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***Act as if what you do makes a difference.
It does. ~ William James***

From the Editor

With Spring finally here, it is a great opportunity to get out and about with numerous events both indoors and out. Local activities range from a BBQ to a Victorian Fair.

Look out for the new **Totally Locally** banner, which will indicate the next community event on Tockington Green.

Our cover this month is by Pat Winstone

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

**Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory is online on the
Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com.**

The First Race to the South Pole!

Arts and Community in Thornbury (ACT) has invited **Dr. Ed Coats** to come to Thornbury to tell the story of the race to the centre of Antarctica last year. Ed Coats was chosen to join **James Cracknell** and **Ben Fogle** on the first ever race to the South Pole in 2009. To win his place on the expedition team he had to beat over 650 applicants from across the UK.

Six teams from around the world took part in the race. Ed, James and Ben, also known as 'Team QinetiQ' skied for 473.6 miles across Antarctica. The trio, who had little cross-country skiing and no polar experience between them prior to the race, skied for 16 hours a day in temperatures as low as -50 degrees Celsius, while pulling 70kg snow sleds behind them. The team crossed treacherous crevasse fields while battling blisters, frostbite, hallucinations and pneumonia to finish only 18 hours behind their Norwegian rivals, and reach the finish line in second place. The trip was followed closely by the Daily Telegraph and BBC Breakfast and filmed for the primetime BBC2 documentary series, 'On Thin Ice'.

Ed is a doctor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in a busy Maternity Unit in Bristol. He has degrees in Medicine and Human Physiology from the University of London and has recently completed a Medical Law degree whilst juggling his day job. He has a keen interest in research and its application to clinical medicine. Prior to the South Pole Race, this intrepid doctor was no stranger to physical hardship. His achievements include representing Great Britain as a decathlete, swimming the English Channel with two teams, and completing various adventure races including the Original Mountain Marathon.

This fascinating illustrated story will be revealed by Ed Coats at the Cossham Hall on Thursday 10 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available at the Garden Shop in the High Street in Thornbury from Monday 17 May and cost £10 (£9 FACTs). Enquiries to 01454 416291. For more information on **ACT's** project to build a community arts centre and theatre in Thornbury, please visit our website: www.ACTthornbury.org.uk

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A Massive Thank You

Helen & Mary would like to thank all their lovely friends for their help and support over the last months. Especially the 'meals on feet' ladies. We are so very grateful to you all. With love and thanks HnM xx

Garden Open



In aid of St Mary's Church, Olveston,
Sunday 16th May 2-5pm

Maryland, at the bottom of Merryhole Lane on Old Down, is in a small valley, surrounded by woods and facing due south, with lovely views across the wider Sheepcombe valley below.

Peter and Tessa Floyd rebuilt the derelict house in the 1970s and, from the abandoned 6-acre site, have gradually created the garden with woodland walks and many changes of level.

The spring flowers should be out, as should be the wisteria and the mauve flower spikes of the large Pawlonia, or "foxglove tree".

Entry £2.50 Teas available

St. Mary's Church Fete

We are delighted to announce that this **Summer's Church Fete** will be held again at Church Farm, Olveston on **Saturday 26th June at 2.00pm** by kind permission of Mr John Cryer and in St Mary's Church. We hope for another sunny day with lots of action-packed entertainment and attractions to suit all ages and tastes.



St Mary's, Olveston

There will be a whole host of traditional stalls, events and entertainments in the grounds of Church Farm, just 1 minute walk down the hill from the church.

We are also looking for people with new ideas who would like to become involved with this fun event and also, of course, those who would like to continue to help with the traditional stalls and activities.

Please contact Pauline Wright on 616312

Parenting Course

If, like me, you're finding the tightrope walk of parenting teens a bit of a challenge – we have just the thing. A six-week parenting course, facilitated by Alison Rowe, including DVDs and other materials, lots of discussion and coffee (or wine if we need it...). At my house, 20 Bramley Close, Olveston, Mondays, starting 17th May at 8pm. If you're interested do get in touch.

sallychalloner11@googlemail.com, or tel. 613411. Sally Challoner

Our Parish Matters

Andy Clarke

One of the most moving sights must surely be that of a defenceless child suffering, and what more moving image can be conjured up than that of the NSPCC television advertisement, depicting a young boy standing in that cot with his quivering lip and a tear welling in his eye. Meanwhile the hopeless message comes from the narrator that the child knows not to call out because no-one is listening. Simply heartrending.

So what can you do if you know of a child who is suffering or if you have a child that you are unable to care for properly? The NSPCC have asked us to promote their 'NSPCC helpline' which is a free and anonymous phone line on 0800 8005000. Alternatively you can access their website 'helpatnspcc.org.uk'. You see, someone actually is always listening and someone does care.

Very soon now it will be time for our Annual Parish Assembly. In fact it will take place at the Parish Hall, Tockington at 7.30pm on Thursday April 29th. There will be a brief report of your Council's activities over the year and you can ask questions about issues that touch you. There will also be a guest speaker who, this year, will be Guy Astley –Smith. He will urge us all to be prepared for the unexpected. This could range from feast to famine, floods to frost and snow, from drought and heat wave to tsunami and disaster. Civil disturbances, power cuts and inundations from locusts might be on the agenda too - who knows? Do come and join us.

We will doubtless report that there are, at last, three replacement notice boards in the usual places across the Parish, and very fine they look too. The Council is also co-operating with our local police to eradicate illegal parking, particularly on double yellow lines, outside the local school, as well as on the pavements, where this anti-social behaviour also inhibits pedestrians, especially push chair users, and disabled buggy-drivers.

Finally, if you despair of finding an NHS dentist in our area, we can tell you that there are places in South Gloucestershire dental practices. For further information you should ring 0845 1206680.

If you are anxious to discuss any local issues with one of us, please phone any councillor or else the Parish Clerk, Valerie Tutin (01454 613730).

With the sun finally coming out to play this Easter break, families have been grabbing the chance to get outside and enjoy some fresh air for a change. As a result, outdoor attractions such as Old Down Country Park have been buzzing with activity and the park is expecting the busy days to continue way into the month of May.



From the **1st to the 9th May**, 5 local artists will be exhibiting in the cottage at the park as part of the **Severn Vale Art Trail** and visitors can pop in to meet the artists and view the exhibition **free of charge** all week

In addition the park will be hosting a **Victorian Fair** on **Sunday 30th May**. Visitors can step back in time and try their luck on the coconut shy or apple ducking tent, enjoy an array of Victorian treats in the sun or sit and watch the traditional Punch & Judy shows running on the lawn throughout the day. It will be a fantastic day out for the whole family.

"It Could Be Any One of Us"

Thornbury Methodist Players present a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn.

A thunderstorm. A windswept country house. A family of failures - a detective who has never solved a case; a writer, an artist and a composer whose work has never been aired publicly; a dysfunctional teenager - wrangling over a bequest....All the prime ingredients for a murder mystery thriller in the traditional mould. But this is a thriller by Alan Ayckbourn and has within it a number of surprises: the victim who is not who we first believe it to be; the murderer could be one of three people, the identity of whom may change every night; and the thrills are leavened throughout with tongue-in-cheek humour and sly ironic comment.

This production runs from **Wednesday May 19th to Saturday May 22nd** at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall (just off the High St). Curtain up is at **7.45pm** and tickets can be obtained by phoning **411813 or 884202**. Prices are **£7 for adults** and **£6 concessions**. See you there.

Thank You

Very many thanks to all those who contributed in some way for the new curate. He will now be well equipped. He was offered 8 TVs, must have had something to do with the switchover! Thanks again. Philip and Alison Rowe

100 Years of Aviation at our local museum



Many local people have been involved in the aerospace industry at Filton, working for companies such as the British Aircraft Corporation, British Aerospace, Airbus and Rolls Royce. Throughout 2010, the 100 year history of aircraft and later aero-engine manufacture at the Filton site is being celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the area. Our local museum is getting in on the act and will be hosting an exhibition, put together by members of Olveston Parish Historical Society, which celebrates the work of people throughout our area. This follows the very successful one-day display recently in the Parish Hall.

The exhibition '**100 Years of Aviation: The Local Connection**' is at **Thornbury & District Museum** from **8 April** to the **end of May**. The Museum is next to the Armstrong Hall in Chapel St., Thornbury, with parking available in nearby car parks.

Opening hours: **Tues to Fri, 1 – 4pm and Sat 10am - 4pm**. Tel: 01454 857774, if you need more information. Admission: **FREE**. www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Old Down BBQ

will be held at Windmill House Care Home, on **Sunday 16th May 2010**. A chance to meet in pleasant surroundings for an informal chat, a glass of wine, some dancing and some food. Everyone welcome, look out for tickets or just turn up on the day.

Your Local Radio Station

GLOSS FM will be broadcasting in **87.7 FM** from **Monday 19th April to Sunday 16th May**, covering Olveston and neighbouring communities. You can also listen on line via our website www.glossfm.org where you can get full details of our varied programme, which includes something for everyone. Run entirely by volunteers, we want to promote local events and activities and publicise what's on in our communities, so contact the studio on 01454 412001 (whilst we're on air) or email studio@glossfm.org or text "GLOSSFM" then the message to 07766404142

Support St Peter's Hospice with the Tockington Trekkers



On the **29th May** a group of ladies from Tockington will be completing the walk/climb to the top of Mount Snowdon for St Peter's Hospice.

So far there are eight ladies involved who will be joining a team to commence the 3,560 foot walk at 8am on Saturday 29th May.

To help raise sponsorship funds Alistair and Julie from The Swan, Tockington are kindly allowing the ladies to organize a quiz night.

The date is **Saturday 22nd May** from **9 pm** at **The Swan, Tockington**, teams can be up to five members per team and it will be £1 per person to enter the quiz.

All entry fees will become prize money so the more entrants the bigger the prizes. There will also be a grand raffle on the night.

If you need further information or wish to join the walk, sponsor the ladies, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Jan Anderson on 01454 201841 or Liz Finch on 01454 616520.

Hope to have your support for this very worthy cause.

A Comedy Play

The Village Players present

Father's Funeral

a comedy by David Challenger

Families often have a skeleton in the cupboard -
this one has more than most!

Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th May 2010
in Pilning Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets £6.00 / £3.50

BOOKING OFFICE: 01454 633786

an amateur production in association with Jasper Publishing

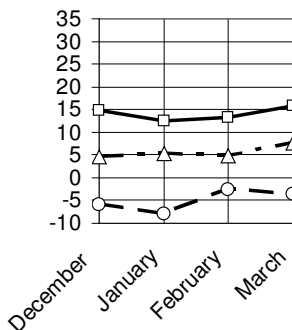


Weather Record

January to March 2010

Marcus Bean

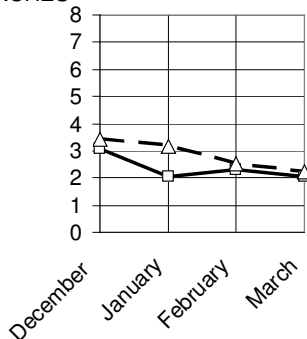
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RAINFALL

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January

The first half of the month was extremely cold, with three falls of snow totalling twelve and a half centimetres, which lay for a protracted period. This situation was caused by cold winds from the Arctic with occasional warm air from the Atlantic meeting the cold air causing snow to fall. The remainder of the month was marginally warmer with rain, but night frosts continued. Twenty nights of the month had sub zero temperatures.

Average temperature was almost one degree Celsius below normal and average pressure and rainfall were lower than traditional at this time of year. Sunshine levels were very low during the month.

February

A cold depressing month. For the first fifteen days a high pressure system located near Iceland brought cold, mainly North Easterly, winds and the latter part of the month was a battle between Atlantic low pressure systems and the static high pressure. This situation brought snow on two occasions and frequent cold rain storms.

Average temperature was almost two degrees Celsius below average and it was the coldest February for thirty years. Rainfall was close to average but average pressure was very significantly below normal with the last thirteen days being, very unusually, below 1000mb. Sunshine levels were about 60% of normal.

March

The first eighteen days of the month were cold and dry with high pressure dominating the weather and winds blowing from the North or East. Following this, the high pressure retreated to the East, and Atlantic depressions moved over us bringing warmer weather and some rain.

Rainfall, average pressure and temperature were all marginally below norm for March. We experienced one gale in the month.

Avon World Scout Jamboree Selection Day



The World Scout Jamboree takes place every four years and is International Scouting at its best. The last Jamboree took place in the U.K in 2007 and was attended by over 40,000 people. There were 50,000 day visitors including Prince William and Karl the 16th King of Sweden. The 22nd world scout jamboree will take place in the summer of 2011 and will be massive.

Avon Scouts will be sending 36 Scouts to Sweden, the county consists of nine districts, Cotswold Edge (our district) had over 100 scouts trying for just four spaces... selection was going to be a tricky and lucky process if we wanted to go to the Jamboree!

1st Olveston entered two scouts out of the 240 who attended the Jamboree selection day at Woodhouse Park on Saturday 13th March; you had to be 14-18 years of age at the day of the opening ceremony to take part in the selection process, making us amongst the youngest scouts to attend. There were ten bases where we would be testing our teamwork; enthusiasm and ability; we were in groups of four. The bases that we worked on were slider grids, building blocks, play acting, drain pipes, 1st Aid, we then had lunch. The second part of the day was tent pitching, Kim's game, archery, paper planes and pioneering. In the pioneering we were given the task to make a catapult, the equipment and instructions were all provided all we had to do was copy it! Our pioneering skills were pretty good but unfortunately our catapult lacked a certain amount of oomph, but mission completed and our tennis ball flew at least 5 meters.

At the end of the day we all came together for a singsong around the newly designed campfire circle, not our favourite part of the day as we don't like singing. Unfortunately we were not selected but came in the top half of the point scorers. Although we were not picked we had a great time and improved our teamwork skills and meet new people.

By Greg Spratt and Dean Gardiner. 1st Olveston Scouts

Hestercombe Gardens

On behalf of The Royal British Legion Women's Section, we are organising a visit to Hestercombe Gardens on Tuesday 6th July. The cost will be £14.50. If anyone is interested please contact Peggy on 201091. We have some places available.

Oveston and Tockington Tennis Club

First of all I would like to welcome any new comers to the club and hope they are enjoying their tennis. The annual club AGM is fast approaching on the 4th May; this is a chance to air your views, ask questions or examine the finer detail of the Annual Accounts, but also to find out how the Club's teams performed, who won the Club Tournaments and to discuss the development of the Club and its facilities. Last year favourable comments were received on the 3rd Court, which was developed with the Parish Council last year, and the extensive maintenance work on the two main courts which was completed at a cost of around £4,000 just before the AGM. Initial ideas and views were also sought on the possible future development of the Club House. At the end of the meeting there was an opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles and hopefully be one of those chosen in the traditional draw for Wimbledon tickets.

We are hoping for another successful session and are looking to increase membership in what we believe is a friendly family-orientated club. The club has excellent facilities, two ladies' teams, four men's teams, junior and ladies coaching, club tournaments and a club night (every Thursday) where you can meet and play other club members – all standards welcome.

The club welcomes all ages and abilities and offers a family membership as well as adult and junior membership together with a special rate for seniors, students and other special groups. If you are new to the area or are looking to start playing again why not join this popular local tennis club by:

- contacting the membership secretary Mary Long 01454-625778; or
- pick up an application form at Oveston Stores; or
- turn up to a Thursday evening club night prior to joining.

It is a great way to exercise, to get out into the fresh air and to make new friends. Hoping you will be joining us for another successful season.

Friends Of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the draw held on 28th January 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	458	Revd R. Bain, Olveston
£75	335	M.E. Gillard, Olveston
£25	265	Mr. I. Hughes, Olveston
£25	507	Mr. J.H. Clucas, Tockington
£20	386	Mrs. M. Baker, Olveston
£20	443	J.M. Skinner, Olveston
£10	205	Mrs. G.M. Olewicz, Olveston

The prize winners in the draw held on 25th February 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	463	Mr. S.M.B. Panes, Pilning Street
£75	495	Mr. G. Browning, Olveston
£25	487	Mrs. C.A. Phillpott, Tockington
£25	324	Mrs. M. James, Olveston
£20	342	Mr. B.R. Arkell, Olveston
£20	335	M. E. Gillard, Olveston
£10	310	Mr. A. Vizard, Tockington

The prize winners in the draw held on 18th March 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	289	Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Davies, Old Down
£75	389	Mrs. S. Shaw, Tockington
£25	268	Miss P.E. Garrett, Olveston
£25	442	Mrs. J.M. Skinner, Olveston
£20	505	Mr. J.H. Clucas, Tockington
£20	186	Mr. G. Clark, Olveston
£10	451	Mrs. C.E. Black, Thornbury

May Walks with the Severnside Ramblers



To match the lovely weather that we hope to have in May, your local Ramblers group has arranged a programme of

glorious walks. Non-members are very welcome. We are a very friendly group.

For more information about walks in May pick up a programme at your local library, or log on to www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk.

A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk. We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA at the times shown below and share lifts to the start of the walk.



Sun 2 May 9.30am	Prior's Wood A charming woodland walk.	8 miles	Dave 01275 843547
Fri 7 May 9.30am	Rangeworthy Friday amble	2 hours	Jean 01454 419274
Sun 9 May 9.00am	Cotswold Hills	11 miles	Steve 01454 633001
Sun 16 May 9.30am	Beechenhurst	4 miles	Jill 0117 3739712
Thurs 20 May 6.30pm	Lansdown and Prospect Stile Evening walk	3.5 miles	Bill 01179 870111
Fri 21 May 9.30am	Long Ashton Friday amble	2 hours	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 23 May 9.30am	<u>Get Walking Day</u> Bradley Stoke Three Brooks Special <i>Get Walking</i> amble	2 hours	Chris 01454 618853
Sun 30 May	Tintern and Wye Valley	10 miles	Gordon 0776335160



“Petrol prices have yet again increased on the back of high oil prices. High fuel costs will affect the whole economy. When prices at the pumps go up every consumer will suffer.

Telegraph quote – Saturday April 10th

Totally Locally is our positive step forward to a practical way of enabling us to get our hands dirty and actually be part of something that will save us all money. Please feel free to visit our newly launched website/blog www.totally-locally.org.

We started with the Big Seedling Swap on Tockington Green which allowed us to set in motion community sharing. We had a great response. Seeds were exchanged, cuttings were dug from gardens and sold, freshly made bread sold out and local surplus eggs were snapped up. Fresh cupcakes were the treat after a bacon butty from the BBQ.

Whether people had 40 acres or just a backyard everyone went away inspired and excited with their newly acquired swaps or purchases to start growing their own or enjoying the ‘forgotten’ taste of local produce.

We are setting in motion a driving engine of change, so get involved, run with it, and develop amazing skills or please come along and share your knowledge with other like-minded people. Bring with you anything you want to donate, share or sell.

The next **Totally Locally** event will be on

Tockington Green, Saturday 24th April, 9.30 am – Noon

If you have any further questions or would like to have a table to sell/swap from, please ring me on 01454 - 419931

Jane Sunnucks
Old Down

Recipe of the Month

Old Fashioned Scones

This recipe is taken from a very well cared-for

Good Housekeeping book that is over 50 years old!!! They are delicious.

8oz plain flour

¼ tsp salt

1tsp cream of tartar

½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

1-2oz butter

¼ pt. Milk + add a beaten egg – save a little mixture back to brush the top of the scones before putting in the oven.

Put all the dry ingredients into a bowl, rub in the butter and make a well in the centre. Stir in the milk and when nearly combined revert back to using your hands to feel the texture of the mixture. It should be a light spongy dough, just firm enough to handle(do not make it too dry), add extra milk if you need to. Roll out, cut and place in the oven for 7-10 mins at 170 °C.

Cool on wire rack and serve with clotted cream and strawberry jam.

Did You Know?

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

Email Demystified

Richard Churchill

Email pre-dates the internet. It developed to 'aid' communications in companies during the 70s and 80s. This business origin is still evident in the strange and opaque terms used in email. Despite, possibly because of its age, no one ever really explains how email works. So here I'll go over the basics that should be explained but often aren't.

Email started as electronic memo systems. The old paper memos were converted directly to an electronic equivalent including layout, and the names of all the boxes. Emails still start with the 'To' box, then have a 'CC' box (from the old "Carbon Copy" box), then the techs got clever and added a 'BCC' or 'Blind Carbon Copy' box, (recipients are hidden so only the sender knows they received the email). Finally you have 'Subject', followed by the message.

All very sensible if you work in an office but how do we use these boxes at home in 2010 rather than at work in 1980?

Well, 'To' still does what it says, it is the principal recipient. 'CC' is the "people who need to know" - traditionally managers - and usually isn't much use at home. 'BCC' is a box that most people can't see a use for but is in fact quite handy at home. The people in 'BCC' receive the email without disclosing their email address to anyone else. It is considered good manners that, if you are sending an email to a large group of people, you put all the addresses in the 'BCC' field, keeping the list of addresses private. If you do this, you should put your own email address in the 'To' box otherwise some spam filters get upset.

I suggest you include a subject on every email you send. It is the first thing the reader will see. If the recipient needs to find the email again, the subject is the easiest thing for them to look for.

This is just an introduction, I just don't have room to fit in all the tricks and etiquette. If you are interested I have put a 'top ten' email tips and hints on my website.

I welcome any ideas or questions you may have, you can call 01454 616365 (ask for Richard) or email articles@yourpcguru.co.uk. Visit <http://yourpcguru.co.uk/articles/> for past articles and more information.

Severn Vale Art Trail 2010:

From 1st to 9th May. Local artists' work can be seen either in their own studios or in local exhibition spaces, all listed with opening times (and with examples of their artwork) at: www.thornburyartsfestival.com/openstudios.htm or pick up an Art Trail Guide at Thornbury Town Hall.

Police Report

March brought a few things of note to bring to your attention. At the start of the month a caravan was stolen from a farm yard in Tockington, towards the end of the month Olveston Sports and Social club was broken into, there were some incidents between that are either too minor or of no interest to the community.

Olveston Stores has had a series of incidents over the past few weeks or months, someone has been gaining access through the rear window and stealing items. Since this has been bricked up, windows to the side and rear have been smashed. The offenders are unable to get in as there is boarding behind the glass.

The Thornbury and Chipping Sodbury Sector are trying to set up a "Farm Watch" scheme and we are working with NFU to establish this. It will run on very similar lines to Neighbourhood Watch. If incidents are reported members of Farm Watch will be alerted by Ringmaster or Farm Facts. Farmers are encouraged to record the details of their equipment on www.immobilise.com which assists them if they have to report an incident to the police or insurance company and also assists the police when we search for stolen property.

We will be attending various informal meetings with farmers and farmers groups to establish, promote and develop the scheme.

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Thornbury Picture House

The Band's Visit is an Israeli / French production describing the visit of a ceremonial Egyptian police band to an Arab Culture Centre in Israel. As they become stranded in a quiet desert town, the bored café owner organises some hospitality for the night and the ensuing confusion and social gaffes inspire much drama, comedy and pathos. This highly regarded film will be shown with subtitles immediately after our usual short TPH AGM at 7.30pm in the Armstrong Hall on **Friday 14th May**. £5 on the door.

The Magical Touch

A magic show held at the Olveston Parish Hall recently helped a local magician from Thornbury to become a Member of the Magic Circle and what's more, a former attendee of the playschool at the Olveston Parish Hall has played a big part in this achievement, as she is the area representative of The Magic Circle who put his name forward for membership to this elite society.

Magician Barry Smith put on the magic show 'A Touch of Magic' last November, as part of the Razzle entertainment scheme organised by Geoff Chappell.

Barry became interested in magic at the age of seven when he was given a David Nixon magic box. Up until recently he performed magic to family and friends on a casual basis; at Halloween he was the one doing the tricks at the door! Nowadays he is a member of the Bristol Society of Magic and performs full magic shows, along with his wife, and assistant, Sue. Barry has increased his repertoire greatly and thrills audiences with his entertaining manner and diversity of tricks and illusions, a popular one being where he cuts Sue into three parts!

Here's a date for your diary 'A Touch of Magic' (with some alterations to the trick list) will be performed at the Cossham Hall in Thornbury on 19 and 20 November, so if anyone missed the Olveston show last year and would like to see it, make a note of the dates now and keep an eye out for future publicity.

As well as performing magic shows, Barry provides magical entertainment at weddings and private gatherings.

The 5th Thornbury Art Club Wyevale Spring Exhibition.

Members of the club will again be displaying a wide range of attractive framed and unframed work, most of which will be for sale. Our "Serendipity" exhibitions have proved immensely popular offering a great opportunity to enjoy viewing stimulating artwork in a variety of media. The venue at Wyevale Garden Centre, off the A38 at Milbury Heath, provides visitors with easy car parking, and an excellent restaurant. Members will be there to deal with your purchases and help with enquiries and club information. Thornbury's Stroke Support Group will have some of their amazing pictures on show again.

Make a note of the dates and come and spend a while enjoying beautiful oils, acrylics, pastels and watercolours in a light and relaxing environment. Exhibition runs from **Friday 7th May until Sunday 16th May. Mon.-Sat 9am-6pm Sun 10am-4.30pm**

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to e-mail me and I will pass on, or alternatively ring Tricia on 01454 417236

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners April

£50 Greg Welsher
£15 Charles Jarvis
£5 Alex Grosvenor

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners

3rd April Diane Grosvenor

May Fixtures at The Park (2.00pm unless stated)

Sat 1st May 2nd XI v Stoke Bishop
Sun 2nd May Sunday XI v Bradley Stoke (2.30)
Sat 8th May 1st XI v Blagdon
Sun 9th May Sunday XI v Lympsham (2.30)
Sat 15th May 2nd XI v Bristol Asians
Sat 22nd May 1st XI v Lodway
Sat 29th May 1st XI v Dyrham & Hinton
Sun 30th May Sunday XI v Winterbourne (2.30)

As in previous years we welcome any support, so please come & join us!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Thornbury Arts Festival

Fri 23 April - Sun 2 May 2010

This year's line-up includes BBC newsreader George Alagiah exploring the role the UK might play in resolving world food problems, a Sunday afternoon concert from Thornbury Orchestra, Dr Alice Roberts (of Time Team & Coast) on 'The Incredible Human Journey', an Edinburgh Festival hit play called 'The Sociable Plover', an illustrated talk by Prof. Gareth Williams on 'The Defeat of Smallpox', lunchtime talks on subjects such as a 'History of the British Seaside' and 'Your House has History', a talk by the brother and sister who run the local fruit liqueur business Bramley & Gage called 'Life in the Sloe Lane', **a guided walk around the historical sites of Olveston by Eric Garrett and Les Harper**, and much, much more!

To find out more, go to: www.thornburyartsfestival.com or 01454 418573 for general information or 01454 411695 for ticket information. You can visit the Box Office in person at Thornbury Town Hall from 12 April (daily except Sunday), 10am-4pm.

Thornbury Library

1. AVATAR quiz

We are hoping to run a short quiz to coincide with the release of this box office hit on DVD on 26 April. The closing date will be 6 June. The first prize will be a BLU-RAY disc player with cinema tickets and copies of the DVD to the runners up. Please call in to the library for an entry form where you will find many more DVDs for hire. We are grateful to our suppliers *Library Multimedia* for arranging this quiz and donating the prizes.

2. Thornbury (Severn Vale) Art Trail 1st - 9th May

Palettes of Pleasure will be displaying their art work in Thornbury Library between the above dates. They meet every Monday at the Ridgewood Community Centre Yate (contact Shirley on 01454 317754 for details)

For more information on any of the above items please give the library a ring on 01454 868006 (24 hour renewal line 08450 020 777) or visit our web-site on www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries.

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

Thornbury Choral Society Concert,

The choir will be performing J.S. Bach's "St John Passion" at its usual venue of **The Castle School in Thornbury on Saturday, 15th May 2010 at 7.30p.m.**

St John's Passion is the first of Bach's well known settings of the Passion and is an immensely moving dramatic representation based on the Gospel of John. Smaller in scale than the better known St Matthew Passion it is no less a piece of quality. The story of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion is relayed through arias, recitatives and choruses interwoven with hymn-like chorales giving a rich expression to the story of the Passion.

The choir, led by conductor and musical director Steven Kings, will be joined by soloists Jennifer Walker (soprano), Louise Tucker (Alto) and Gareth Tresder (tenor). The role of the Evangelist will be sung by Wilhelm Theunissen (tenor); Christ by Martin le Poideven (bass) and Pilate by Stephen Foulkes (bass).

Tickets are available from Jos Gregson (Secretary) on 01454 411652, any choir member or Thornbury Town Hall for £9 in advance or £10 on the door with £1 for students U16. Please see our website for further details www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

New Community Singing Group

A new community singing group is starting up on Tuesday evenings in Thornbury. Philippa de la Haye of Alveston wants to get the world singing in harmony, but it doesn't have to be perfect! As long as you enjoy singing and are prepared to have a go that's the only requirement.

Get Singing Thornbury is open access, all ages and all musical abilities are welcome. You will not be expected to read music, sing on your own or be 'tested' to see which part you should sing. The environment is relaxed and friendly and the emphasis is firmly on fun and enjoyment, rather than perfection!

Philippa said "I believe that everyone can enjoy singing as long as it is taught in a way that is accessible to all. Singing has been a way of binding communities together for the whole of human history. There are also enormous health and psychological benefits associated with singing regularly".

Philippa added "Sadly these days many people see singing as something that is only for the elite, for people who are 'good' at it. I want to challenge that misconception. Singing is for everyone. All you need is the desire and courage to have a go!"

If you'd like to come along and have a try, get along to a session on a Tuesday evening at Turnberries Community Centre from the 20th of April onwards. Get Singing Thornbury sessions will run from 7.30 – 9.00 pm every Tuesday during term time. For more information about the group please see the website at www.getsinging.co.uk or contact Philippa on 01454 852705

From the registers at St. Mary's

Baptism on 21st March 2010 of Guy Lawrence,
son of Sally and Adam Derrington.

Baptism on 21st March 2010 of Emily Susan,
daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Gingell.

Funeral Service at St. Mary's on 6th April 2010 followed by burial in churchyard of Clifford Anthony Cox (Tony).

Yours faithfully

Spring is here and summer is surely on its way! I wonder where you are planning to visit this year; beautiful beaches or mountainous terrain, maybe a safari; the choices are endless and can bring great pleasure when browsing through travel brochures and surfing the 'net.

With the world shrinking, in terms of travel, our dream destinies are now attainable. We can bungee jump in Queenstown, take a cruise around the Arctic, fly over the Grand Canyon or join an expedition in to a rainforest. There is even talk of trips to the moon! The day trip to Weston Super Mare need no longer be the highlight of our summer!

What do you seek in a change from the mundane? Your reasons may be very different from your neighbour's: peace and quiet, a rest, freedom, pleasure, excitement, a new experience, opportunity to meet new people; there are countless reasons why people go away. Some set off in search of things, others leave to escape things. What is it that you are hoping for?

King David travelled and experienced many places, both as a boy and as a king, yet he knew what brought the greatest satisfaction:

One day spent in your house,
this beautiful place of worship,
beats thousands spent on Greek island beaches.

Psalm 84 v 10 The Message

Only God's presence can bring us what we really want and need; He knows each of us by name and what each of our hearts yearn for. Nothing takes Him by surprise; He knows before we even ask. If you don't know how to get there, then ask Him. It takes only a few seconds; you won't be put on hold or asked to choose from several options; Jesus' death on the cross gives each of us immediate access. You won't be left in an airport due to fog or strike action; His presence is always available. So, if you are in need of a break, turn to God; He has the perfect place awaiting you! His arms are open wide, and what is more He can't wait to meet with you. He cherishes each moment spent with you. How will you spend your moments?

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Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mrs Ann Lloyd
May 9	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe
May 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev David Bone
May23	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	4 th Sunday (Victory Outreach)	Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Rev Philip Rowe
May30	8am	Holy Communion	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contact:

The Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: 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

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

May 2	10am	Family Worship	Rev David Bone
May 9	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
May 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
May23	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone
May30	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

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

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

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

May 2	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
May 16	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May 9	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
May23	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 2	10.am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Colin Hayes Evening Worship led by Rev Peter Mortlock
May 9	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Tock Ch	All Age Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
May 16	10am 6pm	Tock Ch. Daldry Gdns.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
May23	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Miss Kitty Barrett . Evening Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
May30	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev. Tom Hall Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney

LIGHT LUNCHES: None in May due to holidays. Next lunch June 3rd

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday12th May. To book your lunch please ring 416528

PRAYER MEETINGS: Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Olveston Vestry.

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

CONTACT: Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,
Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, normally 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 us. Prayer requests can be posted through the letter box at The Vine or sent to us by post or email. Please add a name or initial to identify your request.

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

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

May 2	6.30pm	Ed Stuart
May 9	6.30pm	John Mosley
May 16	6.30pm	Lyall Drewitt
May 23	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan -Davies
May 30	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30 for 8pm

For further information please contact **Olwen Wonnacott**, 412141 or **Paul**

Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am,

Contact 01454 613305 **www.bcfnet.com**

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury - each Sunday

8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass 6.30pm Mass

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry, Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. Children welcome with prior notice.

Local contact: Elizabeth Sidwell, 412975

National: **www.quaker.org.uk** Bristol area: **www.bristolquakers.org.uk**

Diary Dates for May 2010

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

1 st Sat	Coffee Morning Severnvale Art Trail 'til 9 th Music in the Church at Aust -Lucie Skeaping	10.30-12.00 8pm	MH AC
3 rd Mon	Cream Teas on the Green -Tockington	3-5.30pm	
4 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women- Lisa Rovey-Occupational Therapist	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
5 th Wed	Coffee & Stalls for Hammer Out at Cricket Club Alveston	10.00-12.00	
6 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group .	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
7 th Fri			
8 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
10 th Mon	Craft Group	7.30-9.30	MH
11 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute -Bees Bees Bees -Don Streatfield Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
12 th Wed	Royal British Legion - Men	7.30pm	DGCL
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
16 th Sun	Open Garden at Maryland, Merryhole Lane	2-5pm	
17 th Mon			
18 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion - Women: Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
19 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club-Shirley Preston "My Way with Flowers"	2pm	AH
20 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
21 st Fri	Ol. School Quiz Night		OS
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Eco Fair	10.30-12.00 10.30-4pm	MH Chy

	Aust Pilgrimage Service	4pm	AC
24 th Mon			
25 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
26 th Wed	Alv. History Soc. - "Frank Barnwell designer for BAC" Jock Hill	7.30pm	AMC
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
28 th Fri			
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
30 th Sun	Car Boot Sale Marlwood School Victorian Fair - Old Down Country Park	9.30-1.00pm	
31 st Mon	Cream Teas on the Green-Tockington	3-5.30	

Looking ahead to June

10 th Jun	Organ Recital	7.30pm	S†M
12 th Jun	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	AC
13 th Jun	Garden Tea Party, Peacehaven, Olveston	2pm	
26 th Jun	Church Fete at Church Farm, Church Hill	2pm	

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OS†** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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

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