

# Meeting Point

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## **From the Editor**

This month's magazine reflects the seasonal change which September brings. It looks back over the happenings of the summer and forward to forthcoming events during this month and beyond. So you can read about the fun had at Cub and Beaver camps, join in the final crop of late summer village events and perhaps join an evening class.

You will also find some reflections and experience of local life today, and an account of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Olveston 1897, which might encourage you to think about our own celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee next June.

PS Sharon will be back next month

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman

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# A Snapshot of our village on a summer morning

*Pat Thirkettle*

Cycling on my Meeting Point delivery round I kept meeting horses and riders, the horses regarding me with suspicion but their riders always friendly. I passed a marquee all ready for a family wedding, no one in sight and a table laden with drink a few yards from the road... I chatted with a friend on her way to coffee with another friend and called in the Stores busy with Saturday shoppers, bumping into Roly going about his business on foot rather than by car. Passing the appetising smells at the bakery, it was back up Vicarage Lane (walking!) to continue delivering MP past Old Down Country Park full of happy customers.

Needing a branch to make a prayer tree for church, the dog and I walked out onto Old Down where the wild flowers are the most prolific and colourful I have ever seen. Then over the cricket pitch, lines freshly painted and wicket awaiting the crack of willow on leather, with friendly voices coming over the hedge from a busy Bowls Club. We met horses and a sweet little foal on the other side of the pitch, no flowers there. Everywhere I walked in the woods there was the crunch of hazel nuts not yet ripe and hurled down by squirrels, why do we never get any to eat ourselves these days?

This is written in the aftermath of the Norwegian massacre, but it's an ode to the ordinary, everyday life as lived in this peaceful and blessed village. In a world obsessed with celebrity and conspicuous consumption, twinned with starvation in the Horn of Africa and violence in the Arab world, is it not good to celebrate and give thanks for the commonplace?

## Thank you

Alec and Wendy Jacobs and their daughter Vicky would like to say how much they have appreciated all the help, prayers and good wishes from so many friends and neighbours in the villages over the last eighteen months during the build-up to Alec's successful kidney transplant from Vicky on 8th July this year. We have been very touched by all the help and kindness shown by so many people.

# Elberton Village Hall

*Mike Hawkins*

As Harnhill Quarry extended northwards Elberton Village lost a number of cottages, Jemmy's Farm and its Vicarage. However the Vicarage stables, coach house and approximately one and a quarter acres, including a walled garden, survived.

The main building continued to be maintained by the quarry owner, Mr Jeremy Hobbs, for use as a village hall. However, in 2008, and in fulfilment of an earlier promise, the buildings, land and garden were made over to the village by the owner on a very long lease. Maintenance and long term care now became the village's responsibility and a holding company was established, with most villagers holding shares, to manage this and other operational issues.

While well maintained, the building was in need of update and improvement. Kitchen, and particularly, lavatory facilities had fallen behind modern norms, and it was decided to demolish the old, and to rebuild to a modern standard. This was achieved using funding derived from the share issue, and, most importantly, from the National Lottery, Oldbury Power Station, South Gloucestershire Council and the Quartet organisation. These contributions made the update possible, and the village is grateful.

We now have a splendid facility of a modest size, having good car parking, and, perhaps best of all, a secure and attractive walled garden. This has already proved its value, with Stepping Stones making a long term 5 sessions per week booking. It is centrally located, and offers a modern facility capable of comfortably hosting parties up to 60. The secure walled garden has an obvious attraction for events involving small children, and it is pleasing to know that much more will now happen in this old building than just Parish Council meetings and election polling.

For a booking please ring Pauline Ford, on 01454 416708.



# **Open Afternoon at Stepping Stones**

Saturday 10th September 2pm – 4pm

To celebrate moving to our new premises at Elberton Village Hall we are holding an open afternoon for everyone at our new venue. This will include many children's activities including cake decorating, colouring competition, face painting etc. and our new garden will be open for the children to enjoy. For the adults there will be a bottle tombola, second hand books and toys, cream teas and refreshments and cake stall. You can also buy a raffle ticket to win one of many prizes including free entry to Bristol zoo for two people, including a behind the scenes 2 hour guided tour.

All welcome, so please come and support our new venture. All proceeds will go towards improvements to Elberton Village Hall. Any donations of raffle prizes, bottles, cakes etc. will be gratefully received. Please contact Gill on 07853 173221.

## **Fun, Flowers & Music Evening**

Severnvale and Thornbury & District Flower Clubs proudly present an evening of Fun, Flowers and Music. The music will be provided by a talented harpist, and Sally Taylor and her accomplished assistants will be the demonstrators. This is a fund raising Evening in aid of the Armstrong Hall backstage refurbishment.

Ladies put on your glad rags, bring a friend (men are not excluded) and join us on Monday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm in the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Tickets are £5.00 and can be pre-booked by calling 01454 885213 or 01454 261810. The Town Hall will also be selling tickets. Alternatively you can pay on the night. Hopefully all those who use the Hall will come along and support this event.

## **'KIDNAP ALICE' at Olveston Parish Hall**

Many thanks to South Glos. Rural Arts Council and Olveston Parish Hall Committee for organising this great evening with a top quality band. Kidnap Alice gave a very lively and diverse performance, covering Soul, Folk and Bluegrass, with a good mixture of instrumental and vocal numbers. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and hope there will be similar events in the future. Rosy and Martin Rowlands

# Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee 1897

*Eric Garrett*

A large committee of some 14 persons was formed six months prior to the event, with the parish vicar being the chairman.

On Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> a united children's service was held on Eastcombe Hill (A hill at easterly side at top of New Road) in the afternoon. The Sunday schools of the Church and Chapels of Olveston and Tockington attended. They all met at Olveston village centre and formed a procession with flags and banners and marched to the hill field. In the absence of the parish vicar the Rev. E.R. Burroughs of Clifton took prayers and followed by hymns. Mr. T. Roberts of Tockington Court gave an address. Other speakers were Mr. J. Bond (Wesleyan) and Rev. E.R. Burroughs.

On Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> a service was held at the Church at 11am. At noon a procession was formed, headed by the Winterbourne Brass Band. They marched around The Green to Tockington where more joined the procession to The Park at Old Down. Some 400 male parishioners sat down in relays to a cold luncheon of roast and boiled beef, ham, veal, cold plum pudding and a pint of beer for each guest or mineral water if preferred, in a large marquee. The females and children later numbering some 800 sat down for tea in the marquee and nearby Infant School.

A programme of sports was contested in the afternoon that comprised: -

Boy and Girl Races, 150 yards, under 13 years – Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> 3 shillings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 shillings, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 shilling

Boy and Girl Races, 200 yards, under 15 years – Prizes ditto

Hurdle and obstacle races, 120 yards – Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> 5 shillings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 shillings, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 shillings

Pole jump – Prize 1<sup>st</sup> 5 shillings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 shillings, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 shillings

Sack race, 60 yards – Prize 1<sup>st</sup> 3 shillings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 shillings, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 shilling

Sack race, 60 yards – all prize winners disqualified – Prizes ditto

Women's Race, 60 yards, aged 50, 1<sup>st</sup> Gown piece, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flannel petticoat, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1lb tea

Women's Race, 100 yards, married, Prizes ditto

Men's Race, 60 yards, aged 60, 1<sup>st</sup> Trousers piece, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flannel shirt, 3<sup>rd</sup> pair stockings

Men's Race, 100 yards, aged 40, Prizes ditto

¼ Mile Race, 1<sup>st</sup> Silver watch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver watch chain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pocketknife  
Flat Race, 150 yards, Prizes ditto  
Donkey Race, Owners resident in the parish  
Races by Women after 2 Pigs

The sport was limited to parishioners and the committee reserved the right to handicap in any race.

All children were presented with a jubilee penny and a bun.

At about 9.50 pm a flight of rockets signalled the time for lighting a huge bonfire made out of 650 withy tree faggots of which 400 were given by Sir Robert Cann Lippincott of Over Court, Lord of the Manor of Olveston.

At 10 o'clock the band played the National Anthem.  
Dancing and merriment continued on until the late hours.

The day's events were a repeat of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee of 1887.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in June's draw, held on 30th June 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	154	Mrs. M. Skuse, Pilning
£75	291	Mrs. I. C. Phillips, Olveston
£25	496	Mrs. J. Williams, Pilning
£25	367	Mrs. J. Bendall, Tockington
£25	445	Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Olveston
£20	329	Mr. B. Fennell, Alveston
£10	216	Mrs. J. Hahn, Olveston
£10	253	Mrs. A. Williams, Olveston

## Thank you

Thank you to all who came to the tea party in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Those of you who donated sandwiches, cakes, books and raffle prizes, many thanks. We raised £600 which is fantastic. A big thank you to Rose and Tom for letting me use their lovely garden and to Sally for all that washing up.  
From Diane Browne

# St Mary's Events

## Open Day

On September 10th, St Mary's is having an Open Day – a chance just to have a look around the place, of course, but also to see and hear more about it. In the morning, Eric Garrett and Peter Floyd will be doing talks on some of the history and the architecture of the building, June and Arthur Robbins will be doing their legendary tour of the churchyard introducing you too some of the residents therein, and David Bone is organising an audio -visual display. If you want to go up to the newly splendidly refurbished bell chamber to see how the bells work, then that's possible too, though not, sadly, to go further up to the top of the Tower – ah, health & safety. In the afternoon we're focussing more on 'Hatch, Match and Dispatch' with displays on baptisms, weddings and funerals, a chance to look up old registers, and ask questions at a forum. The wedding shop in Thornbury is coming, as are Gulwells, the undertakers. It will all finish at 4pm.

## Back to Church Sunday

The Ven Christine Froude, our new archdeacon in the Diocese, is coming to preach at St Mary's on Sept 25th at 10am. Once upon a time she was on placement for four months in the parish before she was ordained, so she's coming back. It's called Back to Church Sunday, because it's an invitation for all those who have stopped coming to church for whatever reasons to come back too. Maybe you fell out with someone, or you just got out of the habit, or church didn't live up to your needs, hopes or expectations ... Why not come and have a look – church has changed, and probably you have too...

And looking ahead ...

## Faith in prison – who cares?

That's the title of a major day conference that St Mary's is hosting on Nov 19th to mark the beginning of Prisoners' Week. We're looking at the faith that people have in the prison/justice system, the place of faith and chaplaincy within prisons, and our involvement in them. Keynote speakers are Dr Peter Selby, former Bishop to Prisons and now President of the National Council of Independent Monitoring Boards; and Juliet Lyon, Director of the Prison Reform Trust. Other speakers are Steve Webb MP, a prison governor, a serving prisoner, and a prison chaplain. The day concludes with a presentation in words and music from Changing Tunes. Registration is £7.50, which includes a buffet lunch, tea and coffee.

Please book in advance to Stephanie Fairhead, Cherry Trees, Chapel Road, Oldbury-on-Severn, BS35 1PL/ Stephanie@fairhead.me.uk/ 01454 413990. Cheques to be made payable to Olveston PCC

# Dear Meeting Point

We think many of your readers might be interested in the fact that we were burgled (again) recently and that we were so impressed by the swift and successful action of the police that we sent the following letter to Mr Colin Port, Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary:

“Unfortunately we were victims of a burglary on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

At approximately 4.45 am my wife awoke to discover two men in our garden. She immediately telephoned 999 whilst I went into the garden to confront the intruders. Unfortunately they had left by the time I got downstairs but I discovered various valuable tools and garden equipment were missing from our two garden sheds. Within about 4 minutes of making the 999 call, PC1632 Gareth Pretlove arrived from Thornbury Police Station. After speaking to us he set off in search of the suspects and apprehended them in another part of our village. He called for assistance, arrested two men, returned to our house and took me in his car to the suspects’ vehicle where I identified and recovered all the stolen property. The suspects meanwhile had been removed in another police car.

The subsequent treatment we received from the police and the CSI was excellent.

My wife and I are anxious that you should know that, in our opinion, if it were not for the rapid response to our 999 call and the brilliant initiative of PC Pretlove we would probably not have seen our possessions again. The actions of all the police involved in this incident were exemplary and we wanted you to know how excellent these officers were and how much we were impressed by their initiative and professionalism.”

We are submitting this to Meeting Point because so often we complain about the police and we thought it would be good to read something positive about them.

Sandy and David Shaw, Tockington.

*Now read the Police account on the next page ... Ed*



# Police Report

Throughout the Severnside area there were 15 reported crimes for July. Thornbury Sailing Club at Oldbury suffered another burglary, unknown offender(s) have gained access to a wooden shed and have stolen the air compressor from within. Nothing was seen or heard.

Outbuildings in Kington near Thornbury suffered an attempted theft of a quad bike, unknown offender(s) managed to remove the quad from the building but abandoned it in a field and made off, again nothing seen or heard.

In the early hours of Monday 1st August occupants in Tockington were woken by the noise of someone walking on their gravel driveway and the activation of the security light. Upon looking out of the window two males were seen walking away from the garden shed carrying garden equipment. Police were called and attended promptly, where two males were arrested for burglary and the stolen items were recovered.

The two males appeared in court the following day and were charged with burglary, and are back in court on 19th August for sentencing.

The next Beat Surgery is on Thursday 1st September at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop between 10:30am – 11:30am.

The next SSCG meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th October at 19:30pm in Olveston Parish Hall.

Please remember that every Tuesday morning between 10:00 – 12:00 at Olveston Parish Hall we will be available for members of the community to call in and see us to discuss issues or just call in for a chat, however we may be called away due to the operational needs of the job.

To contact us please use the following numbers:

PC 3404 Roger Hopes 0117 945 5959 or 07919628625

PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery 0117 945 5959 or 07917586645

For emergencies please dial 999

To report crimes or suspicious incidents please dial 0845 456 7000



# The Royal British Legion

*Next Meeting of Men's Section – Olveston Branch,  
Royal British Legion*

The next meeting of the Men's Section, Olveston RBL will be on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Daldry Gardens at 1900hrs.

We would welcome all existing members to this meeting plus anyone in the locality who is interested in joining the Royal British Legion. Membership is open to all who have served in any of the armed forces; Regular, National Service or Reserves & Cadet Forces and the Merchant Navy plus family members who have had, or indeed currently have, family members serving in the Armed Forces of the Crown.

We are aware that some families within the parish do have family members who are currently serving in Afghanistan or elsewhere and we are very proud of their commitment and sacrifice. Sometimes membership of the Royal British Legion can give those involved a sense of "belonging to the Service" in times of great worry and concern. We would welcome them and, indeed, it is part of the role of the Royal British Legion to be there for them, if and when needed.

It is at this time of year that our thoughts and activity are concentrated on the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday and the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September,

Martin J Scott JP  
Lt Col (Retired)  
Chairman, Men's Section, RBL Olveston.

# Cub Camp Report 2011

Our Cub Camp this year was at a different camp site called Pennwood Scouting Centre near Stroud. It was near a common and some woodland. The tents were already up when we arrived (lucky us), we were so excited we couldn't wait to explore the site.

On the first day we got shown around the site and told about the "no go" areas and the Beavers came for a sleepover, half of them were manic and half were quiet! (All of the cubs were manic!)

To our great surprise, we woke up on our first morning to Christmas! We even had a Christmas tree with presents under, (which I found out were empty boxes when Anne gave me some to open on my birthday!) The hut where we did activities and ate was decorated too. We played party games and my Dad (Big Bear) and Nikki (Fox) cooked Christmas dinner for everyone, it was delicious!

During camp we did lots of activities including, go-karting, swimming, safety in the home, first aid and of course lots of washing up (but don't tell our parents!). We went on lots of long walks; I think they were trying to tire us out! We all had a fantastic time at camp and would like to say thank you to Anne, Josh & Lyn for organising it and to everyone else who helped. Oh and a BIG thank you to the cubs for coming. I can't wait for next year!  
*By Jamie Curtis*

Cubs is for boys and girls aged 8 – 10 ½ and the above report is an example of what we get up to.

This is just some of the fun we have at cubs, unfortunately Lyn is moving away so we find ourselves in need of adults who are willing to join us as an assistant leader. If you would like some more information then please contact us on the numbers below.

Thank you.

Anne – 07779187452

Josh – 07963 387162

## Ist Olveston Beavers: 'under the stars'

This is turning out to be a big year for 1st Olveston Beavers. Not only is this year the 25th anniversary of the Beaver Scout movement but we have been part of many exciting Scouting events - a Mad Hatters Tea Party, the Bear Hunt at Ashton Court, the Jamboree at Woodhouse Down and Thornbury carnival. But possibly the most significant so far was joining the Cubs at their camp at Selsley, near Stroud. Each year we visit them at their 4 day summer camp but just for a day. This year was different. Until now the Scouting Association has ruled that children have to be of Cub age (8 years old) before

they are allowed to camp out under canvas. This year the rules changed and now Beaver Scouts (6 - 8 year olds) can spend one night away from home, outdoors, sleeping in a tent ... so we did!

The whole event had been organised by the Cub leaders and ran like clockwork. Big Bear (Ian Curtis) and me (The Fox) took 7 Beaver Scouts on one of their first outdoor camping adventures without their parents and we had an amazing time. The camp was in a beautiful woodland glade where the children could run around freely, build dens and take part in the organised fun and games. By day the sun shone and at night the clear sky was filled with stars. We were there for two days and one overnight sleep, though it did seem like a lot longer as there was soooooo much to do.

Sam liked "doing dens because that was really fun, we had a secret area that only a couple of people found, and I liked go-kart racing". Elliot said "The thing I enjoyed most at camp was a game to find the most pegs hidden in the camp. There was 25 and we found 23!".

Day two was Christmas themed with a Christmas tree, Christmas crafts and games and a Christmas roast dinner ... don't ask me why! Thomas said "I really loved it. The good bits were making the snowstorm globes out of jam jars and also the Christmas crackers and the Christmas log with fake snow and a candle. I don't really know why we did Christmas stuff when it is July. The best bit was hiding Big Bear's hat and his tea towel and he never found them. I slept in a pod (tent) with Elliot and we had some sweets in there from the tuck shop. I didn't miss mum and dad at all or my brother and sister. I would definitely do it again if I got a chance. I was so tired the next day".

We were so proud of the Beaver Scouts - they were very well behaved, there weren't any tears, they joined in with everything and were certainly up for the adventure.

*Beaver Leader Nikki Clarke 01454 614099 [nikki@beavers.olveston.com](mailto:nikki@beavers.olveston.com)*

## **New Re-use and Recycle Directory**

If you are wondering where you can take your unused things so that other people can make good use of them, rather than just putting them in landfill, then you will be pleased with the new Re-use and Re-cycle Directory just published by Sustainable Thornbury. As well as an A-Z of where you can take items such as tools & spectacles, there are also tips on how to re-use things and information about some useful local shops and websites. The directory can be found online at [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org) or in Thornbury at the Town Hall, Library, Volunteer Centre and the Pensioners' Drop-in Centre.

# Music in the Church at Aust

Saturday 10 September at 8pm: ANGLES

This month's somewhat unusual title reflects the way in which three highly regarded musicians - Chris Walshaw, Cliff Stapleton and Richard Jones - combine their very considerable talents to produce a distinctive musical style. Angles mix haunting pipes, earthy gurdy rhythms, and driving accordion bass lines to create their distinctive sound, incorporating folk, blues and jazz.

"Their music is original and quirky..."

"They continue to take the French dance scene by storm..."

Tickets: £10 from Clive and Susie Roberts (Tel. 01454-617232), also at the Boar's Head, Aust, and Olveston Village Stores.

## Olveston School Fun Run - revived for 2012

Do you remember the Olveston School Fun Run? Did you used to take part or help out as a marshal?

We are keen to get this fantastic community event started again and are looking to hold the race on Sunday 29 April 2012. To solve the problem of roads and marshals we are hoping to plot a route along the paths and bridleways behind the school. There will be a 1k race around the school field for younger children, buggies and those who just fancy a stroll, and a 5k race for those who like to run.

The event is being promoted by Olveston School and the local charity ARBAN UK who are raising money for slum dwellers in Bangladesh. Pupils at Olveston have formed a link with children in Jheelpur Slum in Dhaka, so this fundraising initiative is part of their wider community curriculum. The race will have a small entry fee (£2.50 for 16s and under and £5 for adults) and sponsorship forms are available for runners who would like to raise more. Red "Run for the Slum" t-shirts are already available to buy.

We hope that many of you will join us, to run or to help out. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Nicky Browne on 07769 171772 or email [nicky.browne@arban.org.uk](mailto:nicky.browne@arban.org.uk). **[www.arban.org.uk](http://www.arban.org.uk)**

# Village Fête: 3rd September at 2.00 pm

Littleton Village Fête! We would like to invite you all to come to the Village Hall to join in our (late) summer fête on Saturday 3rd September.... There will be games with a modern twist, a 'Made in Littleton' stall, white elephant, music, bar and food – and possibly the odd surprise. The event will start at 2.00 pm and carry on until late. We hope to see you there.

## Summer BBQ

On Sunday 4th September 2011, Old Down Neighbourhood Watch will once again be hosting its annual summer BBQ in the grounds of Windmill House. If you fancy spending a pleasant afternoon meeting up with friends and neighbours do come along. Family tickets are only £5 for 2 adults and children under 16 are free.

Salads and desserts are provided, as are the dancers and singers. Just turn up with your meats and drink; or speak with your local Neighbourhood Watch contact for further details. Hope to see you there.  
Roger Hindle tel no. 417562

## Movies at St Mary's: Sept *Trevor Anderson*



CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB. Well over 80 children (and more than 40 adults!) enjoyed the weekly summer programme. We're looking forward to welcoming regulars and newcomers to the next show which will be in October, during the school hols.

For ADULTS, our next show is on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

It's a coming of age story about an 11 year old boy from north-east England who dreams of becoming a ballet dancer. It's set in Thatcher's Britain during the 1980's miners' strike and is directed by Stephen Daldry. Can you guess the title? Doors open 7.00 and show starts **7.30**. Licensed bar and soft drinks. ***Continued overleaf***

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

Any films you would like us to show? Send us your requests.

# Tockington Harvest Fayre

*Garry Phillips*

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2 PM

As well as having our own Harvest Queen we have decided the theme for this year's children's Fancy Dress Parade will be "Royalty", Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses from any period of history and including Fairy Tales. As ever we would appreciate any help with the preparations and dismantling of the stalls and any contributions in terms of bric-a-brac, vegetables, cakes, books, etc.

The names and tel. nos. to contact if you can help are:-

Garry Phillips 613241, Maggie Spooner 610053 and Jane Sawyer 618885.

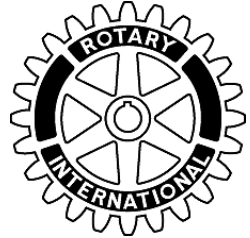
Let's hope we can arrange the usual good weather we have for the Fayre and we hope to see as many of you as possible on the day on the Green!



# The Rotary Club of Thornbury

Youth Opportunities in the 2011 – 2012 School Year.

Each year Thornbury Rotary Club offers a wide range of competitive and educational opportunities for both primary and secondary students in our area. We also assist the development of students via financial sponsorship of selected activities and by sharing our professional experience in appropriate situations.



The opportunities currently offered are varied and designed to suit all ages:

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award.** This scheme provides a residential five day team building course for secondary students. Applications are invited in January and the course is held in July. Selection is by interview.

**Young Musician Competition.** Thornbury Rotary is involved in both the Bristol and Southern Cotswolds events both of which are organised by groups of local Rotary clubs. Minimum entry level is Grade 6. The awards are highly prized.

**Young Photographer Competition.** Entries are invited from all schools and youth groups. Classes, which are graded in age bands to ensure a balanced competition, accept entries from infants to school leavers. Cash prizes are awarded. Entries are invited in February with judging in May. The class winner's photographs are put on public display in Thornbury.

**Youth Speaks.** Our Youth Speaks Competition has, for many years, been held for Primary School children. Heats are held in the schools in June with the final in the first week of July. This provides children with their first chance to speak in public. The use of computer aided techniques is not allowed.

**Young Golfer Competition.** Held in conjunction with Thornbury Golf Club, we sponsor the prestigious main prize. Entrants must be members of a recognised Golf Club. The competition is held in April.

**Swimarathon.** Every March we hold a Swimarathon in Thornbury Leisure Centre. While the teams of 6 swimmers are required to bring sponsorship towards our selected charities this event is great fun and a challenge not to be missed. Entries are welcomed from swimmers from beginners upwards. In addition we also sponsor and participate in:



**Kids Out.** This is a major country wide event held on the second Wednesday in June. Thornbury Rotary takes around 75 children from the New Siblands School together with carers and Rotarian helpers to Bristol Zoo.

For the future we also plan to hold the following should sufficient interest be forthcoming:

- **Speaking Competition for Secondary School students**
- **Young Innovators Competition and Young Chef Competition**

Further information about these opportunities can be found on our website [www.thornburyrotary.org](http://www.thornburyrotary.org) or by contacting Rotarian John Mills, Youth Opportunities Chairman, at [john.mills@thornburyrotary.org](mailto:john.mills@thornburyrotary.org)

Come and join the fun!

## **WEA Autumn Courses**

Places are available now on our autumn courses. These are open to anyone over 16, and are free to those in receipt of a recognised means-tested benefit. No prior knowledge is necessary. All events will be held at The Chantry, 52 Castle Street Thornbury.

We are starting off the autumn programme with a day school, **10am-4.30pm Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** on the “**Prehistory of Britain & Avon**” tutored by Paul Driscoll. A one hour introductory talk will be followed by a field visit in the local area.

**Starting 6<sup>th</sup> October** and running for 5 weekly meetings from 7pm to 9pm, Robert Baggs will tutor a course on “**The Northern Renaissance**” looking at the art of Northern Europe 1350-1600.

Another day school will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 4.30pm** on “**Blood and Guts: Medicine from Ancient Egypt to Tudor England**”. The tutor will be Jane Hack.

For further information, pick up a WEA brochure in Thornbury Library or ring Simon Cannell on 01454 610071. Also Learner Enquiries 0845 458 2758 or [www.wea-sw.org.uk](http://www.wea-sw.org.uk)

**ALMONDSBURY SURGERY 'SEASONAL FLU' CLINIC**

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011

IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, ALMONDSBURY FROM 9AM – 12PM

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH  
ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE  
VACCINATION BECAUSE THEY FALL INTO A CLINICAL RISK GROUP

PLEASE NOTE: ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR'S SEASONAL FLU VACCINE  
WILL ALSO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST SWINE FLU

THE CLINICAL RISK GROUPS INCLUDE:

- ANYONE 65 OR OVER
- PREGNANT WOMEN
- 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)

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

# Old Down Cricket Club

## **150 Club Winners August:**

£50 John Moody

£15 Rob Evans

£5 Greg Welsher

## **Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:**

16th July Neil Cross

30th July Paddy Gardner

## **Home Fixtures at The Park in September (1.30pm Start)**

4th September Sunday XI v Chairman's XI

18th September Sunday XI v Budleigh Salterton

Senior Nets: Wednesday Evenings

Colts Nets: Friday Evenings

Everyone is welcome, so please come along & support the teams!!

Diary Date: 2011 Dinner/Dance & Awards Night in Marquee at The Ground on Saturday 10th September.

Tickets Now Available (£25 Non-Members/£20 Members)

Up The Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Olveston Sports & Social Club

Here is an update on club activities. We currently have a darts team in local league who are doing very well. We are now running a team in The Super League when, if you are interested in watching some top games with top class players, you are most welcome. These matches will be played on Tuesday evenings, home match every other week. Why not come along & become a member & join in? There is a pool table, poker club, Quiz nights monthly & Bingo in Winter on Sunday evenings.

Our Membership fees are £5 one year or £20 for 5 years. Also bookings taken for Parties on Fridays & Sundays. Everyone welcome as this is a Social Club.

Barbara Lansdown, Club Secretary: tel. 415036

# Yours Faithfully

Helen Webb

## True Beauty

One of the most enjoyable things about being on holiday is having lots of time to read. I love spending time deciding what books I'm going to take with me on holiday. One of the books on my list for this summer was "Beautiful" by Katie Piper. You may have heard of Katie – she has recently had a series on Channel 4 called "My Beautiful Friends" and was the subject of a documentary in 2009 called "Katie: My Beautiful Face".

Katie Piper is a young woman who had everything going for her – she was a model and TV presenter, living in London, enjoying her friends and her opportunities. Then a man she had known for a matter of a few weeks violently attacked her and paid someone to throw industrial strength acid in her face. As you can imagine – her life changed completely. For a number of days no-one knew if she was going to survive the attack and she has since had numerous operations and treatment to repair the physical and psychological damage caused.

Her book is the remarkable story of not just one young woman's courage and resilience but the love and strength of a whole family. It made me think anew about how we regard people, how we make up our minds about someone when we meet them from what they look like and how we often value physical appearance more highly than anything else.

In the Old Testament it often seems that physical beauty is something to be valued and treasured and is sometimes regarded as a sign of God's favour although there are many times when it is clear where our priorities should be eg "*Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who follows God should be praised*" (Proverbs 31:30). However, – the focus in the New Testament, Jesus' teaching – is all about our inner beauty: it is our inward being that is most important. Jesus says over and over again that it is what is inside that is important and that it is our inner nature that shines out eg "*A beautiful person brings good out of the beauty deep in their heart ... for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of...*" (Luke 4:44-46)

Many of us spend hours (and pounds) on our physical appearances whether it be our hair, our make up, our clothes, our body shape, our tattoos and piercings, our nails, our teeth ... the list is quite long! How much time and effort do we spend on our inner beings – wanting to be the best we can be, showing love, compassion, generosity, forgiveness, graciousness, patience, understanding, humility ... an ever longer list! How much time do we spend

striving to be the person God wants us to be so that it is our inner beauty that shines out?

Katie found strength from God during her most difficult times and was encouraged particularly by a lady who sat by her bed in intensive care and prayed for her. She writes very honestly about her struggles and her frustrations but she also describes how she felt God's presence in the most difficult times. She says "... the old Katie never could have contemplated losing her beauty, she was so vain, so self obsessed, and her looks had been her life... in the last twelve months I'd had seen humanity at its worst and its best too. Had it made me a better person, deep down, underneath the scars? Had it made me more beautiful in a way I'd never even imagined? ... Through everything I'd learned that kindness and love are the most wonderful things of all ... I knew that my life was going to be beautiful, in every single way."

What an amazing challenge for us! How would we describe beauty? What do we think God sees as beautiful? In what ways do we want to become truly beautiful and how can we achieve that?

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

- 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011    Baptisms of James Robert, son of David and Julie Daniell and Harry Benjamin, son of David and Julie Daniell
- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011    Marriage of Rupert Davies and Kimberley Wilson
- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011    Funeral Service at St. Mary's, followed by burial of Vera May Neale
- 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011    Burial of Ashes of Douglas Albert Christian
- 11 August 2011    Cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's of John Graham Towle

## **From the Methodist Church Registers**

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

At Tockington Church,  
Service of Thanksgiving on July 14th for the life of Frances May Coleman

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 4	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Rev. P.Rowe & Mrs A.Lloyd Rev R. Bain & Rev R Crew
Sep 11	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Rev David Bone Mrs Janet McBride Breakfast Club Team Rev P.Rowe & Rev R Bain
Sep 18	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Rev Roly Bain Rev D Bone & Rev P Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev Roly Bain
Sep 25	8am 10am  10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Back to Church Sunday  Breakfast Club Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Roly Bain Rev Roly Bain & Ven. Christine Froude Breakfast Club Team Rev P Rowe & Mr D Jones

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

### Contacts:

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

Rev Roly Bain for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals 01454 616593.

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

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

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 11	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 25	10am	Harvest Service	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

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

Sep 4	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 17	6pm	Harvest Festival	Rev David Pole
Sep 18		No Service	

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 11	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Sep 25	6.30	Harvest Festival-St Helen's Music grp & Refreshments	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 4	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	St Andrew's	United Service
Sep 11	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney. The Breakfast Club will join later in the service.
Sep 18	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Robert Wallace
Sep 25	10am	Tock. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE led by Rev.Sandy Williams

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sept To book please ring 613241,or 612112

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

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

**HARVEST FAYRE** Tockington Green and Chapel at 2pm on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

**Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07840 793772 or email:  
[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 4	6.30pm	Royston Pick
Sep 11	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 18	6.30pm	Alan Tarling
Sep 25	6.30pm	Rev Neil Mobbs

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043  
**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.ck-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ck-thornbury.org.uk)

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**, Thornbury  
Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry,  
Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. Children welcome with prior notice.  
**Local contact:** Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603  
National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)



# Diary Dates for September 2011

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Mobile Library Tock. Green	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 4.00-4.20pm	Ost MH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Littleton Village Fete Jo Sawyer Musical Entertainment	10.30-12.00 2pm-late 7.30pm	MH LVH StM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Quiz Night	8.15pm	AP
5 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Open Mic. At White Hart Olveston	7.30pm 8.30pm	StM
6 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women -Boat Trip	9.30-11.30	WR
8 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop NOTE NEW TIME Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	Ost MH
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Totally Locally Market Tockington Green Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Autumn Fair Castle St Thornbury Stepping Stones Open Afternoon Open Day at St Mary's Music in the Church at Aust Old Down Cricket Cl. Dinner Dance	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00  2.00-4.00pm 10.00-4.00 8pm	MH AVH  EVH StM AC
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Castle to Castle Cycle Challenge The Armed Man Alv. Singers	CTK Th.	2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Craft Group Tel 07747 562264 for venue		
13 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Aust Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
14 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Royal British Legion Men.	7.30pm	DGCL
15 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Mobile Library Tock. Green	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 4.00-4.20	Ost MH
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Harvest Fayre Tock. Green	10.30-12.00 2pm	MH

	Harvest Festival & Village Supper	6pm	LVH
19 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
20 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
21 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Cl. Harvest Lunch Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	12.00 8.30pm	AH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Classical Music Concert	7.30pm	CH
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Annual Rainbow Fair Car Boot Sale Marlwood School	10.30-12.00 10.00-12.30 1.30-3.30pm	MH TMH
27 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
28 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Valley Quilters 417559 for details		
29 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
<b>Looking ahead to October</b>			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Stones Concert	7.30	StM
18 <sup>th</sup> -22nd	Jesus Christ Superstar	7.30pm	AH

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