

# Meeting Point

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*Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns.*

~Author Unknown

## **From the Editor**

This month's magazine is full of local village events: the Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green, Harvest Festival and lunch in Aust and a chance for a bat walk in Woodwell Meadows in Littleton Upon Severn.

We wish Tom Gracey of Olveston and two friends all the best, as they raise funds for two local charities by cycling in the Pyrenees. Please read more on the next page.

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman

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# THE RAID des PYRÉNÉES

*Tom Gracey*

A cycle ride along the Pyrenees from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Five hundred and fifty seven miles of hills ... no not hills ... mountains or Cols as the French call them. A cycle ride known to be 'difficult' ... very difficult ... very difficult ... so difficult in fact that it is officially classed as beyond classification.

Dougie Collett, Graham Bartlett and Tom Gracey last girded their loins for the Thornbury RFC Vandals team a long time ago on a Vets Tour to Halifax in West Yorkshire. Their aggregate age at the time was approximately 160 years but it was so long ago that none of them can really remember but there has never been, and probably never will be, an older back row to take the field for Thornbury. Since then the rigours of 40 years of Rugby have begun to take their toll. Graham's bad back, Dougie's bad knees and Tom's mysteriously painful arm and sore bottom.

So why are they cycling the most difficult ride in Christendom? Well Tom Gracey had for a long time wanted to do it (he did not and does still not know exactly why) but the thought of buying a new bike and all the training required had meant he delayed it year after year. This year, however, is retirement year for Tom and the excuse of not having the time to train has gone. Tom mentioned his ambition to a few old and stooped members of Thornbury RFC and to his amazement found that both Dougie and Graham were also gripped by the same desire to ride the Raide de Pyrenees ... they had just not realised it until Tom told them about it.

So how well prepared are the 'team'. Well they have all bought new Dawes bikes from Fred Baker, they have also got helmets and water bottles and puncture outfits and wicking tee shirts and have bought shares in a banana farm. Training? Yes they have done some training ... they have spent the summer riding round the Cotswolds and have had a cup of sweet tea in every café / pub in Tetbury. Are the Cotswolds sufficient preparations for the Pyrenees? Well if you have driven round the Cotswolds you may think of them as a rolling countryside type of topography. If you cycle round them you soon discover that this is an illusion and the team are convinced that the Pyrenees cannot throw up anything more taxing than the ride up to North Nibley.

As well as the Cotswolds Graham has ridden from Bristol to Bordeaux and Tom cycled up to his daughter's wedding in Bangor N Wales. At the end of these trips both Graham and Tom could cycle no more. Their legs were empty and they felt quite poorly. In fact they were quite poorly for several days. Dougie has yet to cycle for more than one day at a time.

So can they do it? Who knows? A small spanner was recently thrown into the works when a change in the route was mooted. The original plan was to cover approximately 550 miles in ten days. The new plan was for 450 miles in seven days. The first route included 28 cols and the second 18. The team are still discussing which would be the most doable bearing in mind that we have to climb the most famous cols. The side view of both routes appears to have no flat bits at all. Sure there are downhill bits but they are going to be very scary and at least one of the team intends going down with his brakes jammed tightly on. The other two are mad and intend to go down as fast as they can.

As we are doing this we thought we should try and benefit some local charities. These are St Peters Hospice and The Cotswold Care Hospice. A justgiving web page will be set up for anyone kind enough to provide sponsorship. (Details on completion of the ride) The ride is planned for September. You will not be expected to provide sponsorship unless all three of us finish the course in the allotted time. The possibility of this does, at the moment, appear ... remote. Graham although being the fattest team member is by far the fastest and we can only assume that an 's' has been misplaced in his cycling c.v. If Graham was doing the ride on his own he would easily do it in the time, but the presence of Dougie and Tom does cast some doubt on the success of the adventure.


**Contact Graham Bartlett on 07812216235 for more information**

## **Olveston Toddlers Needs YOU!**

Calling all expectant mums, new mums, old mums, dads and grandparents, with new babies, older babies, crawlers, toddlers and preschoolers. Your local Toddler group needs you! This group has been running for over 50 years but suddenly our numbers are very low and we need a few new faces to come along. We'd love to get to know you but appreciate life is busy so if you can pop in every now and again that would be great!

We are a very friendly group with activities that include singing, storytelling, crafts, toys together with healthy snacks for the youngsters and nice cups of tea or coffee with biscuits (and sometimes cake!) for the oldies. All this is for the bargain of £1.50 per family every Thursday in Olveston Methodist Hall from 2-4:30pm. We occasionally have some parental social events too!

We are also looking to invest in new toys and equipment for the group and plan to hold a nearly new sale in early October. We hope you will support us in this too - look out for further info.



# Totally-Locally

at the heart of the community

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

*It was great to have the community surge of support which just highlights the preferred shopping for local products instead of processed and mass produced foods. This also supports the local gardeners, allotments and shops while at the same time helping to protect the wider environment was my comment last month and considering a lot of the community were on holiday.....Ian had to have more supplies sent from the shop 'twice!', and we ran out of bacon butties! Richard sold all his wonderful yellow Rudbeckias and had to go back for more, Hannah and Tracy sold nearly all their cakes, and Helen watched the kids munch away on her lovely cookies,...Jeff brought his bees and honey along and of course we yet again sold out of the fresh veg and eggs. The egg supply was a little low as unfortunately a lot of the hens were lost by a clever fox! We will be back to our amazing yellow yolks for next month hopefully!*

**The next market day is on:-**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 – 12.00 and thereafter monthly...**

The Rapeseed Oil continues to be a success and we have only had positive comments like, 'fantastic, we love it!' Ian from the Crusty Loaf is considering using it instead of Olive oil in his new Focaccia and Ciabatta breads as it gives a lighter less heavy taste...by the way, these are now available from the Crusty Loaf...come and try it for yourself at the next market day. Have you tried Romy's wonderful authentic Indian Sauces, pickles and Chutney yet? The tastes of the individual spices are amazing!

Our stall is growing and the jams and marmalades sold out but will be replenished each month with the latest seasonal fruit. We are experimenting with all types of chutneys and deli products which will all be available to taste as we really appreciate your comments...we sold out of the home made extra garlic humus so there will be more next time and with the addition of guacamole.

**Remember** you can donate, buy or swap

In the next couple of months we will be introducing apple tasting so if anyone has any apples that they would like identified or to be included in our tasting table please give me a ring, it would be great to have as many varieties as possible...Please feel free to let me know any comments you may have that could add to our lovely community shopping morning...or log onto [www.totally-locally.org](http://www.totally-locally.org) to forward any ideas...

*Jane Sunnucks, Old Down 01454 419931*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Brownies in Thornbury Carnival!

On Saturday 3rd July, 1st Olveston Brownies met in Thornbury because we were going to take part in the carnival. Our theme was the 'Wizard of Oz.' Dorothy was played by Lauren, the tin man was played by Jenna, the scarecrow was played by Alex. and the lion was played by Robyn. The sun was shining and everyone was very jolly.

The Brownies from the emerald city were dressed in green outfits and huge sun glasses.

Some brownies were in pretty skirts and flower tops and jazzy hats - they were the Munchkins.

There was one good fairy played by Beccy and two wicked witches played by Megan and Niamh.

Jenna brought her grandma's dog Buster to play the role of Toto.

We walked from the castle school playing field, up castle street, up the high street and around to the library.

As we walked along everyone was clapping and cheering which made us all feel really proud of ourselves.

We finished the parade early and were all hot and tired so Brown Owl very kindly went and got us all an ice cream.

All together we had a great time.

*Written by Alex, Josie and Beccy*

## Workaid

We are collecting the following:

Sewing and knitting machines (the heavier the better)

Typewriters (the heavier the better)

Tradesmen's tools: carpentry; plumbing; motor mechanic; metalwork and engineering; electrician; cobbler; leatherwork and upholstery.

Gardening tools

Haberdashery: cotton fabric, cotton reels, silks, scissors, pins, lace, ribbon, elastic, etc.

If you have any items please contact Derek Glew 613433 or Pat Thirkettle, 612084.

# Beer and Curry Alpha Supper

Is there more to life than this? What happens when we die? What relevance does Jesus Christ have for our lives today?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. It is non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. We listen, learn discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. Alpha is running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world.

Find out more at this year's Alpha Supper. We will be in the Old School Hall, Church Rd, Almondsbury on Thursday 30th September at 7.30pm for a Beer and Curry Supper (there will be other options!). We will be joined by James Winn. James left Warwick University with a degree in English and American Literature and began a career as an actor working in regional theatre companies and starred as "Sooty" Sutcliffe, the English and Drama teacher in Grange Hill, which was to become TV's longest running children's soap. His other work included an appearance as one of the slower runners in Chariots of Fire. So slow in fact he ended up on the cutting room floor! He will say how Jesus Christ has changed his life and say a little about the Alpha Course.

Please join us for a good night out in congenial company with a positive message. It's free. For more information and to book a place call Philip or Alison Rowe on 01454 613223.

## Christ the King, Thornbury

The Catholic Church of Christ the King in Castle Street, Thornbury, has a large Parish, covering all the Thornbury area including Olveston and Aust, and the Berkeley area as well as the two prisons at Eastwood Park and Leyhill. Recently they have become responsible for Wotton-under-Edge parish as well, and this has meant a change to the times and places of Masses at the weekends. These changes come into effect from 4th September, so Masses at Thornbury will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass 18.00      Sunday 08.30 Mass    and 11.00 family Mass

There are also Masses at Wotton-under-Edge, Berkeley and Patchway

For more information telephone 01454 412223 or check the website:  
[www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk)

# Thank You

Mrs. Georgie Sleath of Littleton would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for their cards and best wishes after her recent operation. They were very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

## Summer Concert, Elberton *Peggy Oakhill*

The Summer Concert given by St. Peter's Festival Choir on 26<sup>th</sup> June at St. John's Church was a great success. It was a beautiful summer evening and we had a good audience that really enjoyed the musical evening – based on T.V and film music. The evening ended with food and drinks on the lawn – very nice! Our grateful thanks to everyone who made the evening so enjoyable. We look forward to next year's concert.

## 'Give-It-Away Take-It-Away Day'

Do you have 'stuff' that sits in your home, garage, attic which you don't want to throw away because it's still useful but you don't use it anymore? So why not find it a new home?

Sustainable Thornbury are hosting their ever popular 'Give-It-Away Take-It-Away Day' on Sunday 19th September. The aim is to reuse goods, rather than throwing them away and filling up landfill sites. The event is held in the main Rock St car park in the centre of Thornbury between 8am and 4pm. People can bring goods to a roped-off area of the car park and leave them there up to 2pm. Anything you take is at your own risk, and we do not guarantee that anything will work. Any goods left over will be offered to charity shops, and the remainder recycled or sent to landfill. Admission is free.

If you'd like more info on Sustainable Thornbury, their events or becoming a volunteer, please visit [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org)

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

It is hard to believe that in a matter of weeks the annual collection will be taking place once more. There have been so many casualties in Afghanistan this year and so many more people need help that we really need to make this a record year. A House to House collector is urgently needed for Upper Tockington Road and The Green in Tockington to collect between 30 October and 14 November.

Please contact Janice Jackson, Poppy Appeal Organizer, on 01454 418921 or email [janice48@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janice48@tiscali.co.uk) if you are able to help such a worthy cause.

# The County Camp

*Dominic Webb*



## **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

We got to the scout hut and helped to load the gear into the trailer, but there was so much some of it had to be put in the mini-bus! Halfway through the journey we realised that we had forgot the trophy for the county cooking competition so we had better win! When we arrived we were immediately set upon by swarms of midges, it was about 8 by then so we pitched the tents and fell asleep.

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

We all woke up to an overcast day. As we cooked breakfast (sausage and bacon) it started drizzling, having eaten we got changed for flag break. After that we were divided into three groups, there was Greg, Jasmine and Dean in one, me and Oliver in another with Edward, will and George in the final group. There were scouts from other units in the groups as well. My group had the high wires first, in the pouring rain, which consisted of a diagonal log leading up to a wire which led across to a short climb to a horizontal log where in the middle you were let down. After that we had the crates, where you had to stack crates, standing on top of them, to 10 high at which point you had do either the Macarena or a dance of some sort on top of the stack, until you fell off. After that we had rafting where our group was split in two and we had to build a raft to race each other across the pond, I was in the winning half. After that we made tea and had a fire before going to bed.

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

When we woke up the sun was shining, we made breakfast, went to flagbreak and then went off to our activities, my first activity was cycling but I had to come back because I kept falling off!

There was a session of free time afterwards, which I used to watch the rafters as we were camped by the pond. Then I had a session of archery during which I hit a bull's-eye (I was supposed to hit a balloon on the edge of the target though☺)

Our final session for the day was climbing up a huge tower, there were two walls, a harder and an easier, I got further on the harder than the easier for some reason! That night was the cooking competition, our unit was split into two and we cooked the same dish, Thai chicken curry and rice with fried bananas for pudding. We went to flag break that evening and it turned out we hadn't won, having forgot the trophy this was quite embarrassing. We had another campfire and went to bed.

*Continued overleaf*



## **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

We woke up and the sun was still shining, we cooked breakfast and went to flag break, you could choose not to go to the activities and stay to help take down the tents. I did the first activity, orienteering, where we looked for numbered posts with animals on them. When I got back I found out that we had gone halfway into the second activity! I helped pack away the tents and then we loaded the mini-bus and trailer and after flag break for the final time we were on our way, leaving behind the midges (hopefully!).

# **Police Report**

Severn Beat received 60 calls to the Police in July, 11 of which have resulted in crimes.

An emerging trend locally appears to be the theft of numbers plates from vehicles parked and left unattended during the day and night. There have been a couple of incidents in Passage Road, Aust and numerous incidents at the M5 Junction 14 where people are car sharing for work.

A silver Ford Fiesta parked in Upper Tockington Road has been repeatedly damaged by having all panels scratched with a knife or key, this appears to be the only vehicle targeted suggesting it could be a grudge against the family. Anyone with any information please contact us on the numbers below.

Forthcoming Beat surgeries in Olveston Stores between 10.30 and 12.00  
September 16, October 21, November 25, December 23.

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

Recently a problem was raised about contacting the police. Please can I reinforce the following:

In an emergency phone 999

To report a crime or an incident phone 0845 4567000.

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

# Thornbury Methodist Church

## Rainbow Fair

Rainbow fruit and vegetables – and all growing in Thornbury in a garden near you!

Also in Thornbury soon - a multi-coloured, annual event at Thornbury Methodist Church, with stalls on the ground and upper floors (access via lift), with lots of wonderful bargains – from home made cakes, jams, chutneys and handmade goods to bargain toiletries and books galore. Toasted teacakes, tea, coffee and home -made cakes will be served all morning in the Rainbow Café on the ground floor.

So, why not come along – there will be something for everyone, including early Christmas gifts. The church's annual Rainbow Fair is in aid of church funds and the Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Zimbabwe.

So, **Saturday 25th September** at Thornbury Methodist Halls (from 10am to 12.30pm) there will be stalls representing colours of the RAINBOW and more.

Note the date in your diary. Don't miss it!

## Litter Pickers - session 3

*Rod Williams*

It's time for another blitz on the litter on the roads around Tockington and Olveston. We'll meet again on **Saturday 4th September** at **1.45pm** at the **Parish Hall car park**. All kit is provided. Regrettably it is not suitable for children because of the traffic hazard.

Some of our fellow citizens are on a continuous mission to maintain a tidy environment, adopting stretches of road like Washingpool Hill, Aust Road and Old Down Hill, but there is still plenty to do. If litter is an affront to your sensibilities and you don't want the litterbugs to win, come and join us.

It would be useful to know approximately how many are coming so please contact me on 612850 but it's also OK to just turn up.

# Harvest Festival at St John's, Aust

**Sunday 12 September at 11am (note the time!)**

Service for all the family led by Rev Sandy Williams and Rev David Bone, with St Mary's choir, followed by:

**Harvest Lunch hosted by  
Gordon and Janet Spratt.**

Pay bar, play space for children.

Tickets £5 (children under 12 free), from Janet Spratt and Shirley McLeavy.



All are welcome at the service and the lunch – come to one or both, as you please.

## Music in the Church at Aust

**Windy Strings on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Following a successful concert at St. Mary's Church, Olveston last summer, local father and son duo Andy and Jacob Warn present their eclectic mix of music "from the extreme to the sublime" with recorders, guitars and lute, this time for Music in the Church at Aust.

Forget that distant memory of recorder playing school! Jacob will dazzle you with his playing on a variety of recorders, complete with unusual effects, accompanied by his dad, Andy, on various stringed instruments. Playing a range of music from renaissance and baroque, to avant-grande and gypsy styles, it will be an evening to remember!

To find out more about Windy Strings visit their website:  
[www.windystings.co.uk](http://www.windystings.co.uk)

Tickets are £10 full and £9 concessions, available from Peter or Gina Dobbins on 01454 632306 or directly from the Boars Head, Aust or Olveston Stores.

# Parish Hall Autumn Events

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Joint event with OPTA.** Family Fun Day to include games in the field behind Denys Court, followed by Treasure Trail to the Parish Hall and evening Barn Dance with BBQ. For more details see OPTA's article on page 25.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 7.30 pm Parish Harvest Supper.** This popular annual event includes local entertainment and a lucky ticket draw. Come along and join in the fun by ringing June Robbins on 617491 or Geoff Chappell on 615806 for tickets at £10 each.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010 7.45 pm Sheelanagig.** A live music event brought to you by South Glos. Touring Arts (Razzle). An eclectic blend of folk, jazz and world music performed by a talented 5 piece band. Fully licensed bar to include Guinness and Baileys. Tickets £8. Under 18's £6. Contact Geoff Chappell 615806.

## Learn Something New This Autumn

The Thornbury branch of the WEA, the UK's major voluntary adult education provider, will be running the following courses in Thornbury this Autumn:

**THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY** at Turnberries Community Centre, Thornbury (next to Rock Street car park)  
5 Tuesdays starting **21<sup>st</sup> September, 7pm-9pm.**

**CALLIGRAPHY FOR ALL** at The Chantry, 50 Castle Street  
5 Wednesdays starting **6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm-9.30pm**

**THE RENAISSANCE BAZAAR** at Turnberries Community Centre  
5 Thursdays starting **4<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm-9pm.**

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

For further information, or to book a place, ring Simon on 01454 610071 or pick up a WEA brochure in Thornbury library. Also 0845 4582758 or [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk).

# Family Fun Day

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

Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA) and the Parish Hall committee have joined forces to put on an afternoon and evening of fun activities for all the family and to take advantage of – what we hope will be – some late summer sun.



2.00

- As in previous 'OPTA Fun Days' there will be games, races and challenges in the field behind Denys Court (just follow the balloons)
  - Refreshments will be available.
- £1 adults and 50p children. Pay at the gate.

4.00

- Treasure hunt around the village for children of all ages.
- Collect your entry form from the field and, when you have hunted out all the clues, hand it in to the Parish Hall by 5.30. The winners get a prize!

Free

5.30 BBQ followed by a Barn Dance in the Parish Hall

- Delicious BBQ food
- Entertainment from local musicians.
- Dancing to start at 7.30.
- There will be a bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks

Tickets cost £6 for an adult or £15 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Advance tickets can be purchased from Olveston Stores or from Geoff Chappell (01454 615806) or pay on the door.

## Thank You

Frances Coleman would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters and flowers received during her recent illness. Your concern for myself and my family has been heart-warming. Thank you all.

## Jam Jars Needed

*We are yet again in need of jam jars....so please save what you can and bring them to the next market day on Tockington Green on Sat. 4th September.*

# Community Governor required

The Governing Body of Olveston School is currently looking for one Community Governor to join them to represent community interests. They can be people who live or work in the community served by the school, although this is not essential. They may well have business, financial or legal knowledge and skills that will be useful to the governing body.

Potential applicants should have a keen interest in the achievement and success of the school and a real desire to make a difference to children's lives.

Experience as a Governor is not essential either, as training and support are available.

If you are interested in this vacancy, please contact Mark Anderson, Chair of Governors by email ([mark@fanfooty.com](mailto:mark@fanfooty.com))

For further information, please visit our school website ([www.olvestonschool.co.uk](http://www.olvestonschool.co.uk)). You may also like to visit the following link on the South Gloucestershire Council website for governor information ([www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk)).

Closing date for applications is Friday 17th September 2010.

## Friends Of St.Mary's

The prize winners in this month's draw, held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	461	R. & J. Smith, Olveston
£75	370	Dr. M. Wright, Old Down
£25	405	Mrs. S. Chick, Olveston
£25	199	Dr. E.S. Saunders, Olveston
£25	329	Mr. B. Fennell, Alveston
£20	162	Mrs. P.A. Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£10	547	Mrs. D. Harries, Olveston
£10	273	J.E. & L. Croome, Exmouth

# Helsfest

There will be a music festival in Olveston on Sunday 5th September fundraising for both St Peter 's Hospice and the Lung Cancer Fund at Southmead Hospital. Bristol band The Atomic Rays are playing as well as local bands (the Maybies to name one) and musicians. And our own Roly Bain will be doing what he is best at, 'clowning around'. There will be a Promises Auction and any Promises will be gratefully received. There will also be children's activities.

Come along and join in the fun from 2pm - why not bring along a picnic? Adults £5 and children £2.50. For tickets and more information contact Mary Slader on 07747 562264 or by email to [mezza192@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mezza192@yahoo.co.uk).

# Swishing Evening

Ever been to a swishing evening? Know what it is? Come along to Olveston Parish Hall on Friday 12 November and find out. Fundraising for St Peter's Hospice and the Lung Cancer Fund at Southmead Hospital. Simply bring along up to 5 items of clothing, bags, jewellery, shoes and take home the same number of items. Tickets £7.50. For more information contact Mary Slader on 07747 562264 or by email to [mezza192@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mezza192@yahoo.co.uk).

If anyone has any clothes rails that I could borrow for this event I would be very grateful.

# 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

# Woodwell Meadows

## **Bat Walk at Woodwell Meadows**

Tues 7th Sept, 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Join Richard Cook of Avon Bat Group on a walk around this nature reserve overlooking the Severn Vale. Bat detectors supplied.

Meet in the car park of the White Hart at Littleton-on-Severn

## **Sensational Severnside Stargazing Night!**

Thurs 14th Oct

7pm for presentation at Littleton Village Hall

8pm for night viewing at Wood Well Meadows.

An opportunity to learn more about sky at night.

Talk by Callum Potter of the Cotswold Astronomy Society.

If the skies are clear we will go to the wildflower meadow on Woodwell Meadows to view the night sky.

Please park with consideration for local residents in Littleton village.

# Alveston Parish Community Show

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Following a successful event last year, Alveston Community Forum is again joining with the Alveston Flower and Craft Show to provide an afternoon of entertainment, displays and competition. Schedules for classes are available from Thornbury Library and Alveston shops. (Any problems please ring Marj on 01454 418694)

The Show will be held in the Jubilee Hall, Youth Centre and Lime Kiln fields opposite St Helen's School. (Please note parking space will be very limited.)

This year the main Charities being supported will be Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy Environment Appeal (CARE) and Bristol Research in Alzheimer's and Care of the Elderly (BRACE).

The Show will be opened at 2.30pm by Mrs Joan Hawkins who is Alveston's own special supporter of the Arts, Allotment Gardens and Charities in the area.

Admission only £1.00 adults and 50p children. Hope to see you there!



# Our Parish Matters

*Andy Clarke*

What a wonderful summer our Parish has witnessed so far and, aided by occasional outbreaks of timely rain, the countryside and all things natural have burgeoned into growth. While much of it has been lovely to see there are some areas that have suffered from overgrowth. The Parish Council has negotiated an agreement with South Gloucestershire to attempt a clearance of quite a lot of pathway edging, particularly round the Closes in Olveston . It will help considerably if householders whose properties abut the pathways could pay some attention to clearance at their property edges too.

When dangerous trees were recently culled for safety reasons a large pile of wood remained. It has fallen to the Scouts to clear this and to try and earn a little money by selling it for firewood. Ian Knowles is co-ordinating this activity (Tel: 07766653046 or 616744) and he will soon be getting the sale moving. If you want more details please contact him by telephone. This will not only help you boost your own supplies but will provide a very useful additional income for the Scouts.

Many people will have noticed that words have turned into actions and that alterations to the Parish Hall have begun in earnest thanks to the determined work from many people, not least Natasha Harrod, Roger Smart and Katy Gundry on the Pre-School Committee. What superb facilities they will soon have. We live in exciting times.

We are pleased with our rejuvenated play-surfaces at the three play areas which will extend their life as well as improve safety. However, litter remains a problem there so we hope that you, our Parishioners, can influence those around you to be tidier.

If there are any issues you wish to discuss please contact the Parish Clerk, Valerie Tutin on 01454 613730 or any councillor.

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

Baptism on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 of Marcus Bryan Johnstone, son of Iain and Julia Johnstone.

Marriage on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010 of Jonathan Vigrass and Emma Plews

# Aust Church Fete

Wow, what a day was had on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July.....

This year there were all the usual stalls plus a few new ones and some new concessions as well. Jo Glasgow came and brought her range of recycled crafts (fantastic Lego bags) Nicki with her Pheonix cards and as ever, Ruth Quaile with her wonderful range of hand-crafted jewellery, all very successful. The most beautiful chicken won a hand-knitted "Chicken Vest" – yes, bright red!!

The cake stall was laden, Bric-a-Brac didn't have too much to go to the tip and there will now be some very fit people in Aust thanks to the generous donation of some wonderful gym equipment, bargain !! Lots of people made scones for the tea stall and as always, this was well supported – where else could you get a cream tea with homemade scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam for £2.50? There were 2 displays of wonderful craft – 1 of hand sewn quilts (what hours of work) from Megan Walker and 1 from Pandora McGee with her new range of vinyl pictures – both these ladies will take commissions so do contact them to find out more. There were books (missed your chance to stock up on holiday reading - make a note to come next year !!) Jewellery and Gifts, Name the soft toy and Lucky Dip, Plants and Produce and the ever popular bottle stall. There were games for the children (how old is a child.....some had greying hair!!) a fun dog show (thanks again to our visiting lady judge) and decorating a biscuit.

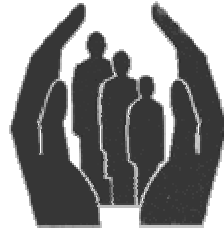
We were also very fortunate to have the services of our very own village toast-master – how smart Alec looked in all his finery. The raffle attracted many for a selection of great prizes and as has become the norm at the Aust Church Fete, there was skittling for a salmon. In the evening there were games of rounders, very competitive, and hay-bale rolling – what fun it all was. We were also very lucky to have live music from "The Midnight Blues" who told us this was their first public gig.....we all hope they come back next year, they were fabulous.

The Bar-B-Q did a roaring trade all afternoon and evening - thanks again to Perry's of Alveston for producing such wonderful burgers for us – we also served hot-dogs and in the evening hot roast pork rolls with stuffing and apple sauce – yummy.

So what did we raise? .....**£2272.32 WOW !**

**A huge thank-you to everyone who supported and worked so hard for this wonderful afternoon in the village**

# St Peter's Hospice Last Night Of The Proms



St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group in association with The Thornbury Orchestra and the choir of Goode Companye would be delighted to welcome you to the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** for Thornbury's very own Last Night of the Proms.

Bar available, bring your own nibbles, and don't forget your union jack, promenaders especially welcome for the second half of the concert.

Tickets available from 417543 or 415648 are priced at £5.00. Please don't delay. This will be a memorable evening. Part of the celebrations of 25 years of the Severnside Support Group.

All proceeds to St Peter's Hospice, your local Hospice.

## Old Down Cricket Club

### 150 Club Winners August:

£50 Ian Watkins  
£15 Iain Murdoch  
£5 Malcolm Grosvenor

### Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

17th July Andy Rowen  
7th August Russell Knight

### September Fixtures at The Park:

Sunday	12th September	Sunday XI v Coalpit Heath	1.00
Sunday	19th September	Sunday XI v Leonard Stanley	1.00

### Diary Dates:

Annual Dinner & Dance (In Marquee at Old Down) Saturday 4th September  
Annual Cheltenham Raceday Friday 12th November

Please contact me for Details/Tickets for the above.  
Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Tockington Harvest Fayre *Garry Phillips*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2 pm**

## **Latest update**

We are very pleased that this year's Fayre will be opened by the well known local character from Olveston - Mr. John Cryer.

This year there will be a tapestry exhibition in the Chapel and we have all the usual stalls and amusements as detailed in last month's edition. Just to remind you we have the following competitions:-

1. A children's fancy dress parade (Theme –'The Sea', e.g Pirates, sailors, fishes, boats).
2. Decorate a cup/fairy cake.
3. 'Egg Box Creations' How imaginative can you be with an egg box? Can you turn an egg box into something else? e.g a fish tank, your favourite room, a jewellery box? Please make sure you have your name and age clearly shown on the entry.

As ever we would appreciate any help with the preparations and dismantling or any contributions to the stalls. The names and tel. nos. to contact are: Garry Phillips 613241, Maggie Spooner 610053 and Jane Sawyer 618885.

We'll try to arrange the usual good weather and hope to see as many of you as possible on the day on the Green!

## **Thornbury Choral Society**

Thornbury Choral Society is a friendly local choir that welcomes singers of all abilities – there are no auditions! All we ask is that you enjoy singing and can blend with other voices.

The choir meets to rehearse Monday evenings 8-9.30pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Rock St, in Thornbury. Our autumn season starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September when we will begin rehearsals of Haydn's The Seasons to be performed at a concert on November 20<sup>th</sup> to be held in The Castle School. Then next spring the choir will be performing Carl Orff's highly popular and dramatic Carmina Burana cantata with Brahms's attractive Liebeslieder Waltzes.

There will be a Welcome Evening of drinks and nibbles before the rehearsal on Monday 13th September from 7.30pm, so come and try us out!

For further details please contact Alison Makepeace (Chairman) on 01454 415019 or Jos Gregson (Secretary) on 01454 411652

# Yours Faithfully

*Ann Roberts, Aust Evangelical*

For the past 35 years I've been teaching at one of the local comprehensive schools, attempting to share my love of Modern Languages with students of every age and ability. However, for some time I've been aware that teaching is a profession for those with youthful energy and so last Friday, I stepped off the treadmill of busy school terms and recuperative half-terms and entered a new world called 'early retirement'.

With questions like "What are you going to do with yourself?" and "Will you do some supply teaching?" ringing in my ears, I turned my back on the school I've loved and served, choosing to set out on the next part of my life. Many of you reading this may well have done the same and could offer me lots of advice, but for the moment I'm happy to enjoy a feeling of new-found freedom and wonder what God has in store for me.

Some things are very clear. Having lived in Aust for ten years and worshipped at the Chapel for over twenty, I shall be glad to be involved in village life without the pressures of schoolwork hanging over every hour. Jesus said to His disciples "I came that you may have life and have it in abundance" and I believe that His promise is still applicable to everyone who believes and follows Him. I'm not sure yet if God has new activities for me to undertake, but I am sure that He has a purpose in my future, as it says in Proverbs 16 v 4: "The Lord works out everything for His own ends".

In my working life I always tried to adhere to the Lord's instruction to "do everything as to the Lord" and I can think of no better motivation for my retirement, knowing that "His ways are perfect". Whatever our age or time of life God wants us to bless others and receive a blessing from our relationships with Him and others. If you have no sense of that abundance which God promises, perhaps now is the time to step off the treadmill, if only for a few hours, and ask God what He has planned for you – that's what I'm going to do!

About a year ago I challenged those who were seeking answers to their questions about God, to undertake an Alpha Course and maybe some considered doing just that. This autumn there will be an opportunity to join a course in the area. I know there is one starting in St Mary's, Almondsbury and if you are still wondering what God has for your life, why not take the plunge and go along to the first session. Remember God's promise is "ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find."

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev.David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 12	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Sep 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Sep 26	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with 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](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

Sep 5	10am	Family Worship	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Sep 12	11am	Harvest Festival	Rev David Bone & Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 26	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

Sep 5	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 19	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 12	9am	Matins	J & K Gunnery
Sep 26	6.30	Harvest Festival	Rev D Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 5	10am 4pm	Tock Ch Victoria Methodist Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Kevin Duffy United Circuit Welcome Service
Sep 12	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Tock. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Breakfast Club will join us later . Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 19	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. Daldry Gdns	Morning Worship led by Mrs Lesley Parker Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sep 26	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch Olv Ch	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE led by Rev Sandy Williams Evening Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Sandy Williams

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 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](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 and incorporating Communion, normally on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. As we also visit other churches and events please check our Notice Board or contact .

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

**[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)**

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

Sep 5	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Sep 12	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 19	6.30pm	Tony Matthews
Sep 26	6.30pm	Victory Outreach UK

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30 for 8pm.

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

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

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

**RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Tel 01454 412223 **[www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk)**

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**, Thornbury

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

**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 September 2010

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Totally Locally Tock Green Coffee Morning Litter Pick Royal British Legion Women-Skittles at the White Hart Olveston	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 1.45pm 7.30pm	MH PH
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Helsfest Music Festival	2.00pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Open Mic at White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
7 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women- Pat Ayres - County Chairwoman	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club - Harvest Lunch Royal British Legion Men	12.00 7.30pm	AH DGCL
9 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club - Demo.	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Games etc in Denys Ct Field (OPTA) & Barbecue at Parish Hall	10.30-12.00 2pm-late	MH
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Craft Group	7.30-9.30	MH
14 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute: Traditional Wood- Working Aust Parish Council meeting	9.30 - 11.30 7.30 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
16 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Police Beat Surgery Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30	OS+ OS+ MH
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Tock. Harvest Fayre on the Green Music in the Church at Aust-Windy Strings	10.30-12.00 2pm 8pm	MH AC

19 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Give it away/Take it away Rock St Car Park	8am-4pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury & District Flower Club	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
24 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning "Stones" Wonderful World Concert	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Car Boot Sale Marlwood School	9.30-1pm	
27 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club - Practice	1.30	AH
28 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Fibromyalgia Support Group - Acupuncture Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.00-9.00 7.30pm	WR AMH AP
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
30 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00 - 4.30	OS+ MH
<b>Looking ahead to October</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	

**KEY:** **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **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.

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