

# Meeting Point

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*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.  
And today? Today is a gift - that's why they  
call it the present.* Unknown

## From the Editor

In the November Meeting Point there is something to interest the young and old alike, from a firework display in Aust to watching A Touch of Magic, as well as early festive activities.

Congratulations to Tom Gracey and two of his friends who completed their cycle ride in the Pyrenees and raised funds for St. Peter's Hospice.

Our cover this month is by Lauren Brown  
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).**

# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations *Eric Garrett*

Oveston and District Young Farmers Club celebrated their 80th anniversary on September 25th 2010 at Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton. Some 300 invitation tickets were sold.

A large collection of photographs and memorabilia, together with a vast number of competitive silver cups were on view. An anniversary cake was cut by two of the eldest ex-Club members, Mrs Jean Panes (née Foot) and Raymond Keel. Mr. John Pullin and Mr. Reginald Hopkins both ex-Club members spoke of the Club's history.

The organisers of the event promoted the Club as celebrating its 75th anniversary. Just two weeks before the event, the Club's first meeting Minutes Book was discovered at an Elberton farmhouse. On reading the minutes, it gave proof that the Club was about to celebrate its 80th anniversary, putting panic into the organisers who had had their last committee meeting three days previously.

The Club was formed in the early spring of 1930 with a provisional committee. Mr. Alex McDonald of Red Hill Farm, Elberton became chairman and Mr. Alex Banfield of Court Farm, Elberton secretary, with 23 members. No reference was given as to where the Club meetings were held during the first three years. From 1933 through to 1938, the Club meetings were held at Oveston National School. With the building of a new Oveston Methodist Chapel Schoolroom in 1937, the Club moved their meetings to this building, which had the luxury of electric lighting and heating.

At the outbreak of the 2nd World War in 1939, the Club ceased. The building became the headquarters for the Home Guard.

In October 1943 the Club was re-formed, through the enterprise of Mr. Charlie Panes of Poplar Farm, Pilning Street. Meetings were held initially in the Parish Hall fortnightly. When the Oveston Methodist Schoolroom came available for meetings, the Club returned there in 1945, to remain until the mid 1960s when the Club moved to the Elberton Village Hall.

## Volunteers Required

Tesco are supporting the charity CLIC Sargent this year and we need volunteers to help with the Christmas collection which takes place on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th December at your local Thornbury store. If you have an hour or more to spare on either of these dates between 9.00 am and 6.30 pm, then please call Jo Amos on 07926 536720 after 5.00 pm. Thank you.

# Aust Bonfire and Fireworks

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

At Manor Farm, Aust



Gates open from 6pm and  
bonfire to be lit with a bang!

**Fireworks begin 6.30pm**

(Fireworks with grateful thanks to KJE Technical)

Bar B Q and Hot soup from 6pm

Teas, Coffee and Hot Chocolate available

Adults £3, Children £2

Proceeds to be equally split between Village Hall and  
Church

Finish 8pm

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING  
OWN FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS**

(Free sparklers for children  
with thanks to the Boars Head)

# A Concert by The Octaves Choir with Jacob and Andy Warn

What a privilege to revel in the sheer joy and enthusiasm of local young music makers from Thornbury and the surrounding villages! Join an appreciative audience to hear songs both traditional and new from the twenty strong Octaves choir of young children led by the firm but fun-loving Kate Phillipson-Masters, and in addition hear an eclectic mix of music on recorders, guitars, lutes and much much more from father and son duo Andy and Jacob Warn. From the renaissance to the avant-garde, taking in gypsy styles on the way.



This concert is the latest in a series of fund-raising events in aid of the Armstrong Hall Dressing Room Refurbishment Project and will be held in the **Cossham Hall, Thornbury on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**. Bar and drinks will be available. Tickets £6 for adults and £2 for children, available from Thornbury Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.

## Autumn Course In Thornbury

The Thornbury branch of the WEA, still has places on the following course:  
**The Renaissance Bazaar.**

Explore the influence of trading in art, ideas and luxury goods that shaped the European Renaissance. Turnberries Community Centre, Bath Road (adjacent to Rock St car park) 7pm-9pm, 5 Thursdays starting **4<sup>th</sup> November**.

All welcome. Friendly groups. No previous knowledge required. Free tuition for those people receiving certain benefits – see brochure for details.

For further information, or to book a place, ring Simon Cannell on 01454 610071, or pick up a brochure in Thornbury library. Also [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

## Thornbury Picture House

An astonishing and awe inspiring drama / wildlife movie filmed in the Steppes of Kazakhstan tells the story of a young nomad who returns from military service looking for employment as a shepherd while also seeking the approval of his beautiful neighbour *Tulpan*. This 'Prix Un Certain Regard' winner will be screened on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Cossham Hall at 7.30pm.

£5 on door for non members.

# Concorde remembered...

*Jenny Newley*



Beautiful to look at, capable of flying at twice the speed of sound and with so much local engineering talent involved in its development, Concorde is held in particular affection in this area.

Alan Jenner has put together an exhibition for Thornbury & District Museum which includes documents, aircraft components and memorabilia relating to the world's most famous passenger plane.

This **free** Concorde exhibition is at Thornbury & District Museum from **12 October until 23 December**. The Museum is next to the Armstrong Hall in Chapel St. Opening hours are **Tues to Fri, 1 – 4pm** and **Sat, 10am - 4pm**. Tel: 01454 857774. [www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk). Free entry to museum.

## November Walks with the Severnside Ramblers

We all need exercise, and most of us are not doing enough. Come and join your local Ramblers group on a walk and you will find that exercise is not a chore. Choose a walk to suit your fitness level and to suit the time you have available. You will get not only exercise but also friendly company and views of our beautiful countryside.

We have planned short and long walks this month and have also included a bike ride.

Non-members are always welcome.

For more information, log on to [www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk) or pick up a programme at your local library.



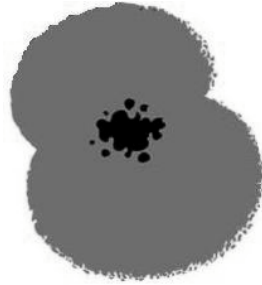
## Autumn Book Fair

Thornbury Lions Club will be holding their Autumn Book Fair in St.Mary's Centre on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 until 14.00. Any volunteers more than welcome to help with the book fair. Please contact Bob Chaskin on 01454 411805

# Olveston Branch

## Royal British Legion

On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**, we shall gather at the war memorial at 10.50am for 2 minutes silence at 11am, finishing with a short prayer.



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Remembrance Service at St.Mary's 10am**

Uniformed parties assemble at Parish Hall 9.15am, stopping at Orchard Rise for others to join in, before proceeding to the church.

## Tockington Harvest Fayre

*Garry Phillips*

The weather favoured us yet again and the Fayre was a great success with the Green filled with crowds of people for most of the afternoon. John Cryer opened the Fayre in excellent style – even raising a cheer! The Fancy Dress Parade was brilliant with some very innovative costumes. Congratulations to all those who entered, especially the winners.

This year's Harvest Queen was Amy Caul with her 2 attendants, Rachel Caul and Sarah Tyrer, and they helped present the prizes. The Bristol Ballet gave their usual high standard of dancing and we had our resident Folk Band keeping us entertained throughout the afternoon. The Brownies provided a magnificent ending with their brilliant production of scenes from the Wizard of Oz – they richly deserved the tremendous applause.

It was another memorable village Fayre and we would like to thank all of you who came along on the day. This year's donations of books, toys and household goods were exceptional both in quality and quantity – our thanks for your generosity. Finally a big thank you to all our helpers - you did a brilliant job helping to raise £1,934.

## SIP `n SING

Why not come along and sing along with Thornbury Castle Band for that `feel good` factor that comes from singing together. **Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK** committee are holding this event at **THE SHIP ALVESTON** on **THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** from 7.30pm – 10.30pm.

Hot mince pies will be provided but it's your participation in singing in an informal get-together that will make for an enjoyable and successful evening. Word sheets of Christmas songs and Carols will be provided so there is no excuse for not coming along. Hope to see you there.

Tickets £6 from The Ship Alveston or Mary on 01454 414466 or from any committee member.

# Monday Movies At St Mary's

Now that we've got a big screen and projector in St Mary's, we're starting the Monday Movies on the first Monday of the month, from this month. With Remembrance Day fast approaching, we're kicking off with the classic **Schindler's List on Nov 1st at 7.30pm**, and then on **Dec 6th we're showing Toy Story 3**, a real Christmas treat for all the family - popcorn and ice cream will be served. Historically the church nave has always been the place where the community gathers, in the days before church and village halls, and we hope that the community might happily gather for these films. There will be a bar and an interval - Schindler's List runs for three hours! - but admission is free. Nevertheless, donations are always welcome!

## The Advent Talks

Once again St Mary's has invited a number of illustrious speakers for their Advent Talks. We are privileged to begin with Chris Harris, actor, director and pantomime dame, on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7.30pm, talking about a Life of Laughter, and we shall be taking a collection for ACT. Talks are about 45 mins, followed by questions and then refreshments. The whole line up comprises:

- Tues, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Chris Harris  
**Wed, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>:** Dr Anne Stennett, former Deputy Director of Bath Spa University  
**Tues, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>:** David Coble, award-winning portrait painter and ex-moonie  
**Wed, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>:** The Rt Revd Michael Perham, Bishop of Gloucester  
**Tues, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>:** Our very own John Crossley

Thanks to those who sponsored the Ride & Stride Walk on Sept 11th - five of us took a scenic route of around 8 miles round five of the local churches and raised £803, divided equally between The Gloucester Historic Churches Trust and St John's, Aust. Next year we'll take a bit longer and not rush back for a wedding!

## Charity Coffee Morning

Once again Severn Vale Flower Club are holding a special Charity Coffee Morning in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation. This will be held in the **Cosham Hall Thornbury on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am**.

There will be refreshments, hand painted Christmas cards designed by a member of our club and Charity, Sales and Raffle tables.

Tickets are £3 and can be obtained by ringing 01454 885213. Alternatively you will be able to pay on the door. Last year was a great success so hopefully with your support we can make this year even better.

# Thank You

Very many thanks to all who came along and supported my fundraising sale in aid of St Peter's Hospice and the Lung Cancer Fund at Southmead Hospital. Between us we raised £250. Fantastic.

Unfortunately the Music Festival had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. However, we are now starting to organise **HELSEFEST 2011** so please keep **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** free in your 2011 calendar.

My next fundraising event is the **Swishing Evening** on **12th November** in the Parish Hall. Bring along up to 5 items of good quality clothing or accessories and 'swish' them after an hour of looking round. There will also be a Colour Me Beautiful consultant there to give us all advice. Tickets cost £7.50 and include a free glass of wine.

Contact Mary for tickets on 07747 562264

## 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts County Shooting Competition



On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 14 scouts and 4 leaders went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Keynsham Campsite for the annual shooting Competition. It was an early start with Lynda (our leader) picking us up at 7.00am in a mini bus. We arrived at 8.00am and had a bacon butty for breakfast, then the competition began. There was a field target course, 6 yard rifle paper targets, knockout competition, archery and clay pigeon shooting. It was a long day as we moved from one course to another with only a short break for lunch.

Stuart Sopp made it through to the final of the knockout competition and kept his cool to win the nail-biting final (and a wicked trophy). We cheered every time he hit a target! Dean Gardener won the Explorer Shotgun section, Greg Spratt came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Field Targets, Will Johnson came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Scout Shotgun and I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Scout Shotgun competition. We left on a high, bringing a trophy and four certificates back with us (we also enjoyed singing in the mini bus on the way home!).

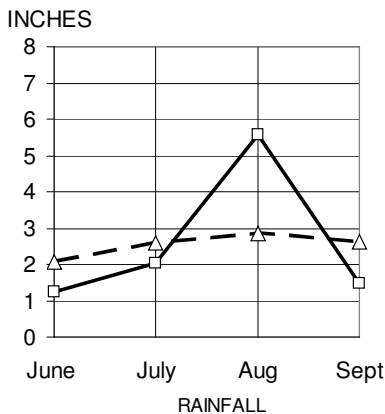
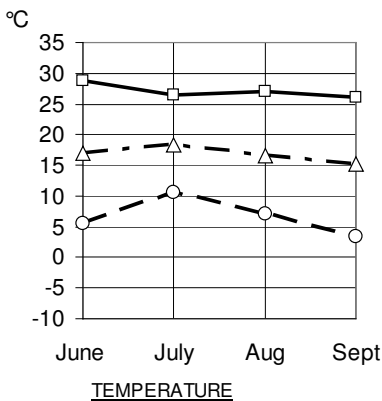
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# Weather Record

## July to September 2010 *Marcus Bean*



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—□— Actual    —△— Ave.

### July

Compared with June, this was a more typical summer month with a fair scattering of sunshine and showers, but the last week remained dry. Unusually, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a low pressure system moved over us and produced gale force winds, but it quickly passed. Rainfall for the month was about half an inch less than normal, but average pressure was close to norm with average temperature being about half a degree Celsius over the average.

### August

A procession of low pressure systems crossing the country brought very wet conditions, with rain on all but seven days of the month. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we had close to an inch of rain and on the 24<sup>th</sup> a Westerly gale. High pressure returned on the 30<sup>th</sup> with sunny days and cold nights.

Average pressure was below norm and temperature was over one degree Celsius below average. Rainfall was nearly twice the average for the month and the wettest since 1997.

### September

The first week of the month was warm and mainly dry, reflecting a high pressure system over the area, but on the 7<sup>th</sup> a low pressure system moved in with heavy rain. Changeable conditions continued until the 24<sup>th</sup> when the wind direction became Northerly resulting in cool days and two nights with ground frost.

Average temperature, pressure and rainfall were all under normal with the latter being just over an inch down.

# Net-Work

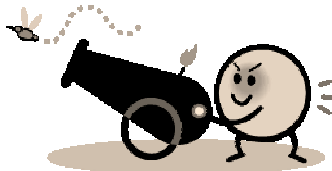
Net-Work is the name of a project St Mary's and the school are embarking on to raise £10,000 for mosquito nets to combat malaria. We're launching the project on **Saturday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, at 6pm** in church and hope that you might come and support it. Mercy Ships are a long established charitable organisation, supported by Rotary Club amongst others, and we're sponsoring a trip to Sierra Leone in February 2011.

They operate hospital ships, and our money will pay for mosquito nets on board ship as they perform all sorts of operations, but they will also distribute nets to those who need them in the area.

If we manage to raise the money (and we don't have to do it by February!) it will buy 2250 nets of various sizes. Malaria kills one to three million people a year, many of them young children. Having raised money for ourselves in the last couple of years, we now want to reach out to those beyond our shores in urgent need of our help. We hope that two people who may well be on that trip will be coming to the launch as well as an official representative from the charity.

Come and hear what they have to say and see what they do. Canapés and refreshments will be served. Donations may, of course, be gift-aided. Enquiries to Roly Bain on 616593/ [roly@rolybain.co.uk](mailto:roly@rolybain.co.uk), but all are welcome.

## Mosquito Networks



## The Three "Mosquiteers"

(Gail, Pat & Jackie)

Cordially invite you to

**A Soup, Ploughman's Lunch & Raffle**

Anytime between 12 noon & 3pm

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

At Orchard House, Old Down Hill, Tockington

*All in aid of St Mary's Mosquito Net Appeal for Mercy Ships.*

*Tickets £10 each.*

*RSVP*

# 'A Touch Of Magic'

*Watch out, there's magic about!*

By popular demand, Barry Smith and wife Sue are returning to the Cossham Hall in Thornbury to perform their 'Touch of Magic' magic show on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th November. This will be their new magic show with a different line-up to their first show in 2008.

Barry and Sue last performed at the Cossham Hall in November 2008, the debut of their magic show. That occasion saw the Cossham Hall packed to its maximum capacity where Barry delighted the audience with his own inimitable style. The magic show was so successful, and has gone from strength to strength as they have taken the show to other venues. As an offshoot of this, Barry is very proud to say that earlier this year he was made a Member of the Magic Circle, the world's premier magical society.

The show will appeal to mixed age groups, above the age of 12. Astonishment will be the order of the evening as Barry astounds the audience with his amazing magical skills, eloquent patter, interesting facts, comedy and mind-blowing magical feats. There will be predictions, rope tricks, telepathy, card tricks, illusions and more, along with audience participation. Barry will also be performing the "Zig-Zag" routine where he slices his assistant into three (and puts her back together again, thankfully!).

The performance starts at 7.30 pm, with a break during which wine and soft drinks may be purchased.

Tickets are £7.50 and will be on sale at Thornbury Town Hall weekdays from Monday 1 November, or by calling 07849 638804 or 851762. Alternatively, tickets may be reserved in advance by e-mailing Barry at [magic@barrysmith.co.uk](mailto:magic@barrysmith.co.uk).

Magical entertainment is not often seen in our locality, and it is anticipated that, due to the popularity of their first magic show, tickets will quickly disappear (in true magic fashion), so act quickly if you do not want to be disappointed. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the night also, space permitting.

So come along to the Cossham Hall to be a part of a fascinating and memorable evening of magical entertainment. A donation from this event will be given to the Armstrong Hall project to assist in the re-building of the dressing rooms and improvement of the back stage facilities.

[www.barrysmith.co.uk](http://www.barrysmith.co.uk)

# Our Parish Matters

*Olveston Parish Council*


Whisper it quietly! The women of Olveston Parish are on the march! Well, some of them, quite literally, have been on the walk, the trot, the march for fitness for some time as any observer of our byways and highways could not fail to notice. While numbers for keep-fit at the Parish Hall dwindled and died, women of all ages have still tried to keep(or get) fit.

The latest effort, which is taking off with some enthusiasm, is an energetic (and growing) group which is turning to netball. They have already got two teams going, raised funds and grants for equipment and train on Thursdays (7-8pm) at Marlwood School. The Parish Council has thrown its weight behind this initiative and so, as soon as the building work is completed at the Parish Hall, the Olveston ladies will be returning there to demonstrate their skills. Judging by the excited chatter of a group of them in the White Hart recently, it looks like being a lot of fun! Anyone wishing to know more should contact Sarah Riggs (07881813794) or Vicki Low (07984471483).

Totally Locally is also quite a hit and a lot of interest has been shown as parishioners have gathered at Tockington Green to enjoy and sell local produce. It is, of course, early days and the scheme is still developing. Assurances have been given to people who have had concerns about "overkill" or size, or whether it will stay truly "local". Currently, thought is being given also to what may happen during the winter. Some locals at Tockington have been anxious about parking but, so far, many people have seemed happy to walk or cycle there. Long may it continue!

As autumn winds pick up and winter draws on, the New Year looms ever closer. "Don't wish our time away!" you may say, but you need to be aware that 2011 brings a Census across the country and with it an important gathering of facts to help us all assess the needs of a growing population. This (very) advanced notice is just a forewarning of the crucial job we all need to do on filling in these forms in March 2011.

Finally, as it became essential to remove three trees during the Parish Hall development, it has been decided to plant some new ones locally. If anyone feels moved to suggest where or what to plant, or indeed if you have any other issues you would like to air, please contact Mrs Valerie Tutin, the parish clerk, on 01454 613730 or any of the councillors.



# Totally-Locally

at the heart of the community

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

We are official !!! With thanks for all your support, we are glad to announce that we now have our Trading Licence.

Our Saturday mornings will be used for providing freshly made produce together with the freshest grown vegetables and fruit that we can obtain. Thus, the market will be very seasonal. We will be aiming to continue outside for as long as we can, so put on that extra jumper and come along for that hot coffee and bacon buttie...

The morning will also be used to invite any services to come along to share their information. For example, did you know that we will shortly be given food waste boxes and bags for plastic? Come and find out more at the next market day

The next morning will be on **6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 – 12.00**

## **Pumpkin and Roast Chicken**

Serves 4 -6

Prep time: 10 – 15 mins Roasting time: 1 hour Resting time: 15mins

Make a pumpkin base for your chicken to roast in, and all the juices will get soaked up by this super squash. Y u m

1.4kg chicken with giblets removed, 1 pumpkin or autumn squash

A handful of thyme, a few cloves of garlic

A glug of olive oil or our Cotswold Gold Rapeseed oil

Sea salt and black pepper

Preheat the oven to 230 C/ 450 F/ gas 8. Halve your pumpkin or squash. Scoop out all the seeds. If the skin is quite thin, keep it on, Peel, if not.

Slice the pumpkin in 2cm thick slices. Lay in a roasting tin. Tuck some thyme sprigs and crushed garlic cloves into the mix. Drizzle a good bit of olive oil/ rapeseed oil over the top and Season.

Pat the chicken dry. Sit it in the centre of the pumpkin slices. Season well. Roast for 1 hour. Turn the oven off but leave the bird in for another 15 mins.

Remove, carve and enjoy....

*Your Totally Locally Team*

# Old Down Cricket Club

## 150 Club Winners October:

£50 Bill Finch  
£15 Simon Gould  
£5 John Moody

## Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

11th September Barry Reeves  
18th September Malcolm Grosvenor  
25th September Angus MacDonald

## Diary Dates:

Annual Cheltenham Raceday Friday 12th November

Please contact me for Details/Tickets for the above.

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Music in the Church at Aust

Methera Quartet

**Sat 6th November 8pm**

Methera is a unique ensemble: a string quartet with roots planted in English traditional music. Their national tours, BBC Radio 3 broadcasts and collaborations have helped them establish a reputation as a scintillating live act, blazing a trail through the uncharted territory that lies between folk and chamber music. Lucy Deakin (Cello), John Dipper and Emma Reid (fiddles) and Miranda Rutter (viola) combine a deep knowledge of traditional music with a wide range of other influences. Newly composed pieces sit alongside timeless traditional material; their music is both sophisticated and earthy, groundbreaking and familiar



Methera “play without sheet music, so it is lively and risky... original and highly enjoyable”, and they will be at Aust church on Saturday 6th November 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.

# Police Report Oct 2010

We received 63 calls in September and a total of 20 crimes for the month. Of those 20 crimes, approximately 10 were reports of burglary and theft, which included animal feed troughs, farm gates, garden gates, garden equipment, and mountain and quad bikes from the area.

A male has been arrested and has admitted stealing items from 5 locations on the beat, mostly of scrap metal. At the time of writing this, he is currently charged to court. Another male has been arrested for burglary offences in the Kingswood area of Bristol and, in a subsequent search of his property, officers seized what is believed to be the stolen cycle from Olveston.

A quad bike which was stolen from a property in Foxholes Lane was also recovered on Vattingstone Lane.

As some of you may be aware Olveston Parish Hall has suffered 3 burglaries in the last 5 weeks. The first incident was reported on 23<sup>rd</sup> August where a cooker and fridge were stolen the same day it was delivered, the second incident was on 23<sup>rd</sup> September where the shipping container was forced open and tools stolen, the third incident was reported on 28<sup>th</sup> September where entry to the hall was gained through a smashed window, where nothing appears to have been stolen apart from a hi-viz jacket.

Anybody passing through Upper Tockington Road who may see anything that they feel is suspicious please contact the Police on 999 or 0845 456 7000.

Stables in Hardy Lane, Tockington, suffered a break-in where offenders jumped over the gate and then helped themselves to various items of horse tack.

**Forthcoming Beat Surgeries in Olveston Stores between 10.30 and 11.30 am, November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

For emergencies phone 999

To report a crime or an incident phone 0845 456 7000

# 'Boys on the Bikes'

*The boys on the bikes went up the Cols  
Up the Cols, Up the Cols  
The boys on the bikes went up the Cols  
All day long*



*The boys on the bikes rode to the Med  
To the Med, to the Med  
The boys on the bikes rode to the Med  
Hip hip hooray*



*But the bums on the boys were very sore  
Very sore, very sore  
The bums on the boys were very sore  
Ouch Ouch Ouch*

*So the boys on the bikes came back home  
Came back home, came back home  
The boys on the bikes came back home  
IN ... A... CAR!!!*



This was the victory song of the 'boys on the bikes' when they got to the Mediterranean after 7 days in the saddle riding along the Pyrenees from the Atlantic. The Thornbury RFC ex-back row trio of Graham Bartlett, Dougie Collett and Tom Gracey spent the last day riding 80 miles in the pouring rain, in order to reach their objective before they went completely bonkers. They had started seeing all sorts of weird animals like grey vultures, giant 3 inch long purple bugs and swarms of little tiny lizards painted orange and blue.

They had all been talking to their bikes for three days because Tom's bike developed a mysterious puncture whilst he and Dougie stood next to it in a village square after an afternoon cup of tea ... and they never even touched it. The prognosis was that the bikes needed some TLC ... hence the talking to, they got every morning.

The wonderful views, promised in the cycling literature, that would make all the very considerable effort worthwhile, never materialised because all three cyclists had the same hallucination that they spent most of the time cycling in the rain clouds (and the rain) where visibility was sometimes reduced to 10 feet and the only view they had was of the white line in the middle of the road disappearing into the murk. Time seemed to have changed to a new format entirely and was measured only by the '*miles left to pedal today*' which could be sometimes calculated (provided your brain had not overheated / frozen and switched to standby mode) from the 'Trip' display on the cycle odometer.



But the 'Boys on the Bikes' have done it ... they have ridden 450 miles up and down the Pyreneen Cols. Would they do it again? .... NO NO NO. If anybody ever sees any of the 'Boys on the Bikes' drinking another energy drink, downing another energy tablet, rubbing Vaseline on their bottoms, cocking a leg to mount a Velo or pulling on a bright yellow, reflective, wicking tee shirt then they can, to paraphrase Sir S Redgrave, scatter tacks all over the road and beat the riders with sticks of rhubarb until they promise to recant their foolish ways and use their car or public transport to get about.

So please, if you can, dig deep and sign up for a sponsorship donation to St Peter's Hospice on [www.justgiving.com/thomas-gracey](http://www.justgiving.com/thomas-gracey)

## Thornbury Orchestra

A Concert for all the family, performed in aid of **Open Arms International**

Date and Time: **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December @7.30pm**

Venue: **Thornbury Baptist Church**

Tickets: £6 donation for adults, accompanied children under 16 years are free. This has been made possible thanks to the support of John Lewis at Cribbs Causeway. Tickets available from: Ronnie's restaurant (St Mary's Centre, Thornbury), Thornbury Town Hall, members of the orchestra, or Helen Harrison (01454 416818)

Also available: a specially designed pre-concert meal at Ronnie's restaurant, £16 for 2 courses or £19 for 3 courses: please pre-book this at Ronnie's (01454 4111137).

Programme to include: Franck's Symphony in D minor, Borodin's Prince Igor Overture, excerpts from Grieg's Peer Gynt and a commissioned work by local composer David Bradbury.

The orchestra draws players from across South Gloucestershire and beyond and includes musicians of all ages and from all walks of life. The group rehearses fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at the United Reformed Church in Thornbury and performs two to three concerts a year, often in support of local charities. Conductor Chris Hill has been involved with the orchestra from its early days and thanks to his enthusiastic encouragement the group is tackling ever more ambitious programmes of music that require a large range of instruments. For more information visit their website at [www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk).

Open Arms International is a humanitarian organisation, dedicated to improving the lives of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS and other tragedies in Kenya. Through the provision of family care, food, education and medical support, they offer hope and a future to these forgotten children. They are a grassroots organisation, working where the need is greatest.



# St Peter's Hospice

## Severnside Support Group

### Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in the Methodist Hall, Alveston on **Wednesday 3rd November between 10.00am and 12noon**. Entrance £1.00 to include tea/coffee. Stalls and raffle.

### Gift Fayre

A Gift Fayre in support of St Peter's Hospice and Friends of Olveston School will be held in The Wike Hall, Olveston School on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 3.00pm**. Refreshments will be available.  
Shop early for Christmas and help to support two worthy causes.

### Bazaar

The Annual Bazaar for St Peter's Hospice will take place in the Armstrong Hall on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am and 12noon**. Variety of Stalls including Cards and Diaries, Gifts, Crafts, Homemade preserves, Cakes and Puddings, plus many more.

Raffle and Teas. Entry by Donation.

Thank you for supporting St Peter's – your local Hospice.

## From the Registers of St.Mary's

**Baptism** on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 of Julian Keizer, son of Roul and Ann Keizer.

**Baptism** on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 of Oliver Robert Michael, son of Robert Reid and Louise Hockey.

**Confirmation** on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 of Sarah Lyons, Rebecca Lyons, Claire Lyons, Richard Lyons and Amy Fowler.

**Thanksgiving Service** on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 for Maya Silva Sapkota, daughter of Katie and Lalu Sapkota.

**Marriage** on 16<sup>th</sup> October Katie Laura Chappell and James Andrew Middleton.

## From the register of St.John's,Aust:

26th June: **Marriage** of Ben Duff and Rachel Dickens

# Thornbury Library

## **Cookery demonstration**

**Saturday 13 November 10.30 - 11.30am. FREE**

This demonstration is aimed at promoting South Gloucestershire Council's **Live Lighter** campaign which aims to show residents how they can reduce their carbon emissions.

## **Illustrated talk from local farmer Richard Cornock**

**Wednesday 17 November 7.30- 9.00pm (doors open for refreshments at 7.05pm)**

Tickets available now. £2.50 library members/£5.00 non members.  
Richard will also be signing copies of his new book *A Year on a Dairy Farm*.

## **Illustrated talk from Astrid Molyneux**

**Wednesday 1 December 7.30- 9.00pm (doors open for refreshments at 7.05pm)**

Two years ago Astrid Domingo Molyneux waved her family and friends goodbye and cycled off towards Bath. Nearly 20,000 miles later she's back, having pedaled around the world!

Tickets available now. £2.50 members/£5.00 non members

## **Aviation quiz + Wills, probate and pensions - advice sessions**

Finally, throughout November, we hope to run a 'take away' aviation quiz for children and adults, to coincide with the 2010 BAC 100 celebrations. Our thanks to Olveston Parish History Society for helping with this.

We also hope to reintroduce Wills, Pensions and Probate advice sessions, possibly on Monday mornings. Please ask at the library for details.

# Mobile Library Routes

Most of the Mobile Library routes (7 out of 10) have had changes made to them which started from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. These changes are mostly changes to times but also adding new stops and taking out some unused ones. These changes are on the Mobile Library page of the library website or contact your nearest library.

([www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries) or ring 01454 868006)

# Home for Christmas

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, which are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity.

Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what make it all worthwhile.

If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call regional organiser Dorothy Steer on 01647 252428.

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## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the draw held on 23rd September 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	442	Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Olveston
£75	153	Mr. A. Heming, Olveston
£25	163	Mrs. P. A. Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£25	236	Mr. M. E. Scott, Rudgeway
£25	157	Mr. B. Brown, Olveston
£20	491	Mrs. J. E. Lyons, Ingst
£10	181	Mr. C. J. Hitchcock, Olveston
£10	218	Mrs. P. K. Dash, Olveston

# Yours faithfully

Dear Friends,

## **Shaken and stirred**

I am no James Bond. I was both shaken and stirred when as a result of a blood test I was to have a biopsy. I thank God no cancer was found and I am grateful for the prompt, kindly and efficient medical care I received. However it was a sobering experience.

On reflection I gained three things from this. The first is a greater appreciation of the mundane and everyday that I take for granted; for example a clear crisp autumn morning. Also I trust that I am better able to serve those who are going through times of worry about or even actual serious illness. Although we can never say to each other 'I know how you feel' because we react to the same circumstances differently, I believe this has helped me better understand those in a similar situation.

The most important thing I learnt was that that God is faithful. As I walked home from the doctor I felt my prayers were bouncing back from the sky. However as I persisted in prayer I experienced the truth of these words of St Paul: 'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests to God be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:7,8). I trust that I am better prepared for when, in God's timing, serious medical news comes.

## **Thanksgiving for Marriage Service**

Please remember that St Mary's is delighted to offer this Thanksgiving for Marriage Service. During this time the couple thank God for their marriage and dedicate to him their life together. This could be when the couple are celebrating an anniversary or after a time of separation or difficulty. Please keep this in mind and contact me at the appropriate time to make arrangements.

With my prayers and best wishes

Philip

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Nov 7	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev Ruan Crew & Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	
Nov 14	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Parade Service with Choir	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong	
Nov 21	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Roly Bain Rev David Bone Breakfast Club Team Mrs Ann LLOYD
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong	
Nov 28	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum Rev R Bain & Rev H Webb Breakfast Club Team Rev David Bone
	10am	Advent Service	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Advent Vespers with Choir	

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

Nov 7	10am	Family Worship	Rev David Bone
Nov 14	10am	Remembrance Service	Rev David Bone
	10.50	Joint Act of Remembrance	Rev David Bone
Nov 28	10am	Morning Worship	Rev David Bone

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

**Church Wardens:** Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

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

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

Nov 7	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Nov 21	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 14	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Nov 28	9am	Holy Communion	Rev D Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Nov 7	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Evening Worship led by Miss Kitty Barrett
Nov 14	10am 6pm	St Mary's Tock. Ch.	Remembrance Day Service. Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Nov 21	10am 4pm	Tock. Ch. Daldry Gdns	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Nov 28	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** at the Swan Tockington Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 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](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 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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDDOWN

Nov 7	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Nov 14	6.30pm	Roger Greenslade
Nov 21	6.30pm	Mike Jenkinson
Nov 28	6.30pm	Brian Miller

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  
Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass  
Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://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.  
National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)



# Diary Dates for November 2010

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Open Meeting Open Mic at White Hart Olveston Schindler's List	6.30pm 8.30pm 7.30pm	AH  StM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	O.P.H.S. talk: Clevedon Court	7.30pm	MH
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS†  MH
5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Charity Lunch Aust Bonfire & Fireworks at Manor Farm	12.00-3.00 6.00-8.00pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Totally Locally Royal British Legion Women Colston Hall Music in the Church at Aust -Methera Quartet	10.30-12.00 9.30-12.00  8pm	MH T.Gr  AC
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
8 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Craft Gp. Phone 07747 562264 for venue		
9 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute: Tesco Wines	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR PH
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Christmas Visit to Elizabeth Graham Royal British Legion Men	  7.30pm	  DGCL
11 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th & District Flower Club-Demo	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS† MH TMH
12 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Swishing Evening (Hospice & Lung Cancer)	7.30 pm	PH
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.0	MH
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Remembrance Sunday		
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
16 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Aust Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR EVH
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
18 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS†  MH

19 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Charity Bazaar Almondsbury Sheelanagig Concert Northavon Singers Charity Concert	10.30-12.00 2.00-4.00pm 7.45pm 7.30pm	MH  PH StMA
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Severn Vale Flower Club Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30  7.30pm	WR CH AP
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Alveston Local History Soc: Church Music, 1660-1840 - Linda Hall	7.30pm	AMC
25 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Police Beat Surgery Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th & District Flower Club-Practice Class	10.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ OS+ MH TMH
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club-Practice	1.30pm	AH
30 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
<b>Looking ahead to December</b>			
6th	Toy Story 3	7.30pm	StM

**KEY:** **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **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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