

# Meeting Point

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“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the *life in your years.*”  
Abraham Lincoln

## From the Editor

If you have any little treasures you have found or have dug up, you have the opportunity on 6<sup>th</sup> August to have them looked at by experts.

During the month of August there is the chance to see various films for free or prepare for the Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge.

Next month’s Meeting Point will be edited by Phyllida Pyper who will be taking over from me in December. Please send articles and items to the editorial email address on the left, as usual.

Our cover this month is by Rosemary Wilson

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# Village Person: Stan recycled!

Stan Bradburn and his wife Marj retired from The White Hart in Olveston in December 2004 and sailed away into the sunset.

Well, not exactly! They set off from their home in Severn Beach the following March, in their narrow boat, up a chilly River Severn, the start of a journey that would take them to Manchester and back on the canal network. They took it slowly, visiting many places en route and finished back in Severn Beach the following December. All very enjoyable, but they decided not to make a career of it and sold the boat.

With plenty of time on his hands, Stan soon found a job at B&Q. Then his wife said 'I thought we retired to spend quality time together, you are out all day and I am at home on my own....' So she got a job in the Severn Beach bakery and is still there seven years later. Stan moved to Asda after two years to do home shopping deliveries.

Then Jason contacted him and interviewed him in The White Hart, the upshot of which is that Stan is now doing the early morning paper shift in the Stores. He gets up at 4.10am, is in the shop at 5am and works till 10am. He likes being busy, doesn't mind early rising (of course it is midsummer at present!) and is a very warm, cheerful presence in the shop.

## 1940s Cream Tea

*Joanna Sawyer*

A big thank you to everyone that supported our 1940s Cream Tea on Sunday 10th July!



The afternoon was a great success with lovely weather and a brilliant turn out.

We managed to raise £381 towards my drama school fundraising, which was fabulous.

Thank you for helping to make the afternoon so special and successful!

# Museum Family and Finds Day

On **Saturday 6 August**, Thornbury & District Museum will be holding a Family and Finds Day. Come along during the day to:



- Try out our new **Family Trail around Thornbury High Street** (sponsored by the BBC). You'll be amazed at how much there is to find out about the High Street of your local town.
- Bring any pieces of pottery, coins, metal items, rocks or fossils that you have **found or dug up**, and challenge our experts – South Glos. Finds Officer Kurt Adams and geologist Sandi Shallcross - to identify them. Prehistoric flints, Roman brooches and even some post-medieval false teeth were among more than 90,000 archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales in 2010. Who knows what we may find locally?
- Enjoy various fun activities, including **Doing Your Washing Victorian Style** or **Making a 'Roman' Mosaic**.

The Museum is on Chapel St, next to the Armstrong Hall, and the activities will be on offer from 11.00-3.00. All activities are **FREE**, as is entry to the museum and its exhibitions.

For more information about the museum, please look on the museum website: [www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk)

## Thank you

Hannah and Imogen would like to thank everyone for the support at the recent, 'Pink Hannah's Creations Summer Shopping event'. A lovely sociable few days, raising £176 for Marie Curie. We hope you enjoyed it. The next Christmas shopping event will be on 18th and 19th November. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

# Our Parish Matters

Last month's comments about losing the red phone box in Old Down brought a number of responses wanting to retain it as a landmark. As a consequence it has been agreed to give Di Buckley and her other contacts a chance to maintain the box and monitor it over the following year.

Olveston has experienced some problems with some local teenagers out and about this year. The Parish Council and the Police have got together (John Hughes Andy Clarke and WPC Kelly Dimery in particular) to ensure that these issues are covered. All problems needing attention should be reported to the Police on 0845 456 7000.

We should all remember that we should try to make positive arrangements for our kids too. Urbie (the youth service mini-bus scheme) will be returning to Vicarage Lane soon to try to connect teenage youngsters with positive activities. For more details look on Facebook under Urbie Severnvalle youth project or on [www.youthunltd.com](http://www.youthunltd.com) or phone "Trace" on 07900 663836.

The business of renovating the war memorial at St. Mary's church is ongoing. The problem is quite extensive but a solution will be found although proper research, planning, resourcing and vetting bids will take some time.

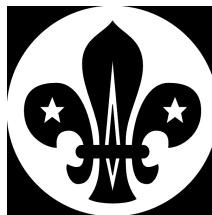
There has been plenty of opportunity to go walking on our local footpaths, if you are so inclined, this summer. If dogs are taken however, they do need to be under control - especially when other people are near, as not everyone is at ease when dogs are present. One exception to this rule is when you cross fields where cattle roam. If cattle become curious and approach you, you should release your dog for safety reasons. Of course dogs should never be off leads when sheep are nearby as they can be easily spooked.

If you have any issues you need to bring to the parish council's attention, you can ring the Parish Clerk, Richard Rogers, on 01454 618987 or any councillor (see Meeting Point Directory - an excellent recent publication).

*Andy Clarke*  
*Olveston Parish Council*

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

Bear Hunt Ashton Court Bristol 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011



The bus had been organised by Avon County Scouts, the parents had prepared their little ones a packed lunch and drinks, ready to go and see the chief scout Bear Grylls on his whistle stop tour of Bristol. 20 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and 10 leaders waited eagerly in the rain on the Tockington Green trying not to annoy the Totally Locally people whilst they were setting up, we sheltered from the opening heavens, things were getting stressed by the time the coach turned up, it was 45 minutes late....

On arrival at Ashton Court we were greeted and told to 'hurry' we were late..... we knew that! We had a quick service and renewed our promises, (we do this traditionally on our St Georges day parade), then the Vicar tried to deliver a sermon, but wasn't having much luck as Bear Grylls' private helicopter was circling the showground. After a brief intro of his adventures and trials, such as climbing Everest and eating live caterpillars, grubs, fish eyes... (now the female population weren't quite so keen to give him a smacker of a kiss.....), he arrived on stage. Casually dressed with the UK necker tied around his neck, he seemed genuinely bowled over by the amount of scouts and leaders in front of him. In what seemed like two minutes he was gone.... his next appointment was down at the docks to see the water activities.



Lots of activities had been put on throughout the day, giant inflatables, crafts for all ages. Each district had been asked to dress up as a Bear. Josh had drawn the short straw and was nominated to sign autographs for hundreds of eager beavers. On feeling sorry for him the other leaders took their turn in what now had turned out to be a very hot day, especially with a full sized furry costume on with little ventilation. Dominic and Stuart were invited to the water activities on the dock side. Lynda went with them, shuttled down by coaches. Canoeing, kayaking, sailing and rafting were the options and all came with compulsory 'getting soaked'. Even the photographer who was in the safety boat wasn't spared from a well-aimed loaded paddle of an Olveston kayaking instructor. Dominic was dragged out of the water at least once, but like all good scouts they were prepared with dry clothes.

Bear Grylls arrived back at Ashton Court and wandered around all the different activities giving out autographs, the thought of grubs and fish eyes seemed to be a distant thought to some.... Then the rotors were started up and he was off.



The day ended with the mass exodus of 2400 scouts, we all had a coach number and a time, and luckily ours was coach number three to go. Some of the beavers were asleep by the time we went under the Suspension Bridge.



Bear Grylls is the youngest ever Chief Scout, acting as a figure head to 28 million Scouts around the globe. It was quite an honour to rub shoulders with such a genuine person.

Lynda Spratt 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston SL

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## **Grove House Painters Art Exhibition and Open Gardens**

We are pleased to report that the above event was a great success with 442 people visiting from many areas of Gloucestershire and Bristol.

We had two good days of sunshine and everyone was able to enjoy the gardens and refreshments. I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for coming to see us. A total of £2,400 was raised from the refreshments and your kind donations.

Many thanks

*Sue Bryan and Grove House Painters*

## **Olveston Toddlers CLOSED for August**

Please note that Olveston Toddlers will be closed for August and reopen 1<sup>st</sup> September from 2- 4:30pm in the Methodist Hall, Olveston.

We are currently short of parents to join our rota, particularly to close the hall, so if you've got a toddler and can close the hall at 4:30pm please let me know as soon as possible.

If we don't manage to get more parents and children joining the group, we will have no alternative but to close – so please HELP US to keep open.

Contact: Jo Baxter 07773 709155

# Tockington Harvest Fayre

*Garry Phillips*

The Fayre will be held, as usual, on the Green on September 17th starting at 2pm. Following the tradition of previous years, we will be having lots of stalls and amusements and of course delicious cream teas. During the afternoon there will be displays of dancing, our resident folk band will provide the music, and the Guides and Brownies will be entertaining us. We will also be having the following children's competitions;

1; Design a Crown. This can be made out of any medium, card, natural materials, construction kits.

2; Design an outfit for the Duke OR Duchess of Cambridge ( Kate or William). This can be drawn, painted, felt pens, collage etc. A4 or A3 size.

There will be a fancy dress parade. Details of the theme will be in September's Meeting Point.

We would be very grateful for any contributions for our stalls in terms of bric-a-brac, vegetables, cakes, books, etc. If you have any, then please bring them along to the Chapel before 12noon on the 17th, or contact Garry Phillips tel 613241, Maggie Spooner tel 417942, Jane Sawyer tel 618885 .

This year we are also looking for any additional help on the stalls and in the preparations and clearing up - if anyone can help then please contact the numbers above.

This is our major fund-raising event and we rely on it to support the upkeep of our Methodist premises at Tockington and Olveston which are used extensively by many other organizations (U3A, Guides, Brownies, Toddlers).

We hope as many of you as possible will be there and we will try our very best to provide a warm and sunny day so that you can enjoy an afternoon at Tockington's Harvest Fayre on the Village Green.

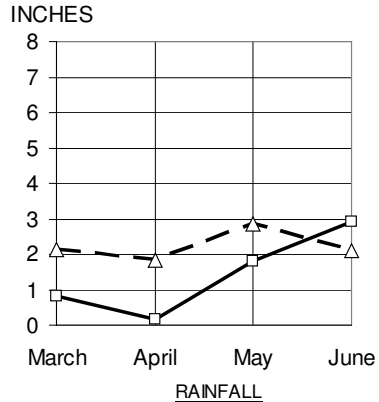
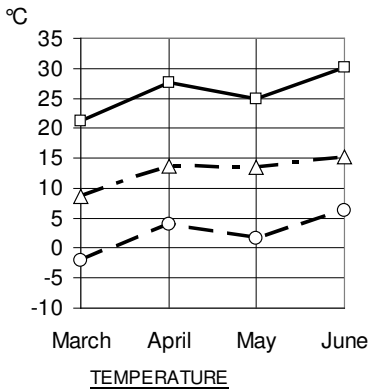




# Weather Record

## April to June 2011

Marcus Bean



—□— Max.    —○— Min.    —△— Ave.

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### April

High pressure dominated the weather pattern for the month, relinquishing its grip for two short periods, when light rain occurred. Twenty six days were without rain and most days had sunshine and warm temperatures. Easter was sunny and warm.

Average pressure for the month was six millibars above norm and sunshine levels were the highest for April since the 1890s, whilst the rainfall was one and a half inches below norm and also the lowest since the 1890s. Average temperature was approximately 3°C above the norm for the time of year.

### May

A typical month with changeable conditions. With Atlantic low pressure systems consistently moving to the North of Scotland we experienced prolonged windy periods but very little rain. We had gales on two days of the month and the maximum wind speed for every day of the month was above 20mph.

Average temperature and pressure were normal for the month but rainfall was again approximately one inch below average.

### June

A procession of Atlantic low pressure systems moving over the area or to the North of us brought unsettled conditions with strong winds on most days, and with significant amounts of rainfall. Sunshine levels were below normal, but on the 27<sup>th</sup> high pressure exerted itself for a day and the temperature soared to just over 30°C. Cool conditions returned the next day.

A windy cool month with more rain than normal. Rainfall was approximately an inch above average whilst temperature was over 1°C below norm.



# Parish Players

Following the huge success of Carousel, The Parish Players are delighted to announce that the next Production is to be the popular BRITISH Musical –“Me and My Girl”.

The date for the show is to be the week of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Village Hall as usual. The dates are a little earlier next year because Easter itself is early compared with 2011.

Our first meeting this autumn will be at the Village Hall at 7.30 sharp on Thursday September the 22<sup>nd</sup> when we will start looking at the music, with further meetings on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Auditions will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Once the Show is cast, there will be a rehearsal on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> and then we will revert to traditional Monday evenings from 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The schedule will then be determined by Linda –we are likely to move to Monday and Thursday rehearsals towards mid-November.

We hope that all our existing members will be keen to join us again, and that new members will also come to see what enjoyment we get from working together to produce the high standard of performance that is now so expected from The Parish Players.

Please ring Phil Savage on 01454 413009 for further details.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.



# Come and join us!

GLOSSFM is inviting local groups to come up with their own programme ideas for broadcast this autumn.

The community radio station will be on air for four weeks, from October 31 to November 27, and is keen to get more people from its listening area involved in its programmes.

'There is so much interest going on in South Gloucestershire and it would be marvellous if GLOSSFM could reflect that,' said director David Wrench. 'We would like local groups and organisations to think about preparing programmes of their own, then to submit their proposals to [programming@glossfm.org](mailto:programming@glossfm.org). We can organise training if necessary.'


GLOSSFM broadcasts twice a year on the radio, in spring and autumn, with each broadcast lasting four weeks. It also puts out a year-round webcast which you can listen to while you surf the net – log on to [www.glossfm.org](http://www.glossfm.org) to listen live, and to find out more information about the station.

At the moment, internet broadcasts are largely music-orientated, with some presenters putting on live shows. Tuesday nights, for example, often feature Gary Price from 6pm, followed by Phil and Gav's Party Anthems at 8pm.

Syndicated programmes are also broadcast such as The New Music Show at Sunday 10am, repeated Tuesday 10pm, and Infosound, a news and information service for the blind and partially sighted, which is broadcast on Tuesday at 10am. For a full programme schedule go to <http://www.glossfm.org/schedule> .

GLOSSFM will soon be looking for a webcast manager with a view to upgrading its webcasts with more live programming, plus repeats of favourite FM programmes.

The station is run entirely by volunteers, from the receptionists on the front desk to the presenters, managers and ad reps. Originally called Thornbury FM, broadcasts began in 2005. The station changed its name to GLOSSFM in 2009 when a new mast enabled it to be heard across a much wider area in South Gloucestershire.



# Totally-Locally

at the heart of the community  
[www.totally-locally.org](http://www.totally-locally.org)

Well it's the first time that Sharon and I have been called strippers!!! – Look out for Jackie's little article....

At last, sunshine for our market day... what a difference it makes to the morning..

I hope you enjoyed all the tasters and are still appreciating the taste of the jam and marmalade that you took home with you. The addition of the The Real Olive Company went down well plus the aloe plants were popular, the Cotswold Gold Rapeseed Oil refill was a success at £4.00 and apologies if we overfilled, so if you are bringing your empty bottle please bring it in a bag. Well done to Margaret who picked her fruits, took a table and sold out within an hour...(fresh is best eh!!!)

Don't forget only from...9.30 am – 12.00

July 30<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

October 1<sup>st</sup>

Xmas Market TBC

For those of you who loved the Blackcurrant Cordial – here is the recipe that is packed with Vitamin C...

- 450g blackcurrants
- 250g caster sugar
- 260ml water
- Whole lemon

De-stalk and wash the blackcurrants. Place the blackcurrants, sugar and water into a medium saucepan. Melt the sugar over low heat, stirring occasionally to dissolve the sugar.

Once the sugar has dissolved bring the syrup to a gentle simmer. Simmer the fruits for 5 minutes, add the juice and skin of the lemon. Bring the syrup back to simmer for further 5 minutes. Let the cordial cool for 10 minutes and sterilise glass bottle. Pass the cordial through a fine sieve, pour the cordial into the sterilised bottle, cool and keep refrigerated until needed. To serve, dilute the chilled cordial to taste with chilled sparkling water and plenty of ice cubes. Makes 750ml cordial. Enjoy!!!!

Jane Sunnucks, Old Down, 01454 419931

# Severn Stories Opera

This afternoon I watched an absolutely excellent event. Severn Stories was an opera, created and performed by a collaboration of students from New Siblands and Marlwood Schools with professionals from the English Touring Opera - within 5 days!

It has been the culmination of a year's preparation from staff and pupils of both schools and utilised the special expertise of a creative company to produce a most remarkable end result.

Telling the stories from history from along the river Severn (The Matilda, The Littleton Whale), approximately 60 performers came together to make you cry. From the seagulls that flew in low overhead at the start, to the building of a ship at sail, the steam puffing train, the emerging whale, the turbulent waters of the river – the story had you captured all the way along.

But the interaction of mainstream and special school pupils was what caught your heart – the relationships that had so obviously grown through the week's interaction and, particularly, how each had learned from the other, how all abilities and physicalities were included and the enjoyment – sheer enjoyment- that wafted from the performers over to us in the audience – that was a wonderful experience.

I know the Educational White paper is shouting for interschool collaboration – it is coming from a position of saving money. But this came from community interaction at its best, before the White Paper was conceived – professionals, 2 schools and passion to produce an educational experience (a week long educational experience) that will be remembered and learned from, by many more than those immediately involved. Excellent work!

This article was extracted from a report written by Kathryn Khan, our Marlwood chair of governors and a practising Doctor. The cost of the production was £8,000 and both Schools will be trying to raise this sum again to have another performance next year.



# Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones has been running successfully in Olveston Methodist Church Hall for 40 years and has given many children the opportunity to gain independence and learn to socialise, in preparation for school. After many years of relying on the generosity of Peggy James, who has allowed us to use her garden, we have now found a venue with lovely grounds of its own. We are moving!

Elberton Hall is a small hall and they have given us a lovely piece of garden for our sole use. This is a very natural environment which is being designed to incorporate many play and learning opportunities and has the benefit of trees for natural shade. There is ample parking and the woods which surround the car park will be used for woodland walks, nature trails and other educational activities

Stepping Stones is run by highly qualified staff. The leader has an Early Childhood Studies degree and the two other members of staff are a qualified teacher and a level 3 practitioner, all of whom have many years' experience in child care and hold current first-aid certificates. We are a small group of up to 16 children and are well-known for a high staff/child ratio and the fact that our curriculum is tailored to each individual child. We take children from age two until they go to school.

To celebrate our new premises we are having an open afternoon on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 4pm**, with refreshments, stalls, games etc. All welcome – more details to follow next month.

We would like to thank the Methodist Church for allowing us to use their hall for the past years, especially to Trevor for all his help and support.

For more information about Stepping Stones, please phone Gill on 07853 173221 or visit our website on [www.steppingstonesolveston.co.uk](http://www.steppingstonesolveston.co.uk).

## “Many hands make light work”

How lucky you readers around Tockington and Olveston are to have two local “strippers”. No, young man, not that sort! Jane and Sharon - who worked so hard to help strip my many blackcurrant bushes. May Totally Locally continue to prosper. Many thanks, Jacquie Halford.

# Movies at St Mary's: August

Trevor Anderson

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB. Our summer holiday programme continues through August, with a film **every Monday at 10.00 am**



**1<sup>st</sup>**: This beautiful animated tale about a Frog Prince is handsomely made, but strictly for younger audiences.

**8<sup>th</sup>**: Julie Andrews soars out of the sky in one of Disney's most enchanting fantasies.

**15<sup>th</sup>**: There are monsters in the cupboard and they come from another world. All ages will enjoy.

**22<sup>nd</sup>**: Lively musical comedy about an old car with magical properties.

**29<sup>th</sup>**: Pixar's dazzling underwater tale about the search for a lost fish.

Doors open 9.30 for popcorn and soft drinks.

For ADULTS, on **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August** it's Hugh Grant at his bumbling best in a feel-good farce about whether or not to tie the knot. Doors open 7.00 and show starts **7.30**. Licensed bar.

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



**Love Mozart? Like to sing?**

**Combine the two at Thornbury Choral Society this Autumn!**

If you would like to know more and chat to other members about what it is like to be in the choir there will be a Welcome Evening with drinks and nibbles before the rehearsal on Monday 12th September from 7.30pm. "It's a great opportunity to meet existing members and find out what being in the choir involves," explains TCS Chairman, Alison Makepeace. "It can be daunting joining a new group, so the Welcome Evening, helps to ease new members in."

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

# Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge

The Stroke Association is organising its 3rd charity Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge on 11 September 2011.

Cyclists can enjoy an historic ride through the beautiful villages of Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, travelling between Berkeley Castle and Chepstow castle and crossing over the old Severn Bridge.

There are five routes. You can choose the 42 mile circular route starting from either Berkeley Castle or Chepstow Castle or the 21 mile route starting at one castle and finishing at the other. If this sounds a little too far, why not try the 10 mile Berkeley Castle 'loop', starting and finishing at the castle.

At each castle and along the route there will be water stops and access to refreshments and toilet facilities.

Whichever route is chosen, C2C 2011 promises to be a great day out for families, and teams of friends and work colleagues.

Places are available for a £10 registration fee (£20 for families) and participants are asked to raise a minimum of £50 (£90 per family).

For a free information pack and to become involved in this exciting event please contact our C2C Events Team on 0117 953 1200 or email: [c2ccyclingchallenge@stroke.org](mailto:c2ccyclingchallenge@stroke.org). Alternatively, to register direct on-line log on to [www.stroke.org.uk/castle2castle](http://www.stroke.org.uk/castle2castle)

## Three Cheers and thanks for the Constabulary

*John Crossley*

During an exacerbation of Senile Dementia, while setting off on a journey to Somerset, I placed my cheque book, a novel and several photos on the bonnet of my car! On reaching my destination it was clear that the books had flown off...but where? Several frenzied phone calls and sleepless nights later, nothing had come to light. Imagine my surprise and delight when ten days later a charming young female member of the Constabulary delivered the missing objects,...the police having seen them on the road, recovered them, traced them to me and returned them.

# Methodist premises: a second update



We are deeply grateful to all those who contacted us following last month's article on updating our premises; your letters, memos and views were very carefully considered by the Property Committee and reported to the Council on 11 July. Meeting Point's Committee has asked us to provide a further bulletin.

Following extensive informal consultation, the Property Committee proposed, and the Council adopted, detailed recommendations to refurbish the Chapel within the limits of our current reserves, without the sale of a building at this time. It remains our intention to make the Chapel itself a more user friendly and flexible resource both for worship and for community use. (It was never our plan to deprive the community of a 'hall' in Olveston; the issue was only how best to continue to provide such a resource). The plans include turning the current vestry into a small quiet room.

If all goes well we hope to have the Chapel in use again by 11 December (our carol service), with services held in Tockington Chapel, as necessary, in the meantime.

The Council also approved in principle revised arrangements for letting all our properties, which will shortly be discussed with our tenants and available to new inquirers. In the meantime, please consult Garry Phillips (01454-613241, e-mail: [garryphillips194@btinternet.com](mailto:garryphillips194@btinternet.com) ) or Maggie Spooner (91454-610053, e-mail: [pandmspooner@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pandmspooner@tiscali.co.uk) ).



# Teatime with Music and Magic!

Come and indulge yourself and your friends in an afternoon of sheer pleasure, firstly with a traditional tea of home-made sandwiches and cakes followed by a concert of wide ranging entertainment with songs, sketches, magic and much much more, provided by some of Thornbury's most experienced entertainers.

This fund raising concert is spearheaded by the concert party group Five Alive Plus whose musical director Gill Edmunds is being supported by Dorothy Wrench as co-producer. Popular performers Barry and Sue Smith will amaze with extraordinary feats of magic. Musical treats will include songs, show-time music and sing-along wartime melodies.

This concert which is part of the fund raising project in aid of the Armstrong Hall Backstage Improvement Appeal will be held in the Armstrong and Cossham Halls on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September starting at 4.00pm for tea followed by the concert at 5.30pm. Tickets at £10 pounds each are on sale now at Thornbury Town Hall or by phone on 412272. Don't miss this great value opportunity to enjoy tea, a wonderfully entertaining show and still be home by 7.30pm!

## Thank you

Rachel, Imogen, Madeline, Lauren and family would like to thank everyone who supported the "Blooming Great Afternoon Tea Party" on Saturday 25th June. We raised nearly £900 for Marie Curie. The afternoon was a GREAT success and we couldn't have done it without you and the generous donations from; Rodda's, John Lewis, Waitrose, Hobbs House Bakery, Old Down Country Park, Flower Power, Beauty at the Barn, Olveston Stores, Powells of Olveston, Tockington Methodist Church, Tom and Rose Brown and of course our amazing friends and family who pulled out all the stops making, baking, flower arranging, sandwich making, furniture and gazebo assembling, raffle ticket selling, etc etc!!!

Look out for the next exciting charity event!!!

# Thornbury Library

## Summer Holiday Activities

The theme for our summer holiday activities this year is *Circus Stars*. You can find out more by visiting the following website:

<http://www.circus-stars.org.uk/>

As usual throughout the holidays we will be running our Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) which involves reading 6 books and gaining a medal and certificate along with other prizes on the way. You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting the library from Saturday 16 July. In addition we will be running the following activities throughout the holidays. Please note ALL events are FREE but we have limited places so you will need to get your FREE ticket from the library:

### **Monday 8 August, 10.00am – 12.00**

**Take to the Stage** - have a go at circus skills with Joshua (this activity is only suitable for KS2 children)

### **Wednesday 17 August, 10.30am – 12.00**

**Clowning Around** - crafts and fun (suitable for 5 – 10 years)

### **Wednesday 24 August, 10.30am – 12.00**

**It's Showtime!** - Design and make your own big top (suitable for 5 – 10 years)

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

*We also have a 24 hour renewal line on 08450 020 777.*

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

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# Old Down Cricket Club

## 150 Club Winners July:

£50 Alex Moss  
£15 Ian Bradly  
£5 Nigel Dando

## Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

18th June Barbara Binns  
25th June Barbara Binns  
2nd July Alex Grosvenor

## Home Fixtures at The Park in August (2.00pm Start)

6th August 1st XI v Cleeve  
13th August 2nd XI v Failand & Portbury  
19th August Club XI v Westleigh (Devon)  
20th August 1st XI v Bitton (1.30 Start)  
27th August 1st XI v Whitchurch (1.30 Start)

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



# St. Mary's Events

## Barbecue

On August 13th, St Mary's are having another barbecue up at Sheepcombe House on Washingpool Hill, and we're grateful to Bruce and Sue Farr for having us. A live band, called 5 in a Bar, provide our music this year, and there'll be a paying bar and salads, though you bring your own things to barbecue and do it yourself. It was a great success last year despite the inclement weather - only we Brits can barbecue so stoically in the rain! Kids can come early and play football - the band starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are only £5 from the Farris, 614861 or June Robbins 617491

## Open Day

On September 10th, St Mary's Church is having an Open Day. There will be talks on the history and the architecture of the church by Eric Garrett and Peter Floyd, a legendary tour of the churchyard with June and Arthur Robbins, and a chance to see how the bells are rung in the belfry.

In the afternoon we're focussing on "Hatch, Match and Dispatch" with displays on baptisms, weddings and funerals, but also a forum so that you can ask any of those questions you've always wanted to ask. Gulwells are coming and the wedding shop in Thornbury are exhibiting. We're hoping to retrieve our old registers for you to leaf through and there'll be exhibitions and a rolling powerpoint display to look at. It's from 10 till 4pm - look out for leaflets with the details, and come along on the day! Any queries to Roly on 616593.

# From the Church Registers of St John the Evangelist Elberton

Funeral Service on June 10th followed by Burial of Ashes of Edelweiss O'Neil

Burial of Ashes on June 14th of Leslie Billingham & Noreen Billingham

Funeral Service followed by Burial on June 24th of Dorothy Myrtle Lansdown

Baptism on June 26th of Kasey Mae Thiery daughter of Adam Thiery & Gayle Palmer

# From the Registers of St. Mary's

Baptism of James Elliott Jenkins, son of Neil and Jane Jenkins

# Yours faithfully

Hanging in my study is a lovely cartoon that I know to be 30 years old because it's the front cover of the parish magazine that I used to edit when I was a curate in Catford, South East London, and it's the last one I did. It's by Chic, a professional cartoonist who lived in the parish and became a great friend, and it shows me in the middle of two cavorting clowns, heading over the horizon into the sunset, and underneath it says Auguste 1981, and it only cost 10p – that's not bad for a 30 page magazine with no adverts!

You may think Auguste is a spelling mistake, but it's not! Augustes are the clumsy, big-booted, idiotic, silly, loveable, red nosed clowns that most of us think of when we picture a clown, and it's the kind of clown that I became. But thirty years ago I was involved in clowning already, intrigued by it, had worked out the theology of it, but had still to try on the greasepaint, to don the motley. Perhaps Chic knew more than I did about what was to happen to me in the future.

I was leaving Catford to go to Southwark Cathedral, up by London Bridge, and it was there I had the space and the time to pursue my clowning properly, though it wasn't till 1983 that I was really up and running. Even then I would never have dreamt that I would end up coming to circus school in Bristol and then clowning full-time and free lance, as I have done these past twenty years.

It occurs to me that August and the summer months are a good time to sit back a while, take some space and time, and reflect on what we've done and where we might be going. To reach out to those distant and often elusive horizons that maybe we've either forgotten about or have never had the courage to approach or head for. There's a chance you might end up doing things you never even dreamt of or maybe dreamt of but never thought you would. Holidays are holy days – God's provision of time out. I have always seen and believed my clowning to be a continuation of my vocation. I wonder where God might be calling you these summer months. Why not take some time out to find out?

*Roly Bain*

## Church News

### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

|        |      |                            |                             |
|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aug 7  | 8am  | Holy Communion             | Rev David Bone              |
|        | 10am | Holy Communion             | Rev. D Bone & Mrs Ann Lloyd |
|        | 6pm  | Evensong with Choir        | Mrs Ann Lloyd               |
| Aug 14 | 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP)       | Rev Roly Bain               |
|        | 10am | Morning Worship with Choir | Roly Bain                   |
|        | 6pm  | Holy Communion             | Rev R Bain & Rev P Rowe     |
| Aug 21 | 8am  | Holy Communion             | Rev Roly Bain               |
|        | 10am | Holy Communion with Choir  | Rev P Rowe & Rev R Bain     |
|        | 6pm  | Evensong                   | Mrs Janet McBride           |
| Aug 28 | 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP)       | Rev Roly Bain               |
|        | 10am | Fourth Sunday              | Rev Roly Bain               |
|        | 6pm  | Evensong (BCP) with Choir  | Rev R Bain & Rev P Rowe     |

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

#### Contacts:

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

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

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

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

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

|        |      |                |                |
|--------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Aug 14 | 10am | Holy Communion | tba            |
| Aug 28 | 10am | Morning Prayer | Rev David Bone |

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

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

|        |     |                |                |
|--------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Aug 7  | 9am | Holy Communion | Rev David Pole |
| Aug 14 | 9am | Matins         | Rev David Pole |

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

|        |     |                |                |
|--------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Aug14  | 9am | Matins         | Tracey Black   |
| Aug 28 | 9am | Holy Communion | Rev David Pole |

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

|        |      |           |  |
|--------|------|-----------|--|
| Aug 7  | 10am | Tock. Ch  | Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney      |
| Aug 14 | 10am | Olv. Ch   | Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams  |
| Aug 21 | 10am | Tock. Ch. | Morning Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams |
| Aug 28 | 10am | Olv Ch.   | Morning Worship led by Mr Colston Smith    |

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> August 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. Please bring items for the Harvest Fayre and receive a free cup of coffee or tea

**CREAM TEAS** On the Green and in Tockington Chapel on Bank Holiday Monday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> from 2.30-5.00pm

**CONTACT:** Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,  
[Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com](mailto:Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com)

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

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

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

|        |        |                 |
|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Aug 7  | 6.30pm | Peter Hallesley |
| Aug 14 | 6.30pm | Brian Miller    |
| Aug 21 | 6.30pm | Mike Levi       |
| Aug 28 | 6.30pm | Paul Ashford    |

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.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:** 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 August 2011

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

|                      |   |   |            |
|----------------------|---|---|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon  | Children's Movie Club<br>Monday Movie<br>Open Mic. at the White Hart                      | 9.30 for 10<br>7.30pm<br>8.30pm         | S+M<br>S+M |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue  | Tockington Toddlers   | 9.30-11.30                              | WR         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed  | Severn Vale Flower Club Coffee Morning<br>Royal British Legion Women- Ploughmans<br>Lunch | 10.30<br>12.30                          | DGCL       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Thu  | Thornbury Farmer's Market<br>Coffee Shop<br>Mobile Library -Tock. Green                   | 9.00-1.30<br>10.00-12.00<br>4.00-4.20pm | OSt        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Fri  |   |   |            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat  | Coffee Morning  | 10.30-12.00                             | MH         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Sun  | Quiz at Sports & Social Club  | 8.15pm                                  |            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Mon  | Children's Movie Club<br>Craft Group Tel 07747 562264 for venue                           | 9.30 for 10                             |            |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Tue  | Tockington Toddlers   | 9.30-11.30                              | WR         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Wed | Royal British Legion Men  | 7.30pm                                  | DGCL       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Thu | Coffee Shop   | 10.00-12.00                             | OSt        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Fri |   |   |            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat | Coffee Morning<br>Coffee Morning  | 10.30-12.00<br>10.30-12.00              | AVH<br>MH  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sun |   |   |            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Mon | Children's Movie Club   | 9.30 for 10                             | S+M        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Tue | Tockington Toddlers   | 9.30-11.30                              | WR         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed | Severn Vale Flower Club - Sally Taylor<br>Jazz at the White Hart Olveston                 | 2.00pm<br>8.30pm                        | AH         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Thu | Thornbury Farmer's Market<br>Coffee Shop<br>Mobile Library -Tockington Green              | 9.00-1.30<br>10.00-12.00<br>4.00-4.20pm | OSt        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Fri |   |   |            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat | Coffee Morning  | 10.30-12.00                             | MH         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Sun |   |   |            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon | Children's Movie Club<br>Severn Vale Flower Club Practice                                 | 9.30 for 10<br>1.30pm                   | S+M<br>AH  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue | Tockington Toddlers   | 9.30-11.30                              | WR         |

|                      |   |                            |     |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-----|
|                      | Olveston Parish Council Meeting                           | 7.30pm                     | AP  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Wed |   |                            |     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Thu | Coffee Shop   | 10.00-12.00                | OS+ |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Fri |   |                            |     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sat | Car Boot Sale Marlwood School<br>Coffee Morning           | 1.30-3.30pm<br>10.30-12.00 | MH  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun |   |                            |     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Mon | Children's Movie Club<br>Cream Tea Tock. Green and church | 9.30 for 10<br>2.30-5pm    | StM |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Tue | Tockington Toddlers                                       | 9.30-11.30                 | WR  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> Wed |   |                            |     |

## Looking ahead to September

|                       |   |        |     |
|-----------------------|---|--------|-----|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept  | Summer Evening of Musical Entertainment                                       | 7.30pm | StM |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Totally Locally Market on Tock. Green<br>Thornbury Autumn Fair, Castle Street |        |     |

**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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