to the heart, that angina is a restriction of blood to the heart and that a stroke is a blockage of blood to the brain.

Things moved very fast. They put me on oxygen and gave me an ECG scan in the surgery, by which time the ambulance had arrived. I was scanned again en route; wired up ready and was whizzed straight into the operating theatre (the fourth case that morning) where I had 2 stents inserted by local anaesthetic through the wrist (cardiac angioplasty). All done and dusted in 2 hours and they kept me in the very smart BRI Heart Institute for a further 2 days for observation.

So you see, the NHS really is magnificent when it is urgent.

I asked why the urgency and was told that damage to the heart was ongoing, so the sooner the treatment the better. I was released with a book of instruction and an awful lot of pills, which I shall now be on for life. But as they told me, "you have been 'rodded through'; are now clean; the pills will keep you that way and once you are back up to speed, you may even feel better than you did before."

As a generally healthy person I had not previously understood how kind friends are - unless you are sick or dead! We have been astonished at the cards and calls. Thank you all; I hope to be worthy of your concern and back in circulation soon, almost as good as new.

Daldry Gardens, Olveston

John Ellis writes: "Daldry Gardens residents extend a warm welcome to everyone at our weekly coffee mornings. We meet every Tuesday at 10.30am in our communal lounge. We also hold a small raffle on the first Tuesday of each month. Why not come along and have a tea or coffee and biscuits for only thirty pence? You'll find we're a friendly bunch and would love to see you."

Vintage china

Mandy Cottle

Do you have any vintage china that you would like to pass on to us to help raise money for CLIC, the charity for Cancer and Leukemia in Children?

We would like to set up a vintage china hire company for weddings, tea parties etc with all the proceeds going to CLIC. The CLIC offices in Bristol would store the china and we would organize everything else. It is currently very expensive to hire this kind of china so we are hoping people would hire ours as it is for a good cause. It doesn't need to be matching but just in good condition.

Specifically we need tea sets, teacups and saucers, teapots, glasses, cake stands, plates etc. Also silver cutlery. I am happy to come and pick things up. My phone number is 01454 631021.

Thank you.

Thank you from FOOS!

The Friends of Olveston School would like to thank the local community for their support at our Christmas events where we raised over £1,500. In particular we would like to thank Sue Mealing and Mary Hoad who ran a Christmas wreath making evening, Nikki Clarke for printing the raffle tickets for the school Christmas fayre and of course Father Christmas for visiting the school grotto! The date for this year's Christmas fayre will be the 7th December 2013. Please put it in your diaries!!

Parish Players win award!

Just before Meeting Point's copy deadline (and before this year's performances of 'The King and I' had taken place), the Parish Players were delighted to discover they were to receive a coveted award from NODA South West for their 2012 production of 'Me and My Girl'. (NODA is the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, which provides professional support for amateur theatre.)

The Director and some cast members will attend the South West's Annual Awards Dinner in Cheltenham in March, to receive their award from the NODA National President. Of course, we have always known locally that we had stars in our midst (on stage and backstage) and it is wonderful to have this reinforced by NODA's independent assessment. Congratulations to the entire Parish Players company on this wonderful achievement!

Bristol Old Vic Uncovered



Wednesday 6 March 2013, 7.30pm

**Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston
BS35 4DR**

The Theatre Royal in Bristol – Bristol Old Vic - has just been beautifully refurbished. Architect Peter Carey will tell us about **Secrets Uncovered at the Oldest Continuously Working Playhouse in Britain.**

This will be a taster for one of our summer visits - a backstage tour.

**Olveston Parish Historical Society: Everyone welcome - £2 on the door.
Website: <http://www.olvoston.com/historical-society>**



Look out for the commencement of Totally-locally market at the beginning of April! Start saving now for the plant and seedling swap - more information to follow in next month's issue. *Jane Sunnucks Old Down 01454 419931*

Olveston & Tockington WI

Our "Hands-on Science" meeting in February was great fun – and very different from what we remember of our school science lessons!

Our talk on 12th March is entitled "Blood Bikes". We will hear about the volunteers who use their high powered motorbikes to provide an out-of-hours courier service to hospitals and other health institutions carrying urgently needed "medical essentials" such as blood, biological samples, x-rays and scans. The service is free of charge to the NHS and all members of Blood Bikes are unpaid volunteers. This is a valuable service which is unknown to most of us.

Visitors are welcome to our meeting at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners February:

£50 Nigel Dando

£15 John Cryer

£5 Grantley Browning

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

12th January John Welsher

19th January Mike Rowen

26th January Mike Rowen

Up The Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729



Jumble Sale in aid of Hammer Out

Saturday March 2nd 10am-12 noon Olveston Parish Hall

Donated items can be delivered to:

21 Orchard Rise from Saturday 26th February - Friday 1st March

Side door of the Parish Hall between 8-9am on Saturday 2nd March.

Admission 50p.

March 2013 is Brain Tumour Awareness month. On Friday 1st March Hammer Out is launching a new campaign, Bandanas for Brain Tumours. If you would like to host a coffee morning to raise funds, there are coffee morning packs available at the Thornbury office, Unit One, Thornbury Office Park, Midland Way. Phone 01454 414355 for details. www.hammerout.co.uk

Thornbury Rotary Swimarathon

Our famous annual Charity Swim Extravaganza is to take place at the Thornbury Leisure Centre on the evenings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8th, 9th and 10th March 2013. Detailed information and application forms etc from our website; www.thornburyrotary.org/swimarathon. Or from our coordinator Colin Ingamells email: cingamells@btinternet.com
Tel no. 01454 281835. Please support this hugely popular and fun event.

From the registers of St Mary's, Olveston

January 20th 2013

Baptism of Oliver Thomas Hunt
son of Kevin & Francesca Hunt

January 29th 2013

Funeral & Thanksgiving Service
for Arthur George Robbins
followed by burial in the churchyard

February 1st 2013

Funeral of David John Withers
followed by burial in the churchyard

First chance to give items another chance!

South Gloucestershire residents with an eye for a bargain can now choose homeware, furniture and clothing from Revive, a reuse shop located at Thornbury SORT IT!* Centre.

Sarah Ottaway, Waste Minimisation Manager at SITA South Gloucestershire said: “Revive has been set up to find new homes for a wide range of pre-loved items and it will help the environment by reducing the amount that is sent to landfill or for recycling. We hope that the opportunity to purchase these goods at a fraction of what they may cost new will help local people during the current economic downturn as well as helping the environment.”

Revive offers a variety of items that have been brought to the SORT IT!* Centre by residents who do not require them any more. It is expected that stock will turn over quite quickly but visitors may expect to find items such as golf clubs, crockery, mirrors, tables, chairs, cabinets, fishing rods, jeans, shirts and much more. No electrical items will be sold. Items suitable for recycling will continue to be dealt with according to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations.

Opening hours are the same as the Thornbury SORT IT!* Centre – currently 8.00am to 4.30pm – and free parking is available on site.

The SORT IT!* Team will be pleased to answer any questions about Revive raised by local people – email sortitteam@sita.co.uk or call 01454 333300.



Yours Faithfully

Michael Matthews

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

From the 31st December until 18th January my wife and I, with two friends, went to Uganda for what was in so many ways a truly life-impacting and challenging experience.

Our primary reason for the first week was to meet those who are operating a school for P1-P3 pupils, of which they have 170, and the need of starting an orphanage. Space does not permit me to say too much but it has challenged so many of our western concepts of life, even the Christian life.

As those who have been in the 'retired' zone for some years (that's my wife and I), we were amazed that this opportunity had come before us at such a time as this.

Once again it had brought home to me the thrilling truths expressed in two verses from the Bible that I would like to share.

One you can read in John chapter 10, verse 10, where Jesus Himself says, "*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*"

Fullness does not refer to busyness, but a qualitative relationship with Him that can satisfy every part of the human psyche and outworks itself in meaningful ways.

The other verse is found in Psalm 92, verse 14, "*They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.*" Speaking of those who have found, by faith, that right relationship with God and live in the good of that relationship, is the promise of spiritual 'rejuvenation' that can affect the whole of your personality and your body too!

Although like a distant memory, the Christmas festival was not so long ago but for many the real purpose of the coming of the Lord Jesus into our time/earth zone will have been missed only to be discarded like an unwanted present. Am I going to explain that purpose? Not really. Let me leave you with a well quoted verse that you may accept or reject but which does not alter its truth - *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Like an instruction booklet that may have come with any new item it is beneficial to read it and find out how the device works. The same applies to the Bible. And if you cannot understand what it means, ask someone.

Continued overleaf

So now with the New Year under way I trust and pray that whether young or old you may find the fullness of purpose that God has intended for you and can join the growing band of people who are convinced that this qualitative relationship is sufficient both for time and eternity.

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the January draw, held on 10th January 2013 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	230	Mr N Cairncross, Olveston
£75	184	Mrs R Hitchcock, Olveston
£25	169	Mr & Mrs M Hughes, Olveston
£25	421	Mr R Bush, Westbury-on-Trym
£25	406	Mrs S Slade, Littleton upon Severn
£20	405	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£20	391	Mrs S Shaw, Tockington
£10	478	Mrs S Farr, Tockington
£10	440	Mrs C Black, Thornbury

The prize winners in the February draw, held on 7th February 2013 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	364	Mr R Newley, Olveston
£75	267	Mr I A Hughes, Olveston
£25	499	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£25	262	Mrs A Knight, Olveston
£25	266	Mr I A Hughes, Olveston
£20	482	Mrs N Turner, Olveston
£20	474	Mr C Malpus, Alveston
£10	397	Mrs J Crossley, Tockington
£10	356	Mr D Smart, Thornbury

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 3	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev D Bone & Ca J Poarch
Mar 10	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev R. Bain
	10am	Family Service with Choir	Rev H. Webb & Mrs J McBride
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe & Cn J Poarch
Mar 17	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev P Rowe & MAF
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev P Rowe & Cn J Poarch
Mar24	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Palm Sun Procession & Choral Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Rev R Crew & Cn J Poarch
Mar28	7.30	Agape	Rev R Bain & Rev D Bone
Mar29	2pm	Last Hour with choir	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Mar31	6.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion(Choir)	Rev R Bain & Mr D Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong(BCP)	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Rev Roly Bain for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals 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** except 4th Wed when it is at Olv. Methodist Church

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 10	10am	Holy Communion/Mothering Sun.	Rev David Bone
Mar24	11am	Family Service	Rev David Bone
	12am	Palm Sun. walk with donkey Gigi	
Mar 31	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Mar 3	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Mar17	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Mar 31	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 10	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Mar24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Mar 31	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 3	10am	Olv. Ch	Ch. Anniv. Service led by Rev Dr John Harrod Ch. Anniversary Service led by Rev Dr John Harrod with St Andrew's Choir
	6pm	Olv Ch.	
Mar10	10am	StM.	Mothering Sunday Service
Mar 17	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
Mar24	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Valerie Williams
Mar 31	8am	Tock Ch.	Holy Communion Rev Sandy Williams Easter Day Worship Mr Glyn Varney
	10am	Tock Ch.	

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 13th March. To book your lunch please ring 01454 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 21st March To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

HOUSE GROUPS One led by Mr Glyn Varney or Mrs Rosalie Doyle on the 2nd Tues. of the month, 10.30am, 7 The Green Olveston. Another led by Rev. Sandy Williams on the 4th Wed. at 10.30am Please ring 416528 for details of venue

CONTACT: Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,

e-mail dandlhardy@btinternet.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer & 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. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Mar 3	6.30pm	Rev Colin Lewis
Mar 10	6.30pm	Bristol Evangel. Male Voice Choir
Mar 17	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Mar24	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Mar 29	10-10.45	Good Friday Paul Ashford
Mar 31	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043
Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11.00am

'The Door' for young people on the last Sunday at 7pm

www.thedooryouth.co.uk or tel 07837 234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm for details tel. 413247

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

-Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 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 2013

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

1 st Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer Service	10.15	StM
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Jumble Sale for 'Hammer Out' 2 nd -10 th Thornbury. Eisteddfod	10.00-12.00 10.00-12.00	MH PH
3 rd Sun	Severn Bridge Road Race		
4 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
5 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Tockington Toddlers Lent Film R.B.L. Women Patchwork Quilting	10.30-12.00 9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL WR StM DGCL
6 th Wed	Every Wed & Fri Vic Hallett Library open O.P.H.S. Secrets Uncovered Theatre Royal 6 th -9 th Tytherington Panto	10.00-12.00 7.30 7.30/2pmSat	OMC
7 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 8.30pm	OS+ MH
8 th Fri	Th. Rotary Cl. Swimarathon-10th		
9 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Cabaret Evening Rural Arts S. Glos	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.45pm	MH AVH PH
12 th Tue	Memory Café Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Lent Film Aust Parish Council	10.15 9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	TMH WR PH StM EVH
13 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Demonstration	2pm	AH
14 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers AMR Bridge Th. & District Flower Cl.-Demonstration	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 2pm 7.30pm	OS+ OS+ MH PH TMH
15 th Fri	'Up In The Air' Thornbury Picture House	7.30pm	CH
16 th Sat	Coffee Morning WEA -Industrial Archaeology Curry & Quiz for ARBAN	10.30-12.00 10.00-4pm 7.30pm	MH Chy PH
18 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
19 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR

	Lent Film R.B.L.Women Bingo	7.30pm 7.30pm	StM DGCL
20 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
21 st Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Club Practice Class	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS† MH TMH
22 nd Fri	O.P.T.A. Wine Challenge	7.30pm	PH
23 rd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
25 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club-Practice	10am 1.30pm	StM AH
26 th Tue	Memory Café Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting 26 th -30 th NYTC Miss Saigon	10.15 9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	TMH WR AP AH
27 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30pm	CH
28 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	10.00-12.00 2.0-4.30	OS† MH
30 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
Looking ahead to April			
4 th	Olv. Parish Countryside Group AGM & talk	7.30	MH

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; ; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry ;**CS** Castle Sch. **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **L VH** Littleton 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 **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;**TCh** Tockington Chapel **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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