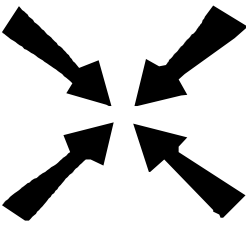


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From the Editor

At the beginning of 2013 it looks as if 2012, unique Jubilympic year, will be a hard one to follow. Meeting Point rises to the challenge!

It takes a look back into local history, at Mrs Salmon of Tockington Manor, rounds up some of last year's events – orienteering in the dark, anyone? – and offers opportunities for the future – could you be a community governor at Olveston School?. There's also a new foodie column which I hope will tickle your taste buds.

Happy New Year!

Our cover this month is by Peter Haworth (Winter fun on Eastcombe Hill, Olveston)

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

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Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com**

Village person from the past: Mrs Gertrude Rose Salmon (1835–1906)

Pat Thirkettle

My archivist daughter brought me an article about a member of the Moore family of the Isle of Man. This chronicles the notable career of Mildred Moore (1874–1958). Briefly, Mildred followed in the footsteps of Florence Nightingale, overcoming parental opposition to qualify as a nurse at Guys Hospital and, at the outbreak of the First World War, she joined the Red Cross. Her war service took her to Belgium, Serbia, Malta, France, Russia, Romania and Holland; for her work she was awarded the Royal Red Cross (the nurses' DSO).

You may be wondering about the relevance of this to Olveston parish. Mildred's first nursing post overseas was in Jerusalem in 1903. She travelled with a fellow pioneer nurse, accompanied by seventeen trunks and boxes, to the St Helena's Home for Nurses. This was founded the same year by Mrs Gertrude Rose Salmon of Tockington Manor, who financed it for three years in the hope that it could be incorporated into a pre-existing Anglican Mission. Founded by the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, this mission was called St George's College and consisted of the Collegiate church and schools for all races and creeds.

The Nurses' Home was close to Herod's Gate, Jerusalem which led to one of the worst and most neglected quarters of the city. It was near a large Muslim settlement and also St George's. The bishop strongly welcomed Mrs Salmon's plans and gave every support, but emphasised that the mission's main object was to do good to Muslims in particular, but also Jews and Greeks, and 'not to give a bottle of medicine with a text pinned to it'.

Jerusalem in those days contained some thirty English families including several doctors who welcomed the nurses' arrival as they were having the utmost difficulty in penetrating the Moslem women's quarters. As one of them said to Mildred, '... they don't have doctors, or at least the women won't, and we can't force our way into them'. Mildred wrote '... it is frightfully disheartening work as you are seldom called in till the last gasp. Then if you are sent from Allah you should work an instant cure, but if you do not and they die, you are from the Devil!'

Mildred spent most of her time in Jerusalem because travelling in the Ottoman Empire was too difficult outside Palestine. However it appears Mrs Salmon

had a hands-on involvement with the project, as the document states that Mildred went on trips up country with Mrs Salmon in the latter's carriage and there were frequent moonlight picnics on the Mount of Olives. After a time Mrs Salmon's health broke down and she was compelled to return to England. Mildred then had to do all the business side of the venture as well as the nursing. Eventually the bishop took over the nursing side of the mission, funds were guaranteed and HRH the Princess Victoria became President.

The Tockington connection to the mission expired with Mrs Salmon's grant in April 1906. I have little information about Mrs Salmon other than that she was a vicar's daughter from the Midlands who married LT Col H.T Salmon of Tockington Manor, died in May 1906 and is buried in the churchyard. The family tomb is near a perimeter wall and diagonally above it is a wall plaque which reads: 'This addition to the churchyard was consecrated on January 11th 1901 and given in memory of Lt Col H Salmon of Tockington Manor by his loving wife.' A wall plaque in the church above the pulpit supplies all this information. The Salmon family link with nursing re-emerged when Tockington Manor became a hospital for wounded soldiers in 1914.

200 small people need you!

Would you be interested in being a Governor of Olveston School? We have a vacancy for a governor from the local community and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to know more about this.

Please contact the Chair of Governors, Jan Winter on 612641 or janwinterolveston@gmail.com, or the Head, Amanda Luke on 613299 if you would like a chat about what is involved. It is a very rewarding role and your involvement can be flexible depending on your other commitments. Do get in touch - we'd love to hear from you! Please contact us before the end of January.

Olveston School Playpod Grant

Head teacher Mrs Amanda Luke writes: "... Mr. Hill [teaching assistant] and I met with representatives from the Playpod Team, who will be working with us in January. The Playpod will be launched on Monday 28th January 2013! By then the SMSAs [school meals supervisory assistants], Mr. Hill and I will be fully trained, so that we can ensure that the children get the best out of this fantastic daytime initiative." For information about this scheme visit: <http://www.childrenscrapstore.co.uk/>

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (Olvestonpc@gmail.com)

November's inaugural meeting for the Parish Vision was well attended by residents. A number of people expressed an interest in becoming part of the Group to take the Vision process forward, and subsequently started work in early December. It is hoped that this group will shortly be providing a regular update in Meeting Point. It is not too late to get involved - please email or write to the Parish Clerk.

Various issues were raised at the Parish Vision meeting, including a number of traffic concerns (particularly parking and access for emergency vehicles, speeding down Haw Lane and through the Street, transport to local amenities, and exiting Fernhill onto the A38); the speed of broadband in the area compared to other parts of South Gloucestershire; affordable housing; surface water accumulation and flash floods, and the levels of street lighting in the village.

One underlying issue identified was how the Parish Council needs to improve its communications with parishioners, especially by means other than the internet, and suggestions are welcome.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and are advertised in Meeting Point and on the Olveston Website. Generally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion (QAMP), Old Down, the agenda is advertised on local notice boards several days before the meeting, and the minutes (once approved) are published on the website. Printed copies can also be provided and could be promoted around the parish if suitable locations can be agreed.

The Committee room at the QAMP is however quite small, so if parishioners could let the Clerk know in advance of their intention to attend either more seats can be provided or an alternative venue sought. The Rec & Leisure Committee and Planning Committee meetings are also open to the public but are held irregularly, so it is advisable to contact the Clerk if you are interested in witnessing these meetings.

South Glos Council regularly notifies the parish of new planning applications. It is also possible to search its website online to view planning applications directly (<http://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/>), and get sent alerts when new applications are logged.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

A Parish Plan

As highlighted in earlier notes, there is now increased opportunity for parish councils and local communities to influence developments – including land developments – in their area. Aust PC has not yet done anything about forming a parish plan. This would involve asking the community, in a survey, how they would like their parish to develop. The plan might cover housing, but it could include provision of play schools, transport, low cost housing, or youth provision, for example. A parish plan has no legal standing but can provide useful pointers for the unitary authority as to the way in which it should seek to help the parish.

In Aust, this would be a plan covering some or all of the parish – ie some or all of the three villages that make it up – setting out what residents would like to see happen, what services might be provided or improved, what development, if any, might be appropriate.

Aust Parish Council will be thinking about whether to initiate the process over the coming months. We would like to hear from anyone who would be interested to take part in a group (or perhaps separate groups for each village) to consult residents and help to conduct a questionnaire and formulate a plan. Please talk to me or to any of your Councillors if you might be interested in taking part. There is a good opportunity now for us to do this.

At its meeting in January, the Council will agree a budget for 2013/4 and set a precept – which is added on to your council tax bill.

Wind turbines – planning application submitted

If you wish to comment on planning application no. PT12/4071/F you have an extended date until Friday January 25th 2013 to do so. The application documents may be viewed via the Planning website at <http://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/> You may also visit the Council Offices, Castle Street or Thornbury Library to see/be shown the application documents online.

St Mary de Malmesbury Church

Good news from St Mary de Malmesbury, Littleton-upon-Severn, and thanks to the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

As some of you will know, we have had to replace the 19th century cast iron down pipes that carry the rain water off our church roof – they had rusted through in places and were beyond repair. They've been replaced with cast aluminium – a wonderful material because it doesn't corrode, and, if treated when new, never needs to be painted! And it costs less than cast iron. The total cost was £4,000 – not a huge sum but a lot for a very small church to find. We have just had some really good news – the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust has given us £750 towards the cost.

The Trust is a wonderful institution – without its support many of our historic churches would have suffered decay. Its purpose is to supplement the efforts of congregations to raise money for the needs of their churches. Several of the historic churches in Severnside have been helped.

One of the main sources of the Trust's funds is a walk or ride, usually held in the first weekend of September, when fundraisers seek sponsorship to walk or ride (on bicycles or horse back) between a number of churches in Gloucestershire. I am hoping to organise residents in the Severnside parishes to do the walk or ride this year. If anyone is interested in joining me, or – better still – helping to organise it and drum up support, please let me know.

And of course – we still need some money to pay for our down pipes – so any contributions would be very welcome!

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Olveston & District Royal British Legion including the Pilning & Severn Beach areas

would like to thank everyone for their support in raising much needed funds during the recent Poppy Appeal. A grand total of £5,173.13 has been banked. A big thank you to all concerned. This money will be gratefully received by the charity. Without your help it would be unable to continue its vital benevolent work.



Cook's Calendar: January

Natasha Harrod

Come New Year, Christmas will be done and dusted and the rich food of the holidays will be a distant memory, except for maybe the last of the stilton by now looking a bit dry and unappealing. I love new beginnings and the New Year gives an opportunity to see things afresh. My stomach also feels like a break from the fantastic meals I love to have as we celebrate, yet the weather is still chill. I am not yet filled with the salad-enthusiasm of spring.

What is needed is something comforting, nourishing and yet still lighter and less punishing on the waistband of the jeans which surely fitted at the beginning of Advent. This recipe comes in at about 500 calories per serving, which for something so delicious and flavoursome is amazing.

January is also a time where we may regret the financial excesses of December so this recipe is one which won't break the bank, a generous family-sized portion costs about £7.50, using free range pork from Powells.

Pork, Chorizo and Butter Bean Casserole

1 tablespoon olive oil
600g diced pork shoulder
150g chorizo, chopped into bite sized pieces
1 medium onion, chopped
1 chilli, seeded and chopped (or use a generous pinch of dried chilli)
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped or crushed
100ml white wine
2 x 400g cans of butter beans
2 x 400g cans of chopped tomatoes
300 ml stock, homemade if possible
2 tablespoons honey
A little parsley to serve

Preheat the oven to 180C

You need a large casserole with a lid.

Heat the oil in the casserole and add the pork, stirring every so often. Try to allow it to get a bit crusty in places, then remove from the pan.

Put the chopped chorizo in the pan and cook on a lowish heat until the orange fat starts to run from the chorizo, this should take about 3 minutes, then add the onion, followed by the garlic. Cook until they are soft but not brown.

Add the wine and bring to a simmer, cooking until about a quarter of the wine has evaporated. Add the tomatoes, butter beans, stock and pork to the pan, bring back to a simmer and then put a lid on the pan and pop in the oven for an hour.

Remove from the oven and stir in the honey, sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Movies at St Mary's: Jan

Trevor Anderson



TWO movies this month at St Mary's Church Olveston. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)
Mon 7th Jan at 7.30pm: Patrick Swayze's dance teacher gives Jennifer Grey 'the time of her life' in this evergreen musical set in the '60s. Hugely popular with all ages. *Cert U*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*Quality 'non-mainstream' films*)

Mon 21st Jan at 7.30pm: A gentle story of love and family life in a rural community in France a century ago. Beautiful scenery and music. *Cert PG*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Every Monday morning in the hols*)

No holidays in Jan ('boo!') so no CMC.

Refreshments available at all the shows. Admission is free although a small **donation** at the end towards expenses is appreciated.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.



Old Down Neighbourhood Watch

- events in 2013

Dates for your new diary

The Old Down Neighbourhood Watch committee will be holding its AGM, next year, on Monday April 22nd in the scout hut, Old Down, commencing at 7.30 p.m. For the benefit of other organisations, which may be planning events in the summer, please note that the summer barbecue will be held on Sunday June 30th.



Can you help support Selena?

In September 2013, Selena Power (nee Cook) will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania East Africa, in aid of the Thornbury based charity Hammer Out who help and support families like Selena's, affected by brain tumours.

When Selena's husband Rob was diagnosed with an untreatable and incurable brain tumour in 2007, the prognosis was not good. Given the rarity of the disease, specialists were unclear how Rob's life would deteriorate. Five years on, Rob needs care with all aspects of his life, and lives in a Nursing Home. Hammer Out have supported Selena and her children and provided Rob with a purpose built wheelchair to improve his quality of life. Selena says: "Hammer Out have been great - brain tumours are unfortunately more common than people realise, and can be very frightening for both the patient and their family. Hammer Out provide a vital support network and reach out with their support services to let people know they are not alone"

Selena is organising several events to be held at Olveston Parish Hall in the New Year. You can help support Selena and Hammer Out by attending one of the events, or by donating to Selena's just giving page: www.justgiving.com/Selena-Power2. or by providing sponsorship for Selena, (you can post your sponsorship in a sealed envelope through her parents' letterbox at 21 Orchard Rise Olveston, please make cheques payable to Hammer Out).

You can read more about the good work that Hammer Out do by visiting their webpage: www.hammerout.co.uk As a small charity they rely on the help of volunteers who give their time freely to support their activities. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by calling the office on 01454 414355.

February Events, all in aid of Hammer Out at Olveston Parish Hall:

Saturday 2nd February, Table top sale 10-12 noon

To book a table (£10), call Brenda on 614366

Saturday 21st February, Ladies Clothes Swap party 7.30pm-9pm. £5 entry plus hand in three items of clothes to swap (can include bags, shoes and costume jewellery). Socialise with friends and enjoy light refreshments, browse and claim 3 "new to you" items. For further details contact Selena (631047) or Brenda (614366). More next month

1st Olveston Scouts

Sodbury Challenge 13th October 2012

By Ollie Ford



The Sodbury Challenge is run by the 1st Chipping Sodbury Scout Group and is an opportunity for Scouts to use many skills learnt such as map reading, team work and preparation. Teams of Scouts are dropped in the middle of nowhere and have to find their way home following a pre-prepared route on their maps by checking into several checkpoints along the way. Scout leaders and helpers reside in the background ensuring that no one gets lost but still giving the impression that the Scout teams are out there on their own responsibility.

Ollie says....." We all met up at our own Scout hut and drove together as a team to Chipping Sodbury Scout HQ. Dressed in hiking boots, 2 pairs of tracksuit bottoms, waterproofs, 2 jumpers and a coat, it was quite warm and snug in the car! But we knew it wasn't going to be like that for long!

Louis was our team leader who had already completed the challenge last year so Rhys and I were in safe hands. When we arrived, our kit was checked which included a map, compass and a mobile phone for safety and of course snacks for the night. We were to call Lynda if we were ever in trouble but we were determined not to. We were given a map and grid references for check points. Louis, Rhys and I then plotted them on the map and plotted our route. A mini bus then drove us out into the dark and cold, dropped us off and we were on our own.

It was very exciting and we were eager to get going. This was the first time that Rhys and I accepted the challenge and we laughed and joked at the start, which frustrated Louis, as he knew how long it would take to get around the course and home again.

As a team, we followed our course, checked the check points and moved on to the next one. It was getting colder and colder, it was a freezing night and the warm snug feeling in the car felt a very long time ago. The Scout helpers helped us every now and then but we were keen to get to the end and finish on our own.

We did it! It took us over 4 hours of walking on the coldest night of the year thinking that it was never going to finish and thinking why don't we do this during the hot summer months!

Louis was an excellent team leader and he kept us going to the end. We walked into the HQ just before 1.00am feeling cold, shattered and tired and fantastic that we met the challenge. A nice burger and hot chocolate was waiting for us along with my dad to take us home.

We hope we made Lynda proud.
My dad says that we were asleep in the car even before we got home!"

Lynda Spratt SL 1st Olveston Scouts 01454 632484
Lynda.spratt@me.com

PS You did Ollie. Very proud.



1st Olveston Scout Group - Line of Coins



Once again, a big debt of gratitude is owed to all of you who gave so generously to the annual Line of Coins.

As you may remember the weather was awful but it not seem to deter the children one iota and it appears may well have generated a sympathy vote within the community. We were lucky enough, despite these supposedly austere times, to reach a total of almost £450. This is a slight increase on last year and as stated then, puts the icing on the cake that enables the Group to continue its good work in preparing the youth of today for the challenges of tomorrow.

Sincere thanks to you all for your kindness and help in making this the kind and caring village we are so lucky to reside in. Colin Prewett (Chairman)

Thank you

Selena Power and Hammer Out would like to thank all those in The Crusty Loaf Olveston for selling Reindeer Food, raising further funds for Hammer Out.

Police Report: November

Roger and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas. For the month of November the Severn Beat received a total of 46 calls and 13 crimes, of which ...

Three were offences of taking fuel without paying from Aust Services and a theft of a trailer from a field in Kington Lane. On the same evening in Olveston the butchers suffered a burglary where the offender(s) gained entry by forcing a rear window to the property. Once inside, a large quantity of meat was stolen. Also two vehicles were broken into, one on New Road and the other in Bramley Close. Both car stereos were stolen.

There was an attempted burglary to a property in Olveston where there was damage to the main door but no entry was gained. It could be that this may have happened on the same night as the above incidents; however we are unable to confirm this.

A property was burgled in Littleton-Upon-Severn where offender(s) gained entry to a kitchen window. Once inside, an untidy search of the property was made and jewellery, personal items and documents were taken. A vehicle was seen around the time of the incident and enquiries are ongoing.

Due to the recent events, please ensure that all doors and windows are locked, remove all valuable items from sight, please tell your neighbours if you are going away so that they can keep an eye out on your behalf and report any suspicious person(s) and vehicles. Security mark all valuable property and register it at www.immobilise.com

The next Beat Surgery will be held on Thursday 10th January between 10.30 – 11.30 at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop.

As some of you may or may not be aware, PC Roger Hopes is retiring on 7th March. As he has been a PC for more than 20 years it is now his time to explore pastures new. Roger has been the Beat Manager for the Severn area for approximately 8 years and will be greatly missed.

PC 3404 Roger Hopes

PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery

Contact Us

999 emergency calls only

101 (non emergency incidents and reports of crime)

0117 945 5959 (Office number with answer phone)

07919 628625 or 07917 586645 (On Duty Mobiles)

Oveston Beat

Surgeries 2013

Oveston Stores coffee shop



Surgeries will run between 10.30 am and 11.30am

Dates as follows:

10th January 2013

1st August 2013

14th February 2013

29th August 2013

14th March 2013

26th September 2013

11th April 2013

24th October 2013

9th May 2013

21st November 2013

6th June 2013

19th December 2013

4th July 2013

PC 3404 Roger Hopes
Severn Neighbourhood Police Team

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Thornbury Picture House

Friday 11th January

Incidies. A fascinating and thought provoking Oscar and BAFTA nominated film concerning a pair of twins who make a life-altering discovery after the death of their mother. They decide to travel to the Middle East to try and uncover the truth about their mysterious past. Cossham Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 11th January. £5 on the door for non members.

The English Civil War!

Wednesday, 2 January 2013, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church

What would YOU have done in the 1640s, when communities and families were split asunder by the fight between supporters of Charles I and Parliament? What was the fight about, what made people choose one side



rather than the other and what was its impact on local communities, especially in the West Country? Did everyone suffer the effects of this war, which lasted longer than the Second World War, even if they were not themselves soldiers?

Ronald Hutton, Professor of History at the University of Bristol and a leading authority on seventeenth century British history, is well qualified to answer our questions. Clear, incisive and extremely knowledgeable, he's a speaker you won't want to miss – a treat for the New Year!

Everyone is welcome. You can come along as a visitor and pay £2 on the door. But if you'd like to join, Olveston Parish Historical Society's annual membership costs only £5, which you can pay on the door and which will give you entry to this talk, plus three more talks this season.

www.olvoston.com.historical-society

*The Meeting Point Committee
wishes you a very
Happy New Year!*

Olveston & Tockington Methodist Church

'THIS IS METHODISM'

Have you ever wondered how the Methodist Church started? Or how it is different from other Churches, or even what it means to be a member of the Methodist Church? Well, here is your chance to find out!

On **Thursday 17th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.** in **Tockington Methodist Chapel** (The Chapel on the Green) there will be a presentation titled **'THIS IS METHODISM'** which is a good PowerPoint presentation for all to see, given by Rev. Dr. David Hardy and the Rev. Gordon James. Come along, there is no entry charge! We hope to see you.

For further information, please contact Glyn Varney 0117 969 6387.



St Peter's Hospice - Winter Warmer lunch Wednesday 30th January

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to the Thornbury Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 30th January at 1.00 pm to our Winter Warmer lunch. This will be Cottage Pie and Crumble followed by tea/coffee – vegetarian option will be available.

Tickets are priced at £8.00 per person and will be available from the Town Hall from 4th January onwards.

2013 is the 35th Anniversary year of St Peter's and we hope to kick start the year with this special event, please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

The Parish Players

present
Rodgers and Hammerstein's

The King and I



from Wed. 13 February to Sat. 16 February 2013

(Earlier than usual this year –
just the thing to brighten dull February evenings!)

at the Parish Hall, Tockington. Curtain up 7.30pm

TICKET SALES:

**Saturday 12th January, 9.30 – 11am, at Olveston Stores
and after that by phoning 01454 202011**

Prices:

£10 adults £5 children

Shall We Dance?
I Whistle a Happy Tune
Hello Young Lovers
Something Wonderful
Getting to Know You
The March of Siamese Children
A Puzzlement

Tickets are bound to go fast - so put 12th JANUARY in your diary!

Oveston and Tockington WI

Report

Our first Christmas celebration was at the end of November when a coach-load of members and friends crossed the Severn Bridge, and went off the beaten track, for a Victorian Candle-lit High Tea. Wonderful – but don't ask about the calories.

We nearly raised the roof of the Parish Hall during our festive December meeting when we had a Christmas Singalong, accompanied on the piano by John Green. Thank you, John, for being brave enough to be the only man in a room full of singing women. All this singing made us hungry enough for the American Supper that followed – what a generous variety of goodies our members had brought.

We would love to welcome visitors to our January meeting - Tuesday 8th at 7.30 - when our speaker will talk about the Bank of England; how very topical!

Thornbury Rotary Swimathon

- advance notice

Our famous annual Charity Swim Extravaganza is to take place at the Thornbury Leisure Centre on the evenings of Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March 2013.

Why not enter one or more teams of up to 6 swimmers to see how many lengths you can cover in 50 minutes, spurred along by the sounds of The Castle School Steel Band? Ask friends, family and any others to sponsor you, knowing that all the money that you raise will go to charities both local, national and international, and will also help Rotary to support local organisations and local youth activities. The 2 major charities to be supported this time will be The Bristol Oncology Centre, and the "Wellbeing of Women in The Third World" - the charity of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Enquiries to our Coordinator Colin Ingamells: cingamells@btinternet.com
Further details in next month's Meeting Point, also "My Thornbury" and the Thornbury Gazette. We look forward to your support of this hugely popular and great fun event.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners December:

£50 Pete Jackson

£15 Bill Finch

£5 Richard Panes

Christmas Bonus: Mike Rowen

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

10th November Diane Grosvenor

17th November Richard Panes

1st December Simon Gould

All associated with Old Down Cricket Club would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for 2013. Here's hoping for a dry sunny summer!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Thornbury Volunteer Centre Silver Jubilee Celebrations

This year Thornbury Volunteer Centre is celebrating a landmark anniversary as it turns 25. As one of Thornbury's most recognisable charities, the Volunteer Centre is encouraging the whole community to get involved in its Silver Jubilee celebrations throughout 2013.

Barbara Ray, Chair of Thornbury Volunteer Centre, said: "Our Silver Jubilee year allows us the opportunity to celebrate the varied and important work of the Centre. For a small local charity it's a great achievement to reach 25 years and we want as many people as possible to embrace the work we do and encourage them to check out the programme and get involved in helping their local community to flourish and grow. A tremendous amount of planning and preparation has gone into these events and I hope everyone can get behind the celebrations to ensure our Silver Jubilee is a massive, well deserved success."

You can view a full brochure of events at www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk or collect a hard copy from our offices at Thornbury Town Hall.

News from Thornbury Library

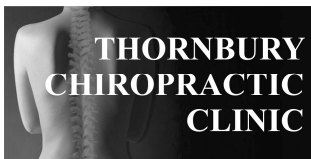
Digital Camera Talk for Beginners

We will be holding another of our popular and practical talks on the basics of using a digital camera on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from 7th January, all proceeds going to charity.

Weekly Coffee Morning Don't forget our regular coffee morning every Wednesday 10.30 -11.30 at the library.

Computer lessons In partnership with Age UK South Gloucestershire we offer one to one computer lessons for people aged 50+. A single lesson costs £4 but we offer a series of four lessons for £15. Ask at the library for more details.

Home Library Service If you enjoy reading but are housebound and unable to get to the library, our friendly and helpful home library service volunteers can deliver library books to you in your own home. Just give the library a ring or ask a friend or relative to contact us on your behalf. Or why not try our Mobile Library? For more information on any of the above items ring 01454 868 006 or visit our web-site on www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries.



Thornbury Chiropractic New Year News

New Year ~ New You Free Spinal and Joint Check

Are you thinking of joining the gym? Getting fit in the New Year? Remember to get yourself checked out before embarking on those New Years' resolutions. Come and see one of our chiropractic team and check that you are working correctly. Identify any problems before you feel them!

Clinic News

We are looking forward to welcoming back Carol Williams in the New Year. Carol has been busy bringing up her two boys Zach and Ben and will be returning to work on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Carol will be joining our existing team of chiropractors John Williams and Joanna Rickard.

Contact the clinic for more details or to book an appointment.

01454 418259

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Yours Faithfully

*Rev. David Hardy
Methodist Minister*

OPENING UP THE CHURCH

One Summer Sunday when I was the minister in Totnes, I recall walking to the Church to conduct the evening Service. As I passed a bench on the way, I noticed a number of teenage girls chatting. One looked up and saw my dog-collar and asked "Do you work at the Church then?" I explained that I was the local Methodist Minister and that I was going to take the Evening Service at the Church. This initiated a conversation among the girls. I heard one say to her friend: "Have you ever been in a Church? I don't think I have". Her friend replied that she had once been to a wedding but was not very impressed. I offered them an invitation to come - which they graciously declined!

The sad truth is that many people in our society, especially young people, know very little indeed about the Church and what we believe or practise. For many, it is quite a daunting experience even to come through the doors of our buildings. People are not sure what to expect and how they are to behave. We might regret this situation, but that in itself is no solution to the problem.

Christians believe that discovering the love of God revealed in Jesus is the most important discovery that any person can make. We therefore, need to find ways to enable people to know that love. How can this be possible unless we, who are part of the Church, help people who are seeking for meaning and spiritual fulfilment to look for it in the person of Christ?

I think it is fair to say that many of us find it quite difficult to evangelise. No doubt this is partly due to our British reserve. We do not find it easy to talk of deep spiritual things. Although our reserve may mean we struggle to share our faith openly, it is relatively easy to offer friendship to people and through that friendship to offer invitations into the life of the Church. Some of the effective ways of doing this, although by no means the only ones, could be through our Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, film evenings etc.

Obviously buildings in themselves, however nice and beautiful they may be, cannot welcome people. Those of us who know the joy of belonging to a church are the ones who need constantly to be on the look out for the stranger, offering a welcoming smile and word of encouragement. To do this we must be people of prayer who seek God's guidance so that we may be led by Him and reflect His love.

I pray that our Churches are indeed places of real welcome. I believe that God wants His Church to welcome people as Jesus welcomes us. It is as we reach out to others we find that God comes near to us. Try it!

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the December draw, held on 6th December 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	387	Mrs M Baker, Olveston
£75	243	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	501	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£25	424	Mrs E Screen, Rudgeway
£25	350	Mr A Bates, Olveston
£20	232	Mr J Moody, Olveston
£20	325	Mrs M James, Olveston
£10	170	Mr M Hughes, Olveston
£10	466	Mrs I Anderson, Olveston

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jan 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Feast of Fools	Rev. Roly. Bain
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev R. Bain & Rev R Crew
Jan 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev R. Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr D Jones & Rev R. Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Methodist Covenant Service at Tockington Methodist. Church	
Jan 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev D Bone & Rev P Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Jan 27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Christian Unity Service at Olv. Methodist Church	
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev P Rowe & Mrs A Lloyd

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: 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

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am led by the Rev. Roly Bain except 4th Wed when it is at Olv. Methodist Church

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jan 13	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jan 27	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jan 6	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Jan 20	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jan 13	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Jan 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jan 6	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch St Andrews	Morning Worship led by Mr David Bainbridge United Service
Jan 13	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Tock. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Breakfast Club will join us later Annual Covenant Service led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Jan 20	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Jan 27	10am	Olv. Ch.	Communion Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 9th January. To book your lunch please ring 01454 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 17th January To book please ring 613241, or 612112

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall. including the annual line of coins in the Street

HOUSE GROUPS One led by Mr Glyn Varney on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston. Another led by Rev. Sandy Williams on the 4th Wednesday at 10.30am. Please ring 416528 for details of venue.

**CONTACT: Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,
e-mail dandlhardy@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. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jan 6	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jan 13	6.30pm	Brian Miller
Jan 20	6.30pm	Munir Din
Jan 27	6.30pm	Tony Ward

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

'The Door' for young people on the last Sunday at 7pm

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm

For details tel. 413247

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 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

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 Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for January 2013

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

1 st Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
2 nd Wed	Every Wed & Fri Vic Hallett Library open in Thornbury Town Hall <i>O.P.H.S. 'The English Civil War' - Ronald Hutton</i>	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	OMC
3 rd Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 8.30pm	OS+
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning Rolling in the Aisles	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
7 th Mon	Monday Movie Plough Monday Service with Young Farmers	7.30pm 7.30pm	StM E.Ch
8 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30	OS+ OS+ MH
11 th Fri	Thornbury Film Club 'Incendies'	7.30pm	CH
12 th Sat	'King & I' tickets go on sale to public Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	9.30-11am 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	OS+ AVH MH
15 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
16 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2pm 8.30pm	AH
17 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
19 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
21 st Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
22 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
23 rd Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30	CH
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. MAF Flight Simulator at Olv. School	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH OS

25 th Fri	MAF Flight Simulator at Olv. School		OS
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning Burns Night at the Vicarage tel 616593	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH OV
29 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
30 th Wed	St Peter's Hospice Winter Warmer lunch	1.00	TMH
31 st Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH

Looking ahead to February

13 th - 16 th	Performances of 'The King and I' (see 12 th Jan. for ticket sales)	7.30pm	PH
13 - 17th	TMTG 'Little Red Riding Hood'	7.00 pm	AH
23rd	Thornbury Choral Society Workshop	10.30 -5.00	TBCh

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; ; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry ;**CS** Castle Sch. **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton 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 **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;**TCh** Tockington Chapel **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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