

# Meeting Point

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*The future depends on what we do in the present.*

**Mahatma Gandhi**

## **From the Editor**

Thank you to everyone who contributes to Meeting Point and please keep sending articles you feel will be of interest to the community e.g. events that are forthcoming, favourite recipes etc.

If you have a glut of courgettes from the garden or just enjoy their texture, we have a recipe which may be of interest.

Due to redecoration, Thornbury Library will be closed from the end of September until mid October. More details later on.

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman

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Community Website: [www.olvostonandaust.com](http://www.olvostonandaust.com).**

# Olveston School News

## Marvellous Mosaics

In the last few weeks of term (July) we were excited to have the opportunity to work with a mosaic artist, David Bowers from Mosaic Madness.

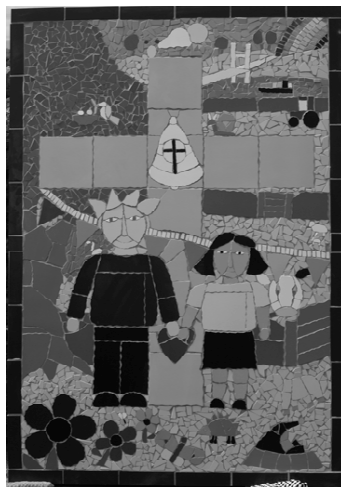
We wanted to create a focal point in our hall for collective worship and also a welcoming display for visitors entering the playground.

Every child in the school had the opportunity to work with David to place some mosaic tiles. We were also pleased to have some parents come along to help in the creation of these works of art.

The children worked with the class teachers to create some designs and David tried to incorporate as many ideas as possible into the final design.

Each tile had to be cut carefully and was then cemented into place by the children.

We are very pleased with the finished result! We would like to say thank you to the Parish Church Council for offering a kind donation towards the cost of these murals.



## Mobile Phone Recycling

Olveston School is going to be taking part in Meningitis Research Foundation's mobile phone recycling scheme. For every 20 phones the school collects, we will receive £45.00 to spend on equipment for the school!

We are asking parents/carers and members of the community to have a look around the house for any old, unwanted or even broken mobile phones that can be recycled and to send them into school with your child. Not only will Olveston School gain from this scheme but we will also be raising funds to support the work of the Meningitis Research Foundation.

Meningitis Research Foundation is a national charity based in Thornbury and funds research into the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis and septicaemia. The Foundation currently funds 26 research projects. Since it was founded in 1989, the charity has awarded 133 research grants, leading to many advances in the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis and septicaemia. By taking part in the scheme Olveston School will be helping the

Foundation work towards its vision of a world free from meningitis and septicaemia.

Olveston School would welcome any donations of old mobile phones. Please hand them into the school office or leave in a bag outside the main office door. Thank you for your support.

## Watch Out ... There's Magic About

Watch out for a magic show coming to Thornbury next month. Back by popular demand, local man Barry Smith (now a Member of the prestigious Magic Circle), will be returning to the Cossham Hall to perform his new magic show 'A Touch of Magic', along with his assistant, wife Sue.

This rarely-seen type of entertainment, suitable for those aged 12+, will take place on the evenings of 19th and 20th November. If you did not manage to see Barry's sell-out debut magic show in Thornbury two years ago, or in Olveston last year, don't delay in getting tickets to witness his fantastic new show. Look out for full details in next month's edition.

Enquiries 07849 638804 or 01454 851762, or e-mail [magic@barrysmith.co.uk](mailto:magic@barrysmith.co.uk).

## Jazz Café with Five in a Bar

What better way to spend an Autumn evening than enjoying original arrangements of a wide range of jazz classics, blues and ballads from Gershwin and Ellington, through Jobim and other masters of Latin jazz, to Roberta Flack and Eva Cassidy, all performed by **Five in a Bar**, a group of Bristol based musicians led by Gareth Williams, with the heavenly voice of Sarah Musgrove.

Great music to appeal to all tastes, to be savoured with friends in the welcoming ambience of the Cossham Hall, with bar available. Delicious finger food to be served in the interval is included in the price of the ticket.

The concert, which is part of the fund-raising project in aid of the Armstrong Hall Dressing Room Refurbishment Appeal, will be held in the Cossham Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm. Tickets at ten pounds each are on sale now at Thornbury Town Hall or by phone on 412272.

# Oveston Parish Historical Society

## **Programme: October 2010 – April 2011**

All events: the Methodist Hall, The Street, Oveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm.

Whole season £5. Single meetings £2, payable at the door. All very welcome.

### **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

The new season will start, as usual, with the Society's AGM, to be followed by the showing of a DVD of local historical interest.

### **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010**

In a talk postponed from January because of snow, Anne Bowring, who was the Administrator at Clevedon Court, will tell us about some of the people who lived there, in a talk entitled "**Clevedon Court – A Medieval Exploration**".

### **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

Paul Driscoll is our local Community Archaeology Officer. His illustrated talk will be on "**The Archaeology of South Gloucestershire from Paleolithic to Modern Times**". There's a lot to pack in! He wants to train volunteers too...

### **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Local historian Meg Wise's illustrated talk will be "**Market...Garden: The History of Thornbury's Market and Allotments**". She will look at the origins and development of Thornbury Market, in existence for over 900 years, and at the history of Daggs allotments. Are they really some of the oldest in the country?

### **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011**

"**What Connects 1362, 1522 and 1605 with 1611 and Oveston Parish?**" A clue is that 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the most famous English translation of the Bible. Commissioned by James I, its trouble-free publication had been preceded by struggles and tragedy in earlier centuries. This illustrated talk, by Jennifer and David Bone, traces the connections of key players with Oveston parish.

### **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

Chris Heal is currently researching the local hatting industry which involved significant numbers of people working in large factories (without machines) just a few miles from here. He will give us a report of his findings in an illustrated talk entitled "**The Hat Industry of Bristol and South Gloucestershire, 1530-1900**".

### **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

We plan to end this year's programme with a bang! Dr Brenda Buchanan is an internationally renowned historian who will be giving us a fascinating, illustrated talk on "**Gunpowder: The West Country's Role in its Manufacture and Trade**".

**Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011**

**Website: <http://www.oleston.com/historical-society>**

# Courgette & Banana Cake

## Ingredients

8oz plain wholemeal flour  
2 tsps baking powder  
1 tsp b/carb of soda  
8oz soft brown sugar  
1oz walnuts or pecans  
1oz sultanas  
6oz (2 ripe bananas) mashed  
3 large eggs (beaten)  
8oz finely grated courgette (no need to peel)  
5 fl oz sunflower oil



## Method

Sift flour, baking powder, bicarb and salt into a big bowl. Add sugar, nuts and sultanas.  
Mix well, then add mashed banana and beaten eggs. Stir in grated vegetables and oil.  
Beat mixture thoroughly for one minute. (It will be slightly lumpy).  
Butter (or line with greaseproof paper) a 9in cake (or a large loaf tin). Put mixture into tin and bake for 1 hour at 175 C/350 F or gas 4 until skewer comes out clean from centre of cake.

# Be Vigilant with Clothing Collection Leaflets

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards are concerned by the number of clothing collection leaflets that are being posted through residents' doors, some of which are giving the impression they are a well-known charity.

Many of these clothing collections are done for commercial purposes, whereby the clothing, toys, jewellery etc is taken outside the UK and sold for profit to market traders in other European countries.

We would like to remind residents that the only fail-safe way to benefit such worthy causes is to donate only to known charities, perhaps even by donating at their many charity shops.

The fewer residents who respond to these leaflets, the less likely the people behind them will consider them a profitable activity.

For further advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

# Quaker Week

When Thornbury Quakers began to arrange an evening of U A Fanthorpe's work, I had to admit I didn't know any of her work. Amazingly next day at the library, a slim volume of her work almost leapt out of the shelf to greet me! I found her poems a real joy – funny, sad and very down to earth. U A Fanthorpe's first volume of poetry was published in 1978 and after that she went from strength to strength becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and receiving a CBE in 2001 for services to poetry. She received the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2003.

For many years U A Fanthorpe worked with Rosie Bailey, a Bristol academic and teacher and we are delighted that Rosie has agreed to come to Thornbury to read some of her work at this event arranged for Quaker Week. Some poems have been set to music and there will be a performance by a local professional baritone. There might also be an input of the work of Flanders and Swan as well.

So come along to the United Reform Church on 7th October at 7.30 and be prepared to enjoy yourself! Programme, refreshments and tickets are £1.00 each and you will also have the opportunity to meet Thornbury Quakers. For more information contact Maggy Jeffery on 01454 413535.

## Olveston Scouts, Cubs And Beavers Open Day

1st Olveston Scout Group invites you to their **OPEN DAY on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, between 2pm and 5pm. Come and have a look around the new(ish) hut that the village helped to raise funds to build – and see what the boys and girls get up to here!

They'll be demonstrating skills in woodworking, making bivouacs and rope work – and you can see displays from their expeditions and camp-outs this year.

The village has always been generous in helping us raise money for the things we need – and there is always more equipment to buy or mend so we thank you in advance for all your help in the coming years.

We'll also be holding our annual AGM on the day, and putting out a call for new helpers who can get involved – whether making tea at an event, offering prizes for raffles or organising a fundraising disco!

Please contact Sally Challoner (Fund-raising Co-ordinator) on 01454 613411.



# Event: Survival Camp

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

**Venue:** Potato Tump, Cote Farm, Aust

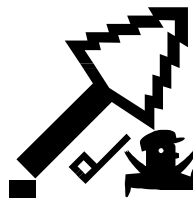
**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Duration:** 24 hours

**Aim of event:** To spend 24 hours in the woods only using the resources around us.

**Kit needed:** Sleeping bag, and a sense of adventure

**Did we succeed.....** well here's one man's story (sorry I meant scout!!!!)



Hi, my name's Will and technically one of the youngest scouts, a mere 11 years old, but that doesn't stop me. Caroline and John organised Olveston's 2010 Survival camp, the kit list seemed pretty easy, 1 sleeping bag. I don't like packing so I pestered mum and she signed the form.

We met at the farm on the Saturday morning, and started our trek over the four fields with our kit. We'd already started a shelter previously, so we knew what we had to do. John went through the safety briefing so armed with axe and saw we were off to build our bivouacs. I was with Alex, Matt with Tristan, Tom with George, Jacques and Greg and Matt.

We then went to Bluebell wood, one field over and John showed us how to cut down an Ash tree - properly (not how your dad would do it) but it didn't come crashing down like we'd hoped, the wood was so dense it got caught on the way down and caused John and a dad, Carl, a real problem. Lynda then managed to borrow a chainsaw from her husband and all was safe. Dinner next: Jacket potatoes, mackerel and vegetable kebabs to cook on our wood fires followed by sponge mix cooked in an orange, really clever, we had some mixture left over so recycled our orange and offered it to Lynda and Stuart!!

Greg's brother Rob arrived with a freshly killed rabbit and pigeon. We were taught how to get the guts and heart out and all the stuff in a rabbit's body (it was a male rabbit) then gave it to Jacques, who skinned it. Once cooked, we ate it for a snack as we sat around the embers. Off to bed, Alex's shelter had fallen in so they slept outside, some of the others thought it safer outside so joined them. In the middle of the night it rained but we were tired and managed to sleep through it.

Breakfast was sausage on a stick, bacon on a stick, egg on a stick (yep it can be done) but the beans kept falling off. Time to pack up, dampen our fires and leave without a trace.

Oh I never mentioned the loo arrangements: a spade, and a brilliant view of the Severn.

**Will Johnson: Stag Patrol**

**Lynda Spratt SL 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston 01454 632484**



# Getting the message across

*Richard Churchill*

Email has been around for decades but, in recent years, the number of ways of communicating have been multiplying. You can now send instant messages, hold debates on forums, phone friends over the internet, hold video conferences, find out what old friends are doing with social networking. There is a lot of noise out there but how much of it is actually useful?

Well, the obvious answer is it depends on what you want to do. As anyone with family around the world will tell you, email is a blessing now. With services like Skype & Windows Live, it is possible to hold a phone conversation and see moving video of people thousands of miles away, virtually for free.

With the instant messages & real time chat you can have a typed conversation with friends while you are looking at the news or checking the price of a holiday (or even while working, if you can get away with it). Because there is no noise, teenagers love instant messaging because they can talk to several friends while listening to music (or when they're meant to be doing something else).

The newest innovation is Social Networking, which is a horrible marketing name for something we have all been doing for hundreds of years. What used to be done with letters, birthday and Christmas cards, can now be done on sites like facebook.com with the click of a button. While this can be very useful, it can also lead to very lazy and impersonal 'friendships'.

It can only be a good thing that there are so many ways to keep in touch; families can keep in touch and friendships can endure over thousands of miles. However, with so many ways of communicating, many people mistake producing a large volume of messages for communication. There are many editorials that bemoan the way technology is killing the arts of conversation and letter writing. I think it is possible for technology to improve communication but it will take some time. We are still learning how best to use the new technology.

So it is over to you. Try all the technologies available to you and start learning how you can make the best use of them.

I welcome any ideas or questions you may have. You can call 01454 616365 (ask for Richard) or email [articles@yourpcguru.co.uk](mailto:articles@yourpcguru.co.uk).

Visit <http://yourpcguru.co.uk/articles/> for past articles and more information.



# October Walks with the Severnside Ramblers



The days are getting shorter but it is good to get out in the fresh air. Come and enjoy it with your local Ramblers group. There are walks to suit most abilities. Non-members are very welcome. We are a very friendly group. Friday ambles usually end with an optional pub or café stop. For more information about walks in October, pick up a programme at your local library, or log on to [www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk](http://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 3 Oct 9.30am	<b>Ozleworth, Alderly and Tresham</b> Cotswold villages and woodland	8 miles	Andy 07748995298
Fri 8 Oct 9.30am	<b>Snuff Mills and Frome Valley</b> Friday amble , a <i>Walk4Life</i> event	2.5 hours	Martin 07786609940
Sun 10 Oct 9.30am	<b>Hutton and Bleadon</b> Spectacular views	8 miles	Jenny & John 01179570102
Sun 17 Oct 8.30am	<b>Chew Valley</b> Undulating	15.5miles	Janet & Mike 01179 650661
Fri 22 Oct 9.30am	<b>Leigh Woods &amp; River Avon</b> One steep climb. A <i>Walk4Life</i> event	2.5 hours	Jean 01454 419274
Sun 24 Oct 9.00am	<b>Axbridge, Shipham &amp; Frys Hill</b> Reasonable ups and downs! Views.	12 miles	Bill 0117 9870111
Sun 31 Oct 9.00am	<b>Cold Ashton</b> Valley walk with hills	10 miles	Gordon 01454 616344

## 'Taste'

The South Gloucestershire Local Food & Drink Festival 'Taste' takes place again this year (the 6th such event) between 1st – 17<sup>th</sup> October. The full programme is available on the website [www.southgloslocalfood.org](http://www.southgloslocalfood.org) and will also be available in all libraries, one-stop-shops, community centres, schools, GP surgeries and Information Centres.

# Almondsbury Surgery

## Seasonal Flu Clinic

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 In The Old School Hall, Almondsbury**  
**From 9am – 12.30pm**

PLEASE NOTE: SEASONAL FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR WILL ALSO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST SWINE FLU

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE VACCINATION

THESE INCLUDE:

- ANYONE 65 OR OVER
- ANYONE UNDER 65 WHO HAS CHRONIC DISEASE AS LISTED BELOW AND THEREFORE AT RISK.
  1. CORONARY HEART DISEASE
  2. DIABETES
  3. ASTHMA REQUIRING INHALED OR SYSTEMIC STEROIDS OR CAUSING HOSPITAL ADMISSION IN LAST YEAR
  4. CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE
  5. CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE
  6. CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE
  7. IMMUNOSUPPRESSION
  8. STROKE OR TIA

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery from mid September when staff will be able to advise you

For general information check our website at [www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk)

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Patients not entitled to free vaccination who would like to be vaccinated should contact GP Care who can direct them to their nearest clinic. For more information, or to book an appointment, please call GP Care on 0117 970 8983 or alternatively email them at [info@gpcare.org.uk](mailto:info@gpcare.org.uk) and they will contact you.

### SWINE FLU ONLY

Certain patients, such as those who are pregnant and children aged 6mths - 5yrs, are again entitled to free immunisation. Information will be available at reception from mid September.



Due to the lovely shopping mornings we are having on Tockington Green, we are in the process of securing a trading licence which we must have to continue with this enjoyable community event.

We have had approval from the Parish Council and the Methodist Church and we are currently awaiting confirmation from South Gloucestershire Council.

We are pushing for this to allow us officially to find a way to take ownership of our food and where it comes from. This market will provide as much fresh local food as possible, with the aim of trying to support the livelihoods of local producers and at the same time invigorate our own community. With this in mind, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to be involved or have any creative ideas.

Pending approval, the next **Totally Locally Market** will be on **9th October 9.30 - 12.00**

## Autumn Apples

We are still collecting apples from around the village to try and identify what is available locally. Did you know that there are over 7,500 varieties grown throughout the world? As yet, I am not very well acquainted with this fruit so any help would be much appreciated. Meanwhile we are getting quite a nice collection of apples for identification so I have been busy on the internet....The apple table will be set up again with hopefully more labels against the apples given!!



*Photograph by David Hodder*

Jane Sunnucks, Old Down 01454 419931 [www.totally-locally.org](http://www.totally-locally.org)

# **Oveston Parish Allotment & Gardeners Association**

The AGM of the Oveston Parish Allotment & Gardeners Association will be held in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Friday 22 October 2010.

Light refreshments will be provided and the speaker will be Matthew Riddle.

## **Local Biodynamic Vegetables**

Do you prefer home-grown vegetables? Are you too busy to grow your own? Then a new organisation, Thornbury CSA, is the answer for you. This scheme is like having an allotment without doing any work. There are over twenty families in the scheme already, and we would like to expand to about fifty.

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, and the idea is that the grower works with consumer members so that we know how the vegetables are grown while the grower has a guaranteed market.

Vegetables are grown by a paid grower on land at the Sheiling School. Vegetables are seasonal, locally grown and biodynamic. Biodynamic means organic with a bit extra, and no artificial sprays or fertilisers are used.

Members get a share of vegetables each week. A standard share is enough for two average adults and costs £9.50 per week or £41 per month. Or you can have a half share, enough for a single adult, for half the price.

Vegetable shares can be collected each week between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday from the Sheiling School. Or for an extra £2 each week they can be delivered.

This year the vegetables include potatoes, onions, carrots, parsnips, turnips, beetroot, cabbages, spinach, broccoli, brussels sprouts, beans, peas, courgettes, squashes, lettuces, tomatoes and apples. In future years, there could be more salad crops, more exotic vegetables and more fruit.

This season we will only have vegetables until February, but in future years we hope to extend the season with better storage and polythene tunnels.

For more information, please see the website [www.thornburycsa.org.uk](http://www.thornburycsa.org.uk) or ring 01454 416778.

# Police Report

The police received 60 calls in August which resulted in 20 crimes being logged. There have been numerous incidents of criminal damage to motor vehicles in and around the area and a theft from a motor vehicle.

During August there was an increase in theft of metal around the Ingst, Oldbury and Olveston areas. Although items stolen appear to be scrap, they include gates and animal feed troughs. Please be vigilant and note registrations and/or descriptions of people you don't recognise from the area. There have been a couple of burglaries to outbuildings in the area where garden items, a cement mixer, copper, hand tools and kitchen equipment have been taken.

Earlier in the month two Ford Transit vans stolen from the South Glos area were found hidden in undergrowth in Fern Hill. These vans were stolen with keys, as they were left in the ignition, so please, even if you're just dropping off items and only stopping for a very short time, keep your keys with you!!

Forthcoming Beat Surgeries in Olveston Stores between 10.30 and 11.30 am: October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next SSCG meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at Oldbury Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm.

To contact either PC 3404 Roger Hopes or PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery, please phone 0117 9455959 or mobile (on duty only) 07919 628625 / 07917 586645. These numbers should NOT be used to report crimes or incidents.

For emergencies phone 999.

To report a crime or an incident phone 0845 456 7000.

## Thornbury Camera Club

A Beginners' Course for people wanting to improve their photographic skills takes place this autumn, starting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 p.m. The subsequent sessions will be on 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, then 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November. It will be held at the Old Bakery Annexe, Chapel Street, Thornbury and the cost will be £44 (£72 for joint enrolment) which includes one year's membership of the camera club.

The course begins with an introduction to digital cameras and an understanding of the menu system. It then moves on to picture-taking techniques, ending with basic image manipulation and presentation.

To register your interest in this popular course, please e-mail Andy Gillingham on [secretary@thornburycamera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@thornburycamera.co.uk) or telephone him on 01454 415015.

# Alveston History Society

## Programme For 2010 - 2011

22nd Sep	Ghosts of the Severn Way	Gill Garrett
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A Victorian Country Squire and Stanshaw's Court	Harry Lane
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The West Gallery and Its Music	Linda Hall

### **No December meeting**

26th Jan	The History of Bristol's Herb Gardens and Their Herbs	Ann Freeman
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Wells, Pumps and Pipes: The Story of Thornbury's Water Supply	Meg Wise
23rd Mar	Vagrant Children of Bristol	Shirley Hodgson
27th Apr	Weston Super Mare as a Village	Pat Hase
25 <sup>th</sup> May	The Bristol Stage	B & D Phillpott

## Opportunities for Young People

The Parish Players are pleased to announce that their 2011 Production is to be Rodgers and Hammerstein's favourite musical 'Carousel' April 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Olveston Parish Hall.



Music rehearsals commence on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 at the Hall.  
New members of all ages will be very welcome for this exciting show.

Further details from:

Director – 01454 413887  
Chairman – 01454 413009

# Murder! Murder!

Well, you will certainly witness one or two of those in “JEKYLL and HYDE” - but there's lots more too! The musical is based on the novella by Robert Louis Stevenson (with a somewhat embellished story!) and is being performed by Thornbury Musical Theatre Group in October.

Jekyll, a young doctor, is convinced of the duality of the human character and wishes to separate the two in order to attempt to release his father from the mental illness which is imprisoning him. Denied the opportunity to try his formula on another human, Jekyll decides to experiment on himself and Hyde is “born”!

Jekyll can, perhaps, be seen as a flawed genius; he is well-intentioned, but we all know where good intentions lead! As well as the familiar theme of conflicting good and evil the show has not one but two entwined “love” stories; Jekyll is engaged to the devoted Emma but also finds himself attracted to the prostitute Lucy whom he meets on his stag night.

For her part Lucy is overwhelmed by Jekyll's kindness when she turns to him when she is injured by Hyde and muses on what might be as she sings “If Someone Like You”; at the same time she finds herself both attracted to and repelled by Hyde. Many twists and turns ensue with much drama, passion and pathos along the way, culminating in a dramatic climax - definitely a show not to be missed! The music is awe-inspiring with wonderful songs like “This is the Moment”; if you liked “Les Miserables” you will love “Jekyll and Hyde”!

The show will run from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the Armstrong Hall, 7.30 nightly with a 2.30 matinee on the Saturday.

Tickets are £9, £8 concession and on Wednesday 3 full price tickets for the price of 2, on the other performances buy 10 tickets get one free! The box office will open at Wildings on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October or ring now on 01454 415850. Also, take a peep at our website at [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk)

## Local Pilates classes

If you would like to tone your core abdominal muscles and generally give your body an autumn boost there are places available for beginners. Every Friday, in the Wesley Rooms, Tockington at 11.15am.

If interested ring Maree Rice 01179502411

# Old Down Cricket Club

## 150 Club Winners September:

£50 George Fensome

£15 Ian Bradly

£5 Robin Davey

## Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

14th August Barbara Binns

21st August Simon Gould

## Diary Dates:

Annual Cheltenham Raceday Friday 12th November

Please contact me for Details/Tickets for the above:

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Friends Of St. Mary's

The prize winners in this month's draw, held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	159	Mrs. S. Fairhead, Oldbury-on-Severn
£75	345	Mrs. C. Mason, Tockington
£25	497	Revd. D. Bone, Tockington
£25	343	Mr. B.R. Arkell, Olveston
£25	382	Mr. J. Cryer, Olveston
£20	463	Mr. S.M.B. Panes, Pilning Street
£10	385	Dr. R.R. Slade, Littleton upon Severn
£10	249	Mrs A. Williams, Olveston

# Thank You

*Nita Slaytor*

I would like to thank staff, governors, parents, children and friends for their generosity and kindness shown to me on my Retirement from Olveston School after 25 years as Secretary and more recently as Bursar.





# A Night at The Pantomime!

Chris Harris's name is synonymous with the delights of pantomime, and

**ACT** (Arts and Community in Thornbury) is proud to present his acclaimed one-man show at **Thornbury's Armstrong Hall** on **Friday 5th November** at **7.30 pm**. It may be Bonfire Night, but Chris will provide all the fireworks one needs, with his dazzling display of skills, mime, dance, jokes and song.

Besides an in-depth knowledge of theatrical history, his great love of the genre, from dames to principal boys and from slapstick to spectacle, will intrigue and entertain all those lucky enough to secure a ticket.

Chris advocates all forms of amateur theatre, recently lending strong support to **ACT's** vision of a theatre-based community complex in Thornbury, with a fascinating sell-out fundraiser, full of hilarious anecdotes.

Originating from Bridgwater, Chris studied in England, Prague, then under Jacques Lecoq in France and finally Moscow State Circus School. His global career included travelling throughout America with Sam Wanamaker, Michael York, Douglas Fairbanks Jnr., Cleo Laine and Johnny Dankworth (to name a few!), fund raising for London's Globe Theatre. Television work has abounded and his one man shows such as ***Kemp's Jig***, ***Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday*** and ***That's The Way To Do It!*** are extremely popular. Having co-written and produced pantos for 9 years at BOV, Chris has directed and played Dame in nine Bath Theatre Royal pantomimes. Who better to enlighten us?

Tickets (£12/£11 for FACTs) are available from Thornbury Garden Centre. Visit [www.ACTthornbury.org.uk](http://www.ACTthornbury.org.uk) for more information on our project and on becoming a FACT.

## Bosom Buddies

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October we are holding our Annual Coffee morning from 10.00am – 1.00pm. It will be held at 32 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury and admission is £1 which will include coffee and biscuits. So come along and support this very worthwhile charity and help us buy special equipment for the Breast Unit at the BRI.

If you have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer recently or in the past we welcome you to our monthly meetings. The most important part of Bosom Buddies is to help people through their treatment and help with any queries. We do not have medical training but offer help through our own experiences. Please ring Jennie on 01454 884177 for further details.

# Thornbury Library

## Redecoration

***Thornbury library will be closed for redecoration from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October*** and we will re-open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. While we are closed you can use any South Gloucestershire Library or indeed ANY library in the LibrariesWest consortium of libraries. You can also use the South Gloucestershire Mobile Library.

See [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries) for details or ring 01454 86 8006

We hope to hold a number of events in November to celebrate our re-opening including another visit from musical harmony group *Fascinating Rhythm* on Wednesday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> November, a cookery demonstration on Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> November, an illustrated talk about life on a (local) farm on Wednesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> November, an illustrated talk about cycling around the world on Wednesday evening 1<sup>st</sup> December and finally a 'take away' aviation quiz will run throughout November. On Monday mornings we are also hoping to reintroduce a pensions surgery, together with help on making a will, power of attorney and probate. Details of all events will be confirmed in our November article.

## Pre-school story-times and musical rhyme time

Just a reminder that we hold FREE Monday afternoon pre-school story-times from 2.15pm-2.45pm, and a monthly rhyme time for younger children on the last Monday of each month, also from 2.15pm-2.45pm.

## New careers advice website-What's your Next Step?

***Next Step***, a new FREE adult careers service, is now available which serves the needs of all adults in England, aged 19 and over, whatever their prior skills, qualifications or employment status.

Adults will experience a high quality service offering them expert, impartial advice and resources. Next Step will support them to make informed choices about future skills, careers, work and life.

Call 0800 100 900 (lines are open from 8am – 10pm, 7 days a week) and speak to an adviser on the telephone or arrange a face-to-face appointment in your local area, or search online for Next Step.

The Next Step adult careers website will be coming soon. In the meantime, adults can access online services through the Careers Advice website [www.direct.gov.uk/careersadvice](http://www.direct.gov.uk/careersadvice) and the Skills Accounts website [www.direct.gov.uk/skillsaccounts](http://www.direct.gov.uk/skillsaccounts)

*For more information on any of the above items please give the library a ring on 01454 868 006 (24 hour renewal line 08450 020 777) or visit our web-site on [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries).*

# **Olveston Parish Council**

## **Notice of conclusion of the audit and right to inspect the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2010**

The audit of accounts for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2010 has been concluded, and the annual return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of the Council on application to Mrs Valerie Tutin, Clerk to the Council, telephone 01454 613730. Copies are available on request at a cost of 10p per sheet.

## **Olveston Parish Council Meeting**

This will be held on 19th October, not 26th October as advertised in the diary.

## **From the Registers at St Mary's**

### **15th August**

Baptism of William George son of James and Sara Touzel

### **20th August**

Funeral Service of Edith Davies followed by Burial in the Churchyard

### **28th August**

Marriage of Robert Grubb and Rebecca Olewicz

### **4th September**

Marriage of Mark Snow and Karen Lee

### **10<sup>th</sup> September**

Funeral Service of Jack Meachin followed by Burial in the Churchyard

### **11<sup>th</sup> September**

Marriage of Martin Dawes and Natalie Hooper



A Charity Bridge Drive  
will be held at

The Almondsbury Old School Hall

On Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

starting at 7.30 p.m. prompt

£7.50 including refreshments

Contact Richard Harrop (01454) 416927  
Hazel House, Old Down, Tockington, Bristol BS32 4PL

E-Mail [Exall@Thedown99.Freeserve.Co.Uk](mailto:Exall@Thedown99.Freeserve.Co.Uk)

Earlybird Tickets For £7 Available From Richard Harrop

## Severn Vale Flower Club

“Twas The Night Before Christmas!”

This is the title of a floral Demonstration to be given by Claire Foley.

The Armstrong Hall Thornbury is the venue and it is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm.

There will be Refreshments and the usual Raffle, Sales and Charity Tables.

Tickets cost £9.00 and can be reserved by calling 01454 885213 or 412087.

# Yours faithfully

*Rev. Sandy Williams*

*From Tockington and Olveston Methodist Churches*

As the leaves on the trees begin to turn to Autumn colours, people hope for an Indian summer and the opportunity to enjoy some warm, sunlit, days, when children can play outside, workers can look forward to an evening stroll and retired folk can go and eat a cream tea in the garden centre cafe!

This is the season when we enjoy the fruits of the harvest and, as someone who is new to village life, this is the first time I have received produce from so many people's gardens! At home, we have feasted on home-grown potatoes, tomatoes that both smell and taste delicious, freshly picked runner beans and courgettes, and I have decided that working in the villages has much to commend it!

The rosy picture I've painted of warm Autumn days, leisure time to enjoy and tables filled with good things has plenty of 'feel good' factor. That 'feel good' factor is enhanced by the way that people share what they have.

Would that life was always like this! Some people are isolated and spend too much time alone and the winter months are to be dreaded as those who can't get out at night face long, lonely evenings.

In the churches, we give thanks not only for the abundance of God's generosity as we enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but we also remember that Jesus reached out to those who felt isolated and abandoned and made sure that they too were welcomed and given a place within the family life of the local community.

Let's make sure that no one is left 'outside' this winter and we enable everyone to enjoy all that village life offers. Then the warmth of the 'Indian Summer' may last even when the cold weather comes and the nights draw in.

Tockington and Olveston are villages where, now and then, we experience something of heaven on earth. Let's make sure no-one is left outside peeping in at the window!

Wishing you all every blessing.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 3	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Harvest Festival with Choir	Rev.Philip Rowe & Sister Hilda Mary
	6.30	Confirmation with Choir	Bishop Lee
Oct 10	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 17	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Oct 24	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)with Choir	Rev PhilipRowe
Oct 31	8am	Holy Communion	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Breakfast Club in Church	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Memorial Service	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](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

Please contact Philip about Baptisms, marriages, funerals or other matters at any time, but please try to avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.

**Verger:** **Mrs. June Robbins**, 01454 617491

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html)

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:** At 9.00am led by the **Rev. Roly Bain**

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 3	10am	Family Worship	Rev David Bone
Oct 10	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Oct 24	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

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

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

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

Oct 3	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Oct 17	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 10	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Oct 24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 3	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
	6pm	Olv. Ch	Evening Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
Oct 10	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	Tock. Ch.	Breakfast Club will join us later . Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Oct 17	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	Daldry Gdns	Evening Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Oct 24	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
	6pm	Olv Ch	Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Oct 31	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr John Hopper
	6pm	Olv. Ch	Evening Worship led by the new Superintendent of Bristol & S. Glos Circuit Rev. David Hart

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**The New Tockington Luncheon Group** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Oct To book please ring 613241, 612112 or 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](mailto:Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com)

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

**Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07840 793772 or email:  
thevine\_awkley@hotmail.com

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

Oct 3	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Oct 10	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Oct 17	6.30pm	Ed Stuart
Oct 24	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Oct 31	6.30pm	Rev. Neil Mobbs

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30 for 8pm.

For further information please contact **Olwen Wonnacott**, 412141 or **Paul Ashford**, 07774 110814 or email: [Paul@CalebGroup.net](mailto:Paul@CalebGroup.net)

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

**BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** -Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am,  
Contact 01454 613305 [www.bcfnet.com](http://www.bcfnet.com)

**RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury -  
Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass  
Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctlk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctlk-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:** Elizabeth Sidwell, 412975  
National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)



# Diary Dates for Oct 2010

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Fri			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun			
4 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
5 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women AGM	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
6 <sup>th</sup> Wed	OPHS AGM	7.30pm	MH
7 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS†  MH
8 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Totally - Locally Coffee Morning Harvest Supper	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	T.Gr MH PH
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
11 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Craft Group (Tel: 07747 562264 for venue) Aust Parish Council meeting	7.30-9.30 7.30pm	 EVH
12 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute- Hidden Slimbridge	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR PH
13 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club "Sallying Forth" Royal British Legion Men	2pm 7.30pm	AH DGCL
14 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club-Demo. Stargazing: Littleton - Talk 7pm: Littleton Vill. Hall. Walk in Woodwell Meadows: 8pm.	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30 7pm	OS† MH TMH
15 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
16 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
18 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
19 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Bingo Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL AP
20 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at the White Hart, Olveston	8.30pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30	OS†

	Police Beat Surgery Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Music in the Church at Aust - Boldwood	10.30-12.00 8pm	MH AC
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Cl.-Practice "Halloween"	1.30pm	AH
26 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Fibromyalgia Support Group	9.30-11.30 7.00-9.00	WR AMH
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
28 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club Practice	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS† MH TMH
29 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
31 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Car Boot Sale Marlwood School	9.30-1pm	

## Looking ahead to November

5th	Aust Bonfire Night		
6th	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	AC
12th	Swishing Evening	7.30pm	PH
20th	Sheelanagig Concert	7.45	PH

**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](http://www.olvestonandaust.com). If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: [meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com](mailto:meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com)

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