

# Meeting Point

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## **From the Editor**

Well, if you are finding it a bit muddy underfoot at the moment, try living at the northern edge of Littleton where a new section of water main has just been laid! Alternatively, escape (figuratively speaking) to London for a breath of urban air with recent local resident Rowena Winkler or concentrate on the promise of snowdrops in the garden.

You can remind yourself of the problems of last winter with Marcus Bean's annual weather report. At least this year you should be able to get safely out of the house to participate in one of the many activities taking place locally in February: the UWE Big Band, line dancing, various films, a talk on Bristol ships, to name but a few. It may be muddy but there's lots going on.

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman

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# Letter from London

*Rowena Winkler*

From the top of Washingpool Hill in Rudgeway, to the bottom of Victoria Road in London is a relocation that has given us a very different view on life – literally! Our kitchen window looks out onto the well-lit street, a cul-de-sac, where walkers and workers, tourists and toddlers, pass by to access a mews which leads to Gloucester Road, and the Tube station. The novelty of meeting our neighbours in the street; of popping round the corner to sit in a café and chat, eat lunch, or even buy a book, and of using the good public transport systems to access all sorts of cultural activities, has yet to wear off. We have watched the leaves of the magnificent London plane trees in Hyde Park turning, and been amused by the various activities of people using the park, from roller-bladers and skate-boarders to Speakers Corner, not forgetting the attraction of feeding the ducks and geese on the Serpentine, in what is a wonderful multi-faceted playground. A 'Winter Wonderland' funfair was set up in the park in early December, and who needs to go abroad when all the joys of the Christingle Market can be found at home?

Living opposite an Anglican church, where a new vicar was consecrated just after we arrived, has meant an enjoyably active involvement. I sing in the choir (small, and paid per service) when they are short, and finding no-one was organizing a flower rota I undertook to decorate the church for the 4-5 weeks of the Christmas season. I sourced ivy from nearby walls (– this is going to be more difficult next year, I suspect, as people begin to recognize the 'green bag lady'), and for flowers, both real and artificial, I found the New Covent Garden Market, flower section, early one morning – a hive of bargain hunters and hard-nosed traders, newly constructed in the shadow of the old Battersea Power Station. Best buy – over 60 single red carnations, tossed aside as 'seconds' for ten pounds, and still thriving! Services at Christchurch were sadly less well-attended over Christmas as this is a community with many students and second home owners, but we enjoyed 'Nine Lessons and Carols', a Christingle service for the children, and Midnight Mass by candlelight. As we celebrated these services I was reminded of all the lovely traditions of St. Mary's Olveston, and the wonderful village community that we had been part of.

Our own Christmas celebrations included four separate groups of carol singers, ranging from two girls collecting for Battersea Dogs Home, and a choir of 30 students from the Royal College of Music – heavenly! When the tree lights failed there was a new set 'just around the corner', at the newsagents, and no-one noticed that half the decorations were missing –lost in transit! We were 18 for lunch on Christmas Day, spent with Tom (Astrid's new husband) and his family, but it will be my turn next year. Oh, and did I

mention that the trusty Volvo Estate is soon to be transformed into a Toyota iQ – city car – so then I really will be a ‘townie’.



By Nick & Ros Henwood

*Jill Kirby*

Our daughter and her husband Nick have now published their book about the time they spent working in Nepal as a Mum and housekeeper and a Community health worker respectively.

As Dr Fergusson says “They worked side by side and tell their story side by side. In the fascinating kaleidoscope they describe honestly, humbly and humorously how they survived, adapted, and served community and church.”

During the nineties and noughties they first thrived in a remote village five hours trek from the nearest road and secondly in a cosmopolitan town, working with Christian and secular organisations. Nick pioneered a TB and HIV programme, while Ros and a Nepali friend prayed him through each obstacle. They raised two daughters, negotiated red tape, faced political unrest, and engaged with the rapidly growing Nepali church. Intending to be change agents, they found Nepal changed them.

If you would like copies of this book we will be happy to sell them at £7.00. Please contact me on 412399 and I will be happy to deliver locally. It will make good reading for anyone considering cross cultural work overseas, or for interested readers who followed the tales of our visits to them.

## Broadband Survey

*Matthew Riddle*

South Gloucestershire Council is currently working on plans to improve our broadband service with the help of the Government. SGC have put out a survey for residents and businesses to complete on the council's website – [www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband). This will help inform the plans and I would encourage as many residents as possible to complete it. Closing date: February 29th 2012.

# St Mary's Events

## Lent

Lent begins on Feb 22nd - in St Mary's at 9am with the traditional service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. Lent is the traditional time not just for fasting but for preparing for the events of Holy Week and Easter, and it's become a time for exploring our faith. There are a number of discussion groups meeting around Severnside, a couple of them in Olveston. We'll also be showing Lent films at St Mary's on the Tuesdays in Lent, featuring stories about real people and a couple about monastic communities. We can't tell you the titles for copyright reasons but you can get a leaflet from St Mary's church or just ring Roly on 616593. Further details of all activities to follow.

## UWE Big Band

As a prelude to Lent, the UWE Big Band are coming back at last, due to popular demand, and the concert will be on Monday, Feb 20th at 7.30pm. It's the eve of Shrove Tuesday so free pancakes will be served, and there will be a licensed bar both beforehand and during the interval. Tickets are only £7.50, and it's usually a full house, so order your tickets early from June Robbins (617491) or get them from Olveston Stores. Don't miss our Olveston Mardi Gras!

And looking ahead ...

## The **STRAWBERRY** Ball

Dust off your best frocks and DJ's for 'The Strawberry Ball' on July 17th in the Marquee at Tockington Manor. St Mary's are having their annual Ball, and this time it's going towards the restoration of the windows which are in dire need of repair, and some of them need reglazing. £500 will also go to St John's, Aust, again for their roof appeal. Tickets are £55, but if you buy them before April 1st it's only £49. Tickets can be ordered from Julia Johnstone on 07966 302762.

# St Mary's Gift Day

*Roly Bain*

St Mary's is having a Gift Day on February 25th, and before you complain 'Not another begging bowl! What's this one for?', let us try and explain.

Basically, the congregation needs to find over a hundred thousand pounds a year and we nearly made it this year but we fell short again. We try to be a parish church, there for funerals and weddings and baptisms, for school assemblies and special services and for all sorts of celebrations. We keep it open every day so anyone can come in for a bit of peace and quiet. We're here for you - the church is for everyone. All we ask is that you might chip in to help us carry on doing what we do - it's just like paying subs really. It's a long time since we had a Gift Day, though there have, of course been appeals for money these last few years, both for the reordering and for the mosquito nets. This is just boring old housekeeping - helping us pay the bills.

I and Philip Rowe and several others, including the Friends of St Mary's, will be outside Olveston Stores from 8am till 3pm. Come and have a chat and a coffee, find out more, and maybe even contribute something, either as a one off or on a regular basis. Or join the Friends - they have a new leaflet available about what they do and who they are. All we ask is a little help from our friends. See you there!

## The Five Loaves and Two Fishes

### Project Food Collections in Olveston

Many thanks to the people who have kindly left food items at Olveston Stores. These have been well received by the "Community of the Sisters of the Church" in St Paul's, Bristol.

As food collections are needed all the time and not just at Christmas, it is hoped that many more local residents will donate **non perishable** tins and packets. The actual collection box is located in the "coffee" section within Olveston Stores. So please give generously as every item donated helps.

*Tony Kite*

# Oveston Parish Matters

*Richard Rogers*

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Oveston Parish Council is anxious to register an opinion on the Ingst Wind Farm based on the views of all parishioners. Accordingly, questionnaires have been delivered to each parishioner on the electoral role (as of 15th October 2011). The questionnaires are anonymous, and whatever your opinion (or otherwise) you are strongly urged to complete it and return it by the 8th February. Various businesses throughout Oveston Parish have kindly offered to collect the questionnaires (please see the covering letter sent out with the questionnaire); alternatively they can be handed to Councillors or posted to the Parish Clerk. Please contact the Clerk urgently if you do not receive one.

South Gloucestershire Council is also interested in hearing your views as part of their 2012/13 budget consultations. Further information can be accessed by the [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk) website, although please be warned that the closing date is 10th February 2012.

As previously reported, the Council is coordinating the development of a Parish Plan, and is currently making contact with a wide range of key people and groups within the community to share the concept, and to seek volunteers by late spring to form a Steering Group to take it forward. Themes for consideration include 'Education facilities for youth and younger people'; 'Environment, conservation and sustainability'; 'Farming and Land use'; 'Housing and development; Local Healthcare'; 'Local shops, businesses and services'; 'Policing and stronger safer communities'; 'Adequacy and better communications'; 'Sports and Leisure facilities; Transport and traffic'; 'Provision of services for older people'; 'Churches & Faith Groups'.

With thoughts of spring, the Parish has benefited from a number of individuals planting bulbs in communal areas for the enjoyment of all. Particular thanks to Mr Hughes who again arranged and planted a sack of daffodil bulbs. It may be possible to arrange for more bulbs to be planted for spring 2013, so please let the Council know suitable sites.

If you are interested in helping with the Parish Plan or have any comments on any of the above, the Council would welcome your written or emailed opinions.

## "Thank you"

*Clare Pullin*

To the gentleman who handed in my lost purse into the Oveston Stores on Thursday 29th December. Thank you so much.

# Aust Parish Council Matters *Tim Pyper*

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As you know, Meeting Point is the magazine for Olveston and Aust parishes. The civil parish of Aust includes the three villages of Elberton, Littleton-upon-Severn and Aust. Aust Parish Council, of which I am Clerk, meets on the second Tuesday of most months. This is the first of an occasional series of notes about matters concerning your council.

There have been articles in recent editions about the **proposed wind farm at Ingst**. Your Council will be asked to comment, even though the site is not in our parish but in Olveston. But **your Councillors would like to hear your views** about this scheme before formulating their view. We expect the developers to make an application in February. What do you think? Please let me or one of your Parish Councillors know your views by the end of February, (see contact details above).

There will be a plan of the proposal on the Parish Council pages of the website: <http://olveston.com/councils/aust-parish-council>.



## Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion Men's Section will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1900hrs (7pm) at Daldry Gardens Meeting Room. All potential members who have served in the Armed Forces, both Regular and Reserve plus the Merchant Navy are very welcome to attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Martin J Scott Lt Col (Retd) Chairman*

## Mrs. Carmen Pitts

Mrs. Carmen Pitts would like to thank all the many of you who sent her cards and gifts this Christmas. She hopes you understand that she is unable to write or thank you personally at the moment. Carmen wishes you a very happy New Year.



# The Garden Line

From articles 1991-1992

*Cecilie Turton*

## February

Many of us keen gardeners will have been given Garden Tokens for Christmas. It is exciting to try and decide what one will buy, also very important. Personally I would want to buy a tree or shrub to remember the giver of the token.

The planting of tree or shrub needs a lot of thought, if large then not too near the house, perhaps best planted at a distance so it can still be seen from the house, and certainly not among other trees. All too often forest trees such as limes, poplars and planes planted in small gardens have to be mutilated by severe pruning to keep them within bounds.

It is important that trees and shrubs be purchased from reputable nurseryman. Do not forget to ask ultimate height, width and root spread, also soil type. Lime-haters will need plenty of peat and leaf mould dug in before planting. Do not use bone meal for lime-haters as it contains a certain amount of calcium.

Deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted safely this month, provided the ground is not frozen or waterlogged. Best to leave them in their containers until the weather improves. A shed or garage will offer sufficient protection. Don't forget to water them.

Trees do not need regular pruning; far better to let them grow into their natural shape, the only pruning needed is to remove dead or diseased wood during winter.

As I said in my last article, this is an exciting time of the year, everything to look forward to. Snowdrops will be through and possibly blooming, harbingers of spring.

Take it gently, enjoy it, and happy gardening to you all.

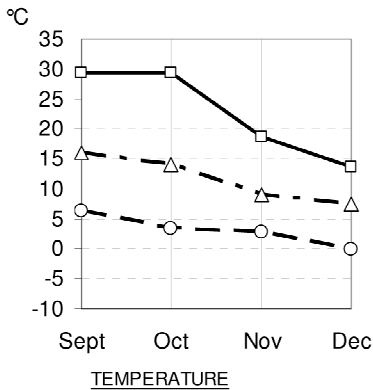




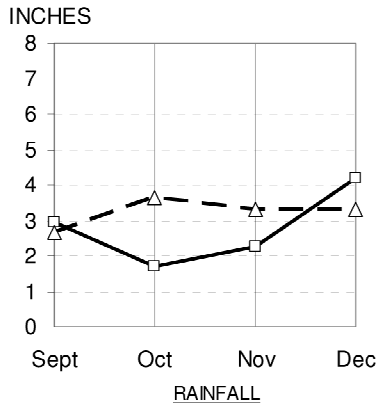
# Weather Record

## October to December 2011

Marcus Bean



—□— Max.    —○— Min.    —△— Ave.



—□— Actual    —△— Ave.

### October

Despite the usual battle between cold and warm air at these latitudes at this time of year, the jet stream which marks the boundary between the two air masses snaked over the British Isles leaving us in the warm sector with the cold air remaining to the North of Scotland. This resulted in the warmest October since 2005 and the driest since 2007.

Average temperature was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  °C above normal due to abnormally high night-time temperatures and rainfall was approaching 2 inches below average. We had two days with gales in the month.

### November

The macro weather pattern established last month continued into November with low pressure systems tracking to the West and North of the British Isles and with high pressure dominating, but with fluctuating intensity, from the near-Continent ensuring the South remained warm and reasonably dry.

Average temperature was over 2 °C above norm due to high night-time temperatures, making it the warmest since 2002 whilst the rainfall average was approximately an inch below expected, making it the driest since 2007. We had two days with gales in the month.

### December

A continuous series of Atlantic low pressure systems moved over the country bringing their associated fronts with significant rainfall and gales, but with relatively mild temperatures. In mid month we had a cooler spell with the temperature on one night falling below zero and with hail storms on two consecutive days.

Average temperature was approaching  $1\frac{1}{2}$  °C above norm and rainfall was nearly an inch above average. We had five days with gales in the month.



# Weather Report for Olveston, 2011

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	30.1	27 <sup>th</sup> June
1.2	Lowest day max temperature	2.2	28 <sup>th</sup> January
1.3	Highest night temperature	16.4	10 <sup>th</sup> September
1.4	Lowest night temperature	- 5.0	31 <sup>st</sup> January
2. Barometric pressure (millibars)			
2.1	Maximum pressure	1040	22 <sup>nd</sup> January
2.2	Minimum pressure	983	15 <sup>th</sup> February
3. Wind			
3.1	Maximum speed	54mph	5 <sup>th</sup> February
3.2	Prevailing Direction	West	92 days
4. Rainfall (millimetres)			
4.1	Maximum in one day	35.08	25 <sup>th</sup> August
4.2	Wettest month	106.96	December
4.3	Driest month	3.89	April
4.4	Total for the year	728.32	
	<i>Equivalent to</i>	28.67 inches	

## Commentary

The early part of **January** was very cold with snow but at mid-month slightly milder conditions existed; at the end of the month very cold winds returned, making the month 1½°C colder than norm. **February** started cold but the remainder of the month was wet and windy with average temperature 1½°C above normal. High pressure dominated most of **March** with warm sunny conditions and very little rain, being about a third of average. **April** continued the high pressure pattern with warm sunny days, with sunshine levels being the highest for April since the 1890s. Rainfall for the month was 1½ inches below norm. Changeable conditions returned in **May** with prolonged windy periods, but rainfall was light being about an inch below average. Unsettled conditions continued in **June** with strong winds and significant rainfall, being about an inch above average, while temperature was about 1°C below norm. **July** was a windy cool month with sunshine interspersed with showers and average temperature 1°C below normal. Low pressure systems dominated the weather pattern for **August** with cool conditions for almost the entire month. Sunshine levels were about 70% of average and rainfall exceeded that expected for the time of year. **September** continued the pattern of cool showery conditions until the last four days when a high pressure system developed over the near-Continent. A lovely warm month followed, being the

warmest **October** since 2005 and the driest since 2007. Temperatures were 1½°C above average and rainfall was about 2 inches below average. **November** was dominated by high pressure systems, of fluctuating intensity, making it a warm and reasonably dry month, with temperatures 1½°C above average and rainfall nearly an inch below norm. **December** was a warm and wet month.

Unusually warm spring and autumn temperatures meant that apart from January, which continued the cold of December 2010, the only months that had below-average temperatures were June, July and August. The year was also relatively dry with total rainfall approximately 4 ¼ inches below average.

## Old Down Cricket Club

### 150 Club Winners January:

£50 Alex Grosvenor

£15 Charlie Jarvis

£5 Olivia Maunder

### Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

10th Dec. Andrew Rowen 17th Dec. Ian Maunder 31st Dec. Paddy Gardner

## Junior Cricket

Do you have a child School Year 3 or above who fancies a try out at cricket? If you do then Old Down Cricket Club would love to hear from you.

Our junior Indoor Nets start on Saturday 18th February and we are holding a Junior Section Registration Evening on Wednesday 8th February from 6.30pm at Old Down Sports and Social Club. All new or prospective players and parents very welcome to come along for a chat to find out more.

Further details can be found in the junior section of the club website, <http://www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk>.

Or contact: Reg Purchase

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## Peter and Jane Haworth

would like to thank all the kind people who have supported them during the difficult last 9 months. Our daughter in law, Jan, appears to be doing well and we are keeping our fingers crossed for the future.

# Parish Players present... *"Me and My Girl"*

Amazingly, Showtime for the Parish Players is almost here again. After busy months of rehearsal, including learning to tap dance, the Company is looking forward to opening night on **March 21st at the Olveston Parish Hall** with the light-hearted ever popular British Musical 'Me and My Girl', composed by Noel Gay with libretto and lyrics by L. Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber.

Designed to blow the blues away, 'Me and My Girl' opened at the Victoria Palace, London in 1937. It starred Lupino Lane and was the subject of one of the first outside broadcasts live from a theatre. It started the worldwide Lambeth Walk craze and went on to make theatrical history with a run of 1646 performances.

'Me and My Girl', in the words of the late Richard Armitage, the son of Noel Gay, 'introduced rhyming slang to the general public, compelled extra bus routes to the theatre and established the Victoria Palace as a West End house. It survived the Munich crisis, the outbreak of war and the blitz.'

It was revived in 1984, adapted by Stephen Fry. Since then it has become the fourth longest running London show ever, with 3305 performances seen by an estimated 4 million people. It has seen an impressive list of star names including Robert Lindsay, Emma Thompson, Gary Wilmot, Sue Pollard and others.

Mark Collins who played Jigger in last years 'Carousel' is cast as the cockney infiltrator into the aristocratic Hareford family Bill Snibson. He is partnered by Amy Fowler in her first leading role as his chirpy fiancée Sally Smith. Lynn Shelley plays the outraged Maria, Duchess of Dene with Mike Jones as her sympathetic to all suitor, Sir John Tremayne. Heather Collins has the soubrette part of Lady Jacqueline, whilst Chris Bentley makes a welcome return to play the eccentric twit the Hon. Gerald Bolingbroke. Phil Savage has the ubiquitous role of the family solicitor Herbert Parchester and Mike Belsten is the indomitable butler Charles, with John and Judy Jones cast as the comedy duo Lord and Lady Battersby. Other cameo roles are played by various members of the Company including Lesley Clarke, Brian Brown, Tad and Gill Olewicz, June Robbins, Felicity Hemmett, Richard Newley, Ray Hale and Cath Chappell. Junior members Maedene Webb, Holly Anderson and Charlotte Turner complete the Company.

This year the challenging sets are designed by Keith Richards, his wife Norma collating the props, with Gill Olewicz in charge of the 1930s costumes and London's pearly royalty. John Jones and crew ensure smooth stage management. The exciting choreography is in the capable hands of Jill Harris. Musical Director, Chloe Allsopp-Jones brings the toe tapping score to life with such hits as the 'Lambeth Walk', 'The Sun has got his hat on', 'Leaning on the lamp post' and of course, 'Me and My Girl'. Linda Evans directs the Production.

Olveston Parish Hall March 21-24 7.30pm

Box Office: John and Judy Jones tel: 01454 613482 (from mid-Feb onwards)

## Movies at St Mary's: Feb

*Trevor Anderson*

**Three films this month in St Mary's Olveston.**



### **MONDAY MOVIES: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm**

Carey Mulligan gives an exceptional performance as 16 yr old schoolgirl Jenny in this superb coming of age story set in 1960's suburban London. *Cert 12*

### **MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm**

An unemployed cellist finds a new lease of life tending to the newly dead in this acclaimed Japanese comedy-drama. Oscar winner 2009. *Cert 12*

For both the above, doors open at 7.00. Licensed bar and soft drinks. Free admission.

### **CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am**

Far away in a tiny mushroom village, live a group of little blue pixies in short trousers. Four cartoon films from the Hannah-Barbera series. *Cert U*.

Children now have membership cards, entitling them to money off refreshments, a free draw and various other attractions, all proposed by Olveston School Council. Doors open 9.30. Free admission.

For film titles, see posters and leaflets in church or join the mailing list (contact [trevoranderson@btinternet.com](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com) or 613279).

## Thank You

The family of William (Tom) Cox would like to thank everyone who attended Tom's service in November and for the cards and messages of sympathy that have been received. A total of £381 was raised in donations and has been passed on to St. Mary's Church, Olveston.

# Bristol Ships and Shipping in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century

**Wednesday, 1 February 2012, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Hall**

Why was Bristol England's second most important port in the fifteenth century? Come along to Tim Bowly's talk and find out!

Tim will tell us about Bristol medieval ships and their merchandise, the ports they used, navigation, ships of war, piracy, exploration and some of the men who financed and sailed in Bristol's ships.

Tim retired from British Aerospace Dynamics in 2002, since when he has completed an MA and is completing a PhD on the subject of his talk. If anyone can explain Bristol's success as a port, he can!

Olveston Parish Historical Society's annual membership costs only £5, which you can pay on the door. As well as this one, there are two more talks this season. But you don't need to join. You can just come along as a visitor and pay £2 on the door.

All welcome!

[www.olvoston.com.historical-society](http://www.olvoston.com.historical-society)



# Babes in the Wood

Feeling a little jaded now the festive season is over?

We have just the solution, the perfect pick-me-up. How about taking the whole family to a pantomime? Not just any pantomime but Babes in the Wood which will be performed by Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury from Wednesday 15th February until Saturday 18th February.



No need to travel far for first class entertainment; we have it all here in Thornbury with this award winning group. Tickets are reasonably priced and the parking is free!

With just a few weeks until curtain-up every department is gearing up and will be pulling out all the stops to ensure that everyone has a fantastic time. Scriptwriter and director, Lizzie Lindsell, is promising lots of fun with a pantomime full of traditional elements to entertain the whole family. Local audiences will be delighted to welcome back David Wrench as he once more dons his frocks and struts his stuff on stage as the dame.

The cast will be joined by four local youngsters Lizzie O'Brien and Bethany Wong who will play Polly along with Joe Bennet and Joe Baldwin who will play Ollie; other youngsters will also be joining the chorus.

The pantomime will be performed at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th February 2012; evening performances are at 7pm with matinees on Friday and Saturday at 2pm.

Why not give yourselves a treat and book some tickets – give Karen a ring on 01454 853947 or visit the website [www.tmtg.co.uk](http://www.tmtg.co.uk), where you will find lots of information about the group. Make sure you bring big voices so you can cheer for the hero and boo the villains! Tickets are £11/£9 raised seating, £10/£8 on the flat, family ticket for 4, £35 raised, £30 flat. Group booking concessions are also available.

We look forward to seeing you at the show and guarantee you will have lots of fun – oh yes you will!

# Bollywood & Curry at Thornbury Picture House

Come to Thornbury's Armstrong Hall and be transported to the heart of the Bollywood film industry with *Om Shanti Om*. This cinematic feast will keep you glued to your seats right until the end of the action. It is preceded by an authentic Indian supper cooked especially for the occasion by Thornbury's own chef Romy Gill.

Love and dreams follow two starry-eyed actors across three decades in this splashy Hindi musical. Set in the 1970s and 2000s, *Om Shanti Om* tells the story of Om, an aspiring actor, who is murdered and immediately reincarnated into the present day. He attempts to discover the mystery of his demise and find Shanti, the love of his previous life. *OSO*, as it is affectionately known, pays tribute and pokes fun at the Bollywood film tradition. Starring Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and many other Bollywood stars, *OSO* created a sales record when it was released in 2000 and broke all box office records.

If you enjoy a fun night out, would appreciate exuberant Indian melodrama shown on our large 18 foot screen and love good Indian food, this evening is for you. *Om Shanti Om*, Cert 12A, will be screened on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury. This is a fund raising event where all proceeds will be passed to the Armstrong Hall Backstage Refurbishment Appeal. Supper will be served at 7pm followed by the film at approximately 7.45pm. Please pre book to be certain that your hot supper is ensured! Tickets £10 each to include both supper and film from Thornbury Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.

## Cancer Research UK

**Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK** is holding a **Line Dancing Evening**, led by Tony and Pam Flintoff, on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012** 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 Member who may be your local or regular contact.



# **Needed - Volunteers for a Memory Café**

Do you feel you might be the right person to help out at a “Memory Café” in Thornbury?

A Memory Café is an opportunity for people with various degrees of memory loss and their carers to get together for a coffee and a chat. They are lively and fun social gatherings and are in existence in many parts of the country – but not yet in Thornbury. The Thornbury Memory Café will start in March.

The Café will be run by the people of Thornbury and district for the people of Thornbury and the surrounding area. To run it successfully we need volunteers with patience, understanding and sense of humour. If this is you and you would be prepared to commit two hours on a Tuesday morning just once or twice a month then contact the number below.

There will be a briefing and training session for volunteers on Tuesday 14th February at 10.30 am at the Thornbury Methodist Church hall. You can attend this to discover whether or not the task is for you, without making any prior commitment.

Please think about it. For further information, telephone Audrey on 01454 412619 or just turn up on 14th February.



## **Caring For Children**

There is a national drive to find more foster carers and adopters for the UK's children in care. South Gloucestershire Council is one of the many authorities in the country looking to action this locally. In addition, the authority is also looking to recruit more carers who can give regular short breaks to disabled children and young people under its Family Link Scheme.

If you are interested in any of these areas of family placement you can visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/AdoptionFostering](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/AdoptionFostering) where you will find a lot of useful information. If you wish to discuss any or all of the above contact Tony Bray, the Family Placement Team's Recruitment & Marketing Officer, on 01454 866423.

# 1st Olveston Scouts

County Patrol Camping Competition:

*Simeon Ashford, Cobra Patrol*



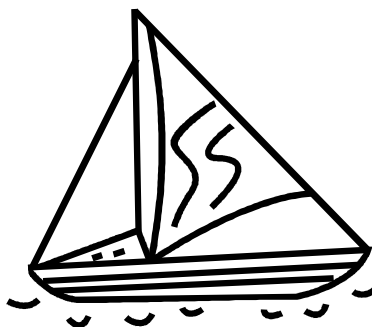
The Avon Scout County Camping Competition at Woodhouse Park was great. We arrived on Friday evening and made camp which involved hammering tent pegs, pulling ropes and lots of team work.



When we had camp set up, the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders went to a meeting which took fifteen to twenty minutes. The theme was 'Titanic' to commemorate 99 years since it sank. We had already had dinner (at home) so we set about building "gadgets" (washing up bowl stands, gateways, flag posts etc.) and then we went to bed, which never actually meant we went to sleep, and told ghost stories until midnight when we did fall asleep.

The next day we did a number of challenges the first of which involved making huge boats out of cardboard and paper. We also had two people collect information to write on our boats from people who came from a lifeboat station. In addition to this, there were three workers from Rolls Royce and we had to discover as much about them as we could writing what they told us (e.g. Jim has a girlfriend) on the boats as well.

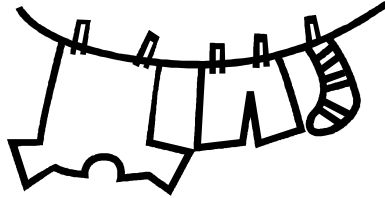
We came third in that. When we had come back to camp we set about making even more "gadgets" or improving ones we had already had. We also made a whole bucket of hot chocolate and then had to go round offering everybody hot chocolate (because we made too much). When we went to bed we played truth or dare and then, finally, in the early hours of the morning, fell asleep.



On the last day we had lots of fun. We made elastic-band power boats out of old bottles, lolly sticks, pieces of hard cotton and, of course, elastic bands. We put them in an enormous water bowl and saw how they worked (or why they didn't work). After that we went on an assault course which involved climbing, tunnelling rope swinging etc. Most of all, we were covered in mud from head to toe. When we went back to camp we started taking our tent down.

After that there was an awards ceremony and they presented the winners with a shield. We were given our badges and went home (with lots of laundry).

Olveston Scouts  
01454 632484



## 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston

# Scouts annual Line of Coins

*Colin Prewett*

A belated but none the less sincere thank you to those of you who gave to the 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts Group "Annual Line of Coins" at the end of last year. Despite the doom and gloom that seems to continually hover around us in these austere times, your generosity has once again dumbfounded the sceptics and resulted in a continuance of the upward trend of the past few years with the total this year standing at £435.00.

Parents and Guardians pay regular membership fees which cover the standing charges such as membership of the Scouting Association, heating, lighting and insurances. Your contributions enable the Group to purchase and maintain the equipment that is needed to increase the scope of training and provide experiences that would otherwise be unaffordable.

Thank you once again for your generous donations which I can assure you are much appreciated and most importantly will be carefully and wisely spent.

## From the Registers of St.Mary's Olveston

### **Baptisms**

18 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Ruben James Wyatt Domore, son of Greig Domore and Sarah Parkhill
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012	Freddie George Ethan Ford-Brown son of Edward Brown and Holly Ford

### **Thanksgiving Service**

30 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Brian Jenkins, followed by Burial at Almondsbury Cemetery
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# Yours Faithfully

Michael Matthews

Upon being reminded today (30<sup>th</sup> December) that it was my turn to submit this article for the February edition I thought what a privilege it is to do so and to have access for a few minutes into your home and thinking.

I was actually in my study reading my Bible and did not intend to write this immediately but then a verse came into my mind so I decided to start. I mention this not in any sense of boasting or seeking to impress but rather to illustrate what I firmly believe, God is waiting to lead and guide us in our thinking and actions whenever we give Him the chance.

The apostle Paul in writing to the church in Corinth, where problems abounded that would make most Church leaders give up in despair, used a phrase that I find very challenging. It is found in 1 Corinthians Chapter 14 verse 19, and without going into the controversy he was addressing, I would like to think briefly about this – *“I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than .....”* (This is the New International Version of the Bible but it reads so well in other versions.)

I wonder what five words you would use to help someone else, to encourage them, to give a measure of guidance or advice that they so desperately need for their own situation.

I can think of several phrases of varying lengths that we hear so often; “Don’t worry it will be alright”, “pull yourself together”, “there are others much worse off than you”, “every cloud has a silver lining” etc.

Perhaps these sayings and others have their place but .....

What I came across was the phrase, “I tell you the truth” spoken by Jesus over 70 times. Not so much the intelligible words we might be seeking but more importantly the undergirding of everything He chose to say, the bedrock of all His teaching.

There is also an instruction given to the early Christians in Ephesus and applicable to us today “speaking the truth in love” [Ephesians 4:15] Such was the example of Jesus even when He spoke forthrightly and even chastened and rebuked as well as encouraged. May it be a pattern for us to follow in our dealings with one another.

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**MEETING POINT  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2011**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2011 £</b>	<b>2010 £</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2011 £</b>	<b>2010 £</b>
Balances at 31st October 2010 and 2009					
At Bank:					
Current Account	1798.93	1074.14	Printing	10733.48	9568.10
Clubs & Charities A/C	4996.40	5990.46	Meeting Point Directory	478.00	-
Advertisements	11367.50	11220.75	Insurance	73.53	72.84
Interest	5.00	5.94	Postage	475.38	410.30
Donation	30.00	10.00	Stationery/Materials	72.86	66.98
			Corporation Tax	197.19	218.19
			Gratuities	79.99	50.00
			Bookbinding	42.00	42.00
			Meeting Point Website	-	77.55
			Olveston Brownies	-	200.00
			Olveston Girl Guides	-	200.00
			Olveston Beavers	-	200.00
			Olveston Cubs	-	200.00
			Olveston Scouts	-	200.00
			At Bank:		
			Current Account	1044.00	1798.93
			Clubs and Charities A/C	5001.40	4996.40
	<b>18197.83</b>	<b>18301.29</b>		<b>18197.83</b>	<b>18301.29</b>

Documents relative to this Statement have been examined and found correct.

*J S Howells*

*22 December 2011*

*T. D. W. Howells*

J S Howells F.C.A.

Dated

Treasurer

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Feb 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. P Rowe Mrs A LLOYD
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
Feb 12	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev R Bain
Feb 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev D Bone & Rev P Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Denis Jones
Feb 22	9am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Rev Roly Bain
	7.30p	Holy Communion with Ashing at Olveston Meth. Ch.	
Feb 26	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday-Celtic Communion	Rev R Bain Mr D Jones
	10am	<b>No Breakfast Club</b>	
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev R Crew & Rev P Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

### Contacts:

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

Feb 12	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Feb 26	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

**Hon. Curate:** **Rev David Bone**, 01454 614601

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

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

Feb 5	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Feb 19	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Feb 12	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Feb 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Feb 5	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	Tock. Ch	Evening Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Feb12	10am	Olv. Sch.	We join the Breakfast Club at Olv. School
Feb 19	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Feb 22	7.30	Olv. Ch.	Holy Communion with Ashing
Feb 26	10am	Olv. Ch.	Home Missions Anniversary led by Rev Richard Barrett

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb To book please ring 613241, or 612112

**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. 07512 917229 or email:  
**thevine\_awkley@hotmail.com**

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Feb 5	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Feb 12	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Feb 19	6.30pm	Rev Ken Payne
Feb 26	6.30pm	Rev Colin Lewis

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

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 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.ckk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ckk-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](http://www.quaker.org.uk)** Bristol area: **[www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)**



# Diary Dates for February 2012

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	O.P.H.S Bristol Ships & Shipping 15 <sup>th</sup> Cent.	7.30pm	MH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	Os+ MH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri			
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Open Mic at White Hart	7.30pm 8.30pm	S+M
7 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Film Night	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Royal British Legion Men	7.00pm	DGCL
9 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	Os+ MH
10 <sup>th</sup> Fri	OPTA Quiz	7.30pm	PH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
12 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Children's Movie Club Monday Movie extra	10.00 7.30pm	S+M S+M
14 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club A.G.M. Babes in the Wood TMTG - to Sat. 18th Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	1.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	AH AH
16 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30	Os+ Os+ MH
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Thornbury Choral Society: Workshop	10.30-12.00 10.30-5pm	MH TBCh
19 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	UWE Big Band	7.30pm	S+M
21 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Cancer Research Line Dancing Evening	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AH

22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
24 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Film & Indian Supper tel 412272	7.00pm	AH
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	St Mary's Gift Day Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	8am -3pm 10.30-12.00 1.30-3.30	OS+ MH
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
27 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club-Practice	1.30pm	AH
28 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
<b>Looking ahead to March</b>			
10th	WEA course Roman Britain tel: 415165	10.00-4.30	Chy
21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Me and My Girl	7.30pm	PH
30th	OPTA Wine Challenge	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; **OSt** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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