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**When the world says, "Give up,"
Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."**

Author Unknown

From the Editor

Meeting Point this month is full of summer-time activities, including Aust Church Fete and a 1940s-themed Tea Party. Budding scientists will be interested in the Thornbury Science Festival.

Our cover this month is by **John Crossley**

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Our Moonwalk!

On Saturday 14th May, I walked the 26.2 mile London Moonwalk with my friend Liz Ali, who is now over 5 years clear of breast cancer. When she was diagnosed in 2004, we were all deeply shocked. Liz was my age with 2 children in the same school classes as my daughters, Amy and Rachel. She went through a truly traumatic time but was a real inspiration to all around her. She showed amazing strength of character and was determined to beat it. And she did! So when she asked me to do the walk with her, I could not refuse. She wanted to give something back in return for all the care she had received.

The London Moonwalk is organised by health charity "Walk The Walk Worldwide" and is their flagship event. It has been taking place annually for 13 years and has to date united over 195,000 women who have together raised in excess of £50 million. The walk begins at Moonwalk City in Hyde Park at midnight and takes you through all parts of our wonderful capital – from Buckingham Palace to Westminster, from Tower Bridge to Battersea Power Station, from the Chelsea Embankment to Kensington. Women from all over the country gather together in varying attire and simply walk. Dressing up is almost obligatory! They were wearing allsorts! - from furry trainers, rara skirts, halos and hats, to elaborately decorated bras in all colours, shapes and sizes – we even spotted the odd token man, similarly trussed up! And I must confess, we did adorn our own bras with some very nice pink and purple petals and wore some equally fetching pink fluorescent tutus!!! Rude not to, really...!

The whole experience was truly amazing, from start to finish. 17,000 women, some having suffered from breast cancer, some still suffering, some not knowing if they will get it one day, all of us walking together raising money to do wonderful things to make sure that if any of us do ever get it, be it for the first or second time, we will be ok. Just listening to the patrons from the charities who receive funds from this incredible event describing the work they are doing was in itself mind-blowing. From success in new research, to high tech care centres, to making the whole treatment process more bearable for women who are suffering, it gave us both enormous hope for the future.

The weather was looking decidedly dodgy at around 10pm on Saturday - so much so that everyone was buying extra hoodies and anticipating a hideous walk in the bitter wind and pouring rain. With various items of issued protective clothing hanging from our midriffs, we felt like a pair of clothes horses! However, miraculously the clouds dispersed and the air grew warmer. We had dry but windy conditions throughout and were able to enjoy the wonderful sights and sounds of the city from just before midnight till dawn. Truly spectacular! Someone asked us what we saw. Our response was that we saw everything - often several times, from various different angles!!. Having never been to Chelsea, we have now been at least twice!!!! We were cheered on by

firemen lined up outside their stations, hotel guests sipping cocktails in the evening air, honking taxi drivers and hundreds of well-wishers. And needless to say, with the city revellers in full swing through the night, the moon was out in more ways than one!!!

The last few miles were pure hell! There is no other way of describing it! We forced one foot in front of the other and just kept moving. We crossed the finish line at 6.38am and were fit to drop. But the sun was shining, the sky was bright blue and we felt exhilarated at what we had achieved. Not once during the entire experience did we lose sight of what we were doing or why we were doing it. It felt great!

We had no blisters but two very exhausted bodies and have thankfully since managed to piece ourselves back together!

We would like to say A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have supported us with your amazing donations. We have raised more money than we could have hoped for. You are all stars and have helped put money into a fantastic cause. If you did want to donate, our webpage will still be open for a while www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/lizandsue, or you can let us have a cheque via Meeting Point made out to "Walk The Walk Worldwide".

Thank you to all of you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sue Caul and Liz Ali

Bourton on the Water

Friends of Daldry Gardens Committee are organising a trip to Bourton on the Water on **Friday 15th July**.

We are leaving Daldry Gardens at 10.30am and arriving home about 4.30pm. There are some seats available so anybody is welcome to join us. The cost will be £8 a head. If you are interested, please call John Ellis on 626280 for further details.

Thanks.

John Ellis (secretary)

1st Olveston Brownie Pack Holiday

On Friday 6th May, 15 Brownies went with their leaders to Badminton Cottages for the weekend. Our theme was the new animated film -'Tangled'.

The Brownies have to keep a diary to get their Pack Holiday badge and the following is compiled from several of their diaries:

Friday - When we got to the Memorial Hall in Badminton village, we played on the swings and slides while waiting for the other brownies to arrive. We then walked (it was a long way) to Badminton cottages and climbed through the window to get into our cottage! I had a bit of trouble getting my wellies off but Lauren, Flora and Megan helped me. We blew up our air beds and went downstairs to make our place mats. For tea we had jacket potatoes followed by cake – I chose one with loads of icing on. We then got into our pj's and went to bed.

Saturday – We woke up really early today - about 5.45am! We tried to go back to sleep but in the end we just read until Brown Owl said we could get dressed. For breakfast, I had coco pops, beans, bacon and toast. We washed up, cleaned our teeth, then went outside for a chameleon hunt, after which we went into the woods to make our dens, it was soooooo much fun! After lunch, we built a campfire and toasted marshmallows, cooked camp doughnuts and chocolate bananas. Mr B had made a swing and a hammock in the woods which we played on a lot. Then we decorated our own bags and made mosaics. In the evening, we had a lovely roast dinner – our six had to serve everyone. Then we went to bed, we were all really tired! Zzzzzz

Sunday – We woke up raring and ready to go. We had breakfast and went into the woods to check on our dens; we played for ages, then went to find strands of Rapunzel's hair (6 different pieces of coloured wool) which we made into friendship bracelets. We had lunch round the campfire then we packed up to go home. Brownie camp has been great fun and now I'm looking forward to the next one!

Alex, Rebecca, Victoria, Jenna, Niamh, Eleanor, Lauren

Christian Aid

Pat Thirkettle

Many thanks to all who gave generously to the Christian Aid collection which totalled £1191.97. My grateful thanks to all the collectors, especially Linda Sharp, who retired this year after collecting in Aust for around thirty years.

Oveston Pre School Open Day

It was fantastic to see so many of the local community turn out and share in the Open Day at Oveston Pre School on the 14th May. The day proved a huge success all round and was an excellent platform for the new building and facilities to be officially opened by our local MP Steve Webb and viewed by so many.



Many thanks to all of those who attended, the staff and committee of the Pre School, those who helped in making the new facilities a reality and especially to Kate Chick who masterminded the whole event.

Alan Lunt Hon. Chair

Oveston & Tockington W.I

Our programme for the coming months is as varied as ever:-

12th July – “Hiding Place” by Heather Griffiths

9th August – No meeting but members will enjoy a meal at The Anchor

13th September – “You can choose your friends but...” by Susan Marshfield

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Just come along and join us at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. For any further information, ring Rita on 612790.

Methodist Premises - An Update

About a year ago, we wrote in Meeting Point that we were planning to upgrade Olveston Chapel and invited comments. We realise that the matter has generated some interest in recent weeks, hence this update. We hold our four buildings in trust on behalf of the Methodist Church nationally so our decisions are not just in our own hands, and planning for Olveston Chapel has been more complicated than was the case with Tockington in 2006/7. We have had four main questions to consider:

- 1. Our charges:** *can we maintain our long standing policy of making our premises available broadly at cost, while meeting the considerable increase in our overheads?* We have sought the advice of the Bristol Methodist Circuit's officers, and it is clear that some limited adjustment to our modest rates will be needed.
- 2. Maintenance and management:** *can we continue to maintain and manage four buildings?* We are now a small church and no longer need them all for our own use. However, we accommodate eight or so local organisations weekly, and others monthly or occasionally, as well as bookings from outside the parish.
- 3. Quality of provision:** *how do we meet the cost of renovation?* Over the decades, and with generous local support, we have spent significant sums on all our buildings, frequently with voluntary labour. But expectations have increased very considerably and the costs of good quality renewal are high. It would have been irresponsible for us not to explore in some detail the potential for realising in part our existing assets, through the sale of one or other of our buildings.
- 4. Looking to the future:** *what is appropriate planning for the next decade and beyond?* Our buildings were put up largely through the sacrificial giving and efforts of local people, mainly of modest means. Our Church Council can make proposals to the Methodist Church to ensure that our resources are appropriately retained for local use in the years ahead, and it is very important that we do so.

Our next step along the way is a Church Council on 11 July. If you wish to comment or have questions to ask, please contact any of the following:

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Our Parish Matters

While few people will have missed recent newsworthy County Council elections, the Parish Councils' election will probably have passed with barely a murmur. As the nine candidates on offer matched the nine vacancies, it was perhaps not surprising that it became a rather low-key event, needing no actual election.

The Parish Council remains unchanged with June Lyons as its Chairman and Irene Reid her Deputy, in a well-known double-act. The line-up is completed as follows:- John Hughes (chair of Recreation and Leisure), Irene Reid (chair of Planning), Val Hudspeth (chair of Projects), John Spratt, Andy Clarke, Allen Cogram, Jane Webb and Tony Heming.

The Parish Council is keen to maintain links with local groups and has therefore identified many such groups and paired them with a liaison Parish Councillor who can act as first point of contact (unless other contacts are preferred). They are: John Hughes - Bowls Club, Allotments, Olveston Scouts, Guides and Endeavour Explorers; Irene Reid - Health and Care; Val Hudspeth - Tennis Club, Parish Hall, Pre-school; Andy Clarke- Sports and Social Club, Football Club, Cricket club, Netball Club, Allotments, Woodhouse Park Campsite, Meeting Point; Jane Webb - Health and Care, Woodhouse Park, Parish Website, Footpaths; Allen Cogram - Olveston Scouts, Guides etc; Tony Heming - Religious Groups; Rod Williams (co-opted) - Footpaths; Valerie Tutin (co-opted) - Olveston CEVC school. If your group has not been identified in the above, and you think a link person may prove helpful, please let us know.

We are fast approaching 'Best Kept Village' time and we hope that everyone will help to keep our village tidy and attractive, especially during the judging months ahead. Sadly, we have still not found a volunteer group to promote our interests in this competition.

We are pleased to say that Mrs Claire Ackroyd's offer to turn the retired Tockington red phone box into a community service has been accepted by the OPC and she, and her group of helpers, will take over when decommissioning is complete. Old Down's box will be removed, as insufficient interest has been shown in its ongoing placement and maintenance.

The war memorial at Olveston has had much damage done through a hard winter of plummeting temperatures. Extensive repairs to its steps are now needed. This is in hand but will not be a quick fix and we ask for your patience in this matter.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Rogers, on 01454 613987 or any councillor.

Andy Clarke (07821 159350)

Olveston Parish Council

St Peter's Hospice - Garden Party

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Heneage Court, Falfield to a Garden Party to be held on Sunday 24th July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Mrs Durston).

Entrance is £3.00 to include tea and cake.

Bring a picnic chair and listen to the music of "The Standing Stones" and enjoy the beautiful gardens.

Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

Movies at St Mary's - July

Trevor Anderson



Two shows for CHILDREN this month:

Sat 9th July: A pampered upper-class rat plunges into an adventure when he's flushed down the toilet... **Mon 25th July:** Four children travel through a wardrobe into the land of Narnia. Doors open 9.30 and shows start 10.00. Popcorn and soft drinks.

For ADULTS, on **Mon 4th July** it's Alfred Hitchcock's famous comedy thriller about a 3000 mile chase across America (in a N by NW direction?). 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 or 613279).

Thornbury Science Festival

The first ever local Science Festival will run from 4th - 9th July 2011 and brings together eminent scientific experts, gifted communicators and a sense of fun. It should be of interest to anyone who's curious about the world and we've tried to cater for those who may have struggled with science at school as well as for those who've gone on to make a career of it. Some events will be of interest to children and some have interactive elements - it's not just a programme of talks. No event will cost more than £5.

I'm hoping that it may not be too late to include mention of the Science Festival events in your magazine. Full details can be found on the My Thornbury website at: <http://www.mythornbury.co.uk/science>.

Helsfest - 21st May

The May weather smiled on us for Helsfest – and it was a fantastic day! There was local music, stalls, sports, fun for the children, and an auction. Nearly £1,300 was raised for St Peter's Hospice and the Lung Cancer Fund at Southmead Hospital.

Helsfest was a community festival to remember a very dear friend, Helen Knight, who died a year ago after a struggle with cancer. It brought together family, friends, and people in the village who just wanted a good day out, and to support two worthwhile charities. As several people commented on the day, "Helen would have loved it."

It was the culmination of a year of planning and hard work, and we'd like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a great day. First of all to Teena and Steve Farrell who gave the use of their field, and the deck, which served as a stage.

Thanks to all the musicians who entertained us so well – to the Atomic Rays from Bristol, Harry Hayman and his Uncle Jack, Hamish, Noel, Jane and Keith from the White Hart Open Mic nights and the Chrysalis Tree

Thanks to Helen Gill for manning the cake stall; to Sharon Lapworth & Ann Whitehead for face painting; Pam McCleod for Jo Jingles; Kath & Julia Burgess for manning the tombola; Jenny Padfield & Julia Martindale for manning the entrance and raffle stalls; Tim Auburn from the White Hart who manned the beer tent - which was kindly supplied at cost; to Ian Knowles for the football penalty shoot-out; Jane Sunnucks for the volleyball net; and Steve Farrell & Simon Biggin for doing the Promise Auction (this raised £371). Also thanks to Nikki Clarke for printing the raffle tickets.

Thanks also to Alide Hire Services for providing the Portaloo and generators free of charge; to everyone who donated auction lots and raffle prize; those who brought along their gazebos and tents for the day; and those who helped set up and tidy away afterwards. And of course to everyone who came along on the day to make it such a success.

Sam Collins won the over 10s football penalty shoot-out shield, and Josh Riggs the under 10s penalty shoot-out shield.

We still have some of the Helsfest wrist bands which served as entrance tickets. If you couldn't come on the day but still want to contribute, get in touch with Mary Slader on 07747 562264 or at mezza192@yahoo.co.uk

Thornbury Library

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

1940s Cream Tea Party

Joanna Sawyer

Sunday 10th July, 3 - 5:30pm, Tockington Village Green

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy an afternoon of fine British cream teas, tasty treats, live music, fancy dress and more, all with a 1940s twist on *Tockington Village Green, Sunday 10th July, 3 - 5:30pm*.

This afternoon of light entertainment is in aid of raising funds to enable me to go to drama school in September. I have successfully gained a place at Guildford School of Acting, becoming one of 20 students, out of thousands of applicants, and now desperately need to raise funds for me to afford the school fees and live my dream. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

So pack up your troubles as our 1940s-themed cream teas NEED YOU!



May 27th – 30th 2011

This Woodhouse Jamboree lasted 4 days, and had an amazing amount of activities ranging from running about in hamster balls to the Avon's Got Talent competition. There were 7 sub camps, each containing hundreds of scouts,

cubs, beavers, explorers and guides. Each sub camp had something to do with the seasons, thus the camp is called the 4 Seasons jamboree, we were in the Polar Camp. Our arrival time was 5:30 pm on Friday 28th May. The Olveston scouts and cubs who came were George Dix, Edward Lovering, Will Johnson, Oliver Turner, Ben Bliss, Tom W-Meyes, Louis Powell, Will Biggin, Josh Riggs, Oliver Carnaby and Rhys Wittcomb. The leaders were Lynda Spratt, John Rastrick, Claire Turner, Ann Howell and Josh Kitchen.

Day 1, upon arrival, our local scout and cub group, 1st Olveston, found each other one by one so we could begin the troublesome voyage carrying all our heavy bags to our tents, which we had previously put up on Wednesday night. We spent most of our time unpacking, relaxing or wandering around to see what there was to do over the following days. But then I caught a glimpse of a burger van where I bought some chips. Overwhelmed with the amount of chips I received for a pound, I didn't see where I was going and fell to the ground losing all my chips and part of the flesh on my elbow. Limping to the Lovell Centre, my friends assisted to get the first aid ladies. After having antiseptic wipes, I was informed that I was the first to need medical aid (typical me!). I was appalled from the fact that I did not receive a bump sticker or a bump sweet but I am still thank full to those lovely ladies.

Day 2, Will, Will, Ed and I ventured around the activities and chose to start with go-carting. Later survived the assault course and even had a nice warm shower after. Come the end of the day Ed, Tom and I went to the park and were approached by a man who said if you pick up all the litter in this park I will reward you scouts with tickets to go in front of any line you choose to go in. So, as any good scout would do the 3 of us picked up the litter and were overjoyed with our reward. The evening was finished off with a spectacular display of fireworks. We could not wait for what tomorrow would bring!

Day 3, Ed and I started with the human sized table football, we were the players, and finished with the hamster balls and then went to lunch. We were visited by the 1st Olveston Beavers for the day. This reminded me of when I was in beavers and I reminisced with Ed and the leaders my joy of receiving Barnaby Bear. Ed said that he never had Barnaby Bear. That afternoon Lynda entrusted me with her camera to take some pictures to put on the board in the scout hut. Sadly, Rhys and Will Biggin felt ill, so they went home.

Tom went to Centre Parcs, and Will J was rushed to hospital - oh the joys for the leaders - paperwork! I'm sure Lynda turned grey with the stress... Unfortunately they missed the carnival procession where 1st Olveston all dressed as penguins!!!

Day 4, on this 4th and final day we packed our bags, ready to leave camp later, then to our surprise Will Johnson returned looking so much better. The closing ceremony happened at 3pm, all 2700 campers + a few more packed into the massive marquee, singing along to the 'Avon got talent' winners, quite a sight.... everyone took off their neckers and were lassoing them above their heads, it was an amazing experience.

We left all on a high, remembering our time at Woodhouse Jamboree 2011.

Written and edited by George Dix age 13

Olveston Sports & Social Club

Our Quiz dates for the next three months are to be on Sunday evenings.

Dates are:-

July 4th,

August 7th &

September 4th - time 8.15pm

This year we have so far raised £266-50p towards charity.

In July we will be having a live band performing at the QAMP so keep a look out for the date, anyone most welcome.

Barbara Lansdown, Club Secretary

More Mozart at St Mary's

The BCO Sinfonietta return for a third consecutive year for a concert at St Mary's - this year the concert will have just a taste of Mozart (with his Don Giovanni overture), plus Haydn's 'Drum Roll' Symphony, the delightful Bach Double Violin Concerto and choral music by Handel with St Mary's Church choir.

The concert is on **Saturday 16th July at 7:30pm** - tickets are £7.50 - available on the door or from 616593 or 617491.

Thank You

Pat Nutton and family would like to thank everyone who attended John's Thanksgiving Service in January and for the many lovely letters and cards that we have received.

Thank you all for your support and caring. It has been amazing.

A Summer Evening of Musical Entertainment

On **September 3rd 2011, 7:30pm in St Mary's Church** everyone is invited to enjoy a night of musical entertainment by vocalist Joanna Sawyer, a recent graduate of Birmingham University and a pupil at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

I will be paying tribute to my years at The Olveston Parish Players, performing many songs from their most recent shows including *My Fair Lady* and *Guys and Dolls*, as well as performing a selection of songs from my university repertoire from the last three years. The concert will showcase a wide range of musical styles from Classical to Musical Theatre and Contemporary, and will feature a collection of diverse and talented guest soloists from around the area. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the concert is suitable for all ages. There will be an open bar to help the celebratory spirit along too!

The concert is in aid of helping me to pursue my dream and attend drama school. I have recently been successful in gaining a place to study Musical Theatre at The Guildford School of Acting, a very prestigious drama school who trained the likes of Michael Ball, Bill Nighy, Tom Chambers and Brenda Blethyn and will enable me to pursue my dream of a career as a professional performer. I will be one of twenty students awarded a place out of thousands of applicants for this very special course. This concert is in aid of raising money towards my fees, as my place is not government funded, and I hope to show everyone why I was lucky enough to gain a place.

So please come along to support me and enjoy a relaxed summer evening of exciting entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

Tickets are: Adults £6, Concessions £5 and children £3. On sale at St Mary's Church, Olveston Stores, or by calling Jane Sawyer – 01454 618885.

For any further information please don't hesitate to contact me,

Joanna Sawyer – jsoyax1x@hotmail.com.



A nice morning was had on Tockington Green for the Totally Locally Market. It does make such a nice venue when the sun is shining to meet up with all our friends, residents and visitors to the area. For those of you that I see on a regular basis, I hope you would agree that it really is a lovely atmosphere.

With many requests please see below the confirmed dates going forward for the market...but remember it is only from 9.30 am – 12.00:
2nd July, 30th July, 10th September, 1st October, Xmas Market TBC

We have some new stalls for next month...The Real Olive Company and Hand-knitted Gifts

We also have some seasonal freshly made jams ready, all available to taste: - Blackcurrant, Four Berry Jam (Raspberry, Strawberry, Redcurrant and Blackcurrant). And any other seasonal fruits from the garden yet to be made...by the way give me a ring if you have some bushes to pick as we would be happy to relieve you of excess fruits to make more jam as each jar is stacked with fruit!!!! New to the market will be beautiful homemade quiches that you can buy for your lunch, sold in slices with our freshly cut salads (again we have had requests for more savouries..!)

Aloe Vera plants will be for sale as I am a firm believer in this staple herb that should be kept on your window sill. You will be able to snap off a leaf and rub the naturally occurring gel over burns, cuts and scrapes for instant relief. Also the fresh gel applied to the face may help to reduce lines and firm the skin as found in more recent US studies.

And finally...as I am running out of space....the Cotswold Gold Rapeseed Oil has been such a fantastic success we are now going to offer a bottle refill for £4.00. Just bring your old bottle along and we will fill it up!!!

Looking forward to a sunny Saturday morning on the 2nd July. Oh and by the way, if any of you have some spare egg boxes please think of us....

Eat less....but eat better!!!!

Jane Sunnucks, Old Down, 01454 419931

Aust Church Fete

Saturday 23rd July at 2pm
Evening from 6pm

Why not have a fun afternoon out, to celebrate the end of term, and raise money for a good cause at the same time?

Attractions include:

Amateur dog agility – bring your dog along and have a go, it's just for fun!

Avon Fire Brigade with a Fire Engine (emergencies permitting)

Tractor Rides

BBQ

Cream Teas

Children's Games, Bottle Stall, Bric a Brac and Books

Plants and Local Produce

Cakes

Skittling for a Salmon

The fun continues into the **Evening** with a local band, Bar, BBQ and Rounders (all ages – come and join a team), and you may like to try your hand at Bale Rolling a bit later on!

With a lucky programme, you could win a meal for 2 at the Boars Head, or buy a raffle ticket to win one of many great prizes.

We hope to see you there.

Jo Jenkins



Police Report May 2011

There were 11 reported crimes for the Severn Neighbourhood Policing area for May, which is a decrease on the last two months.

There has been a rise in residential burglaries which has affected the Severn area. A property in Tockington suffered an attempted burglary; fortunately, the offenders were unable to gain access on this occasion. However, this was the second time the property had been targeted. Two properties in Rockhampton were burgled within two days; both occurred in the daytime where offenders gained access by forcing their way through the front doors. They then made untidy searches of both premises and jewellery and a television were stolen. These offences have taken place between 11:00 – 13:30 hours. A motocross bike was stolen from a garage in the village of Oldbury-on-Severn.

There was an attempt to steal overhead copper cable near to Elberton ; due to the cable re-energising itself the offenders were unsuccessful. However, there were scorch marks left on the road.

Elberton Community Speedwatch have received a new speed gun; this is great news as it is now the same as the speed laser guns the police use, giving more accurate readings from a greater distance.

As some of you may be aware we have now acquired a new beat post in Olveston Parish Hall, Upper Tockington Road. The Parish Hall have very kindly let us use the office next to the main entrance.

Roger and I have decided that we will be available on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 am - 12 noon for members of the community to come along and see us if there are any issues. However, we cannot take any reports of crimes that have occurred.

We will also be there at other times and so, if you see the car outside, please feel free to call in. Obviously there may be some Tuesdays that we will not be there due to the operational needs of our job so please accept our apologies in advance. If you would like to pop in and see us then we will see you there.

The next SSCG meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th July at 19.30pm in Oldbury Memorial Hall.

The next Beat Surgery will be held on Thursday 7th July in Olveston Stores Coffee Shop between 10:30-11:30am.

To contact PC 3404 Roger Hopes or PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery please call 0117 945 5959 or mobile (on duty only) 07919628625 / 07917586645. These numbers MUST NOT be used to report crimes or incidents.

For emergencies phone 999.

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

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners June:

£50 Iain Murdoch
£15 Bill Finch
£5 Tracy Taylor

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

14th May Olivia Maunder
21st May Angus MacDonald
28th May Barbara Binns

Home Fixtures at The Park in July (2.00pm Start)

2nd July 1st XI v Dyrham & Hinton
9th July 1st XI v YMCA
16th July 2nd XI v Phoenix West Indians
23rd July 1st XI v St Mary Redcliffe
30th July 2nd XI v Hampset

Senior Nets: Wednesday Evenings
Colts Nets: Friday Evenings

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

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

From the Registers of St. Mary's

Funeral Service on 19th May, followed by Cremation at Canford, of Alison Mary Edgley Clare.

Baptism on 5th June of Isla Rose, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Wigmore

Burial of Ashes on 7th June of Gilbert Peter Stuckey

Chairman's report part 2

Annual Parish Assembly - Committee reports

The projects committee was re-introduced from May to December 2010 under the chairmanship of Val Hudspeth to work with the Pre-School and Parish Hall committees to make the best possible use of the £350,000 grant available to provide the Pre-School with completely separate premises at the Parish Hall. From the inception, the three committees have worked well together, and particular mention should be made of Ray Lambe who designed the building and helped with technical details; Roger Smart's work with South Gloucs Council preparing and presenting the business case and funding bid, as well as managing the project with Geoff Chappell (chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee); Natasha Harrod and Katy Peacock who determined and remained focused on Pre-school's requirements; and lastly the members of the Project Committee Val Hudspeth (chairman), John Hughes and Tony Heming. Thank you to all the people who gave their time and expertise generously to this project, sorting out all the legal problems as well as the many other issues – including the potential loss of funding last July (after the General Election). The builders (Sharemills) have provided a first rate building, and have been complimented on how friendly and helpful they have been and how neat and tidy they have kept the site.

The Parish Council project committee's role included making the Parish Council holding trustees of the Parish Hall; creating a 99 year lease with a peppercorn rent for a small amount of Parish Council land required for the project; and, identifying/ managing Parish Council's particular concerns over Health & Safety issues; continued access to the Tockington play area while the works were being undertaken; renovation of the footpath along the side of the Parish Hall, and protecting the tarmac surfaces. A historical record was also required.

This whole project has been completed on time and within budget. It has not only provided Pre-School with their own excellent facilities, but given the Parish Hall a new kitchen and extra space; tidied up the outside with a tarmac cross-over, created a widened footpath, landscaped the garden (with help from Mrs Stella Chick of the allotment society), three new trees are to be planted, and the official opening on 14th May. In the near future the Parish Council also hope to install new play equipment.

The Planning Committee received 47 planning applications this year, the same number as last year, of which 8 were refused. Applications included extensions, barn conversions, agricultural buildings, repairs to two listed buildings, alterations to the conservatory at Old Down House and the Pre-School extension at the Parish Hall, as well as permission to deal with a number of listed trees in the conservation area. The Scouts at Woodhouse Down have also put in several applications to give them more facilities.

The Footpaths and the Environment committee would like to thank Peter Cabban for his work over the last few years looking after our footpaths. Rod Williams has kindly agreed to carry on this good work, besides offering his team of 'litter pickers' who do a marvellous job removing rubbish from all the main roads coming into the villages. Help is still needed to tidy other areas of the parish, particularly the closes, and there have also been some instances of fly tipping in Hardy Lane. The Parish Council would also like to thank Lindsay Saunders, South Gloucs footpath warden for her help during the year.

Last May, Matthew Riddle advised that the footway from Old Down to Alveston would be started during the year. The first phase has now been completed to a high standard, although it is disappointing to be told that horse riders are now using this path. The footway from Haw Lane to Tockington has been cut back and recently most of the roads have been swept mechanically. It is also pleasing to report that South Gloucs Streetcare have resurfaced Ley Lane.

Due to the lack of parking space at Windmill House, many cars during the winter months have been parking on the grass verge. One bollard has been knocked down, one car damaged and it has left the verge in a very messy condition.

The Streetcare official from South Gloucs is hopeful that our historic street signs can be refurbished over the next few years. Our two red telephone boxes are to become redundant and suggestions include a possible book exchange for the Tockington box.

The Recreation and Leisure Committee carried out weekly safety checks at the three play areas with an annual audit by South Gloucs (cost £150). In addition to planned maintenance such as grass cutting, hedge trimming etc, it has been necessary to replace the safety surfaces under the play equipment (£6,500) and resurface the entrance road to the Pavilion (£3,100), as well as remove various trees on Old Down and one large tree in the Play area at Tockington on Health & Safety grounds, The council are grateful to Oldbury Power Station for a £500 grant, and to Matthew Riddle for helping with a £3,300 grant from South Gloucs Council for the play area safety surfaces.

It is pleasing that adults are now asking to use the play areas. The council have agreed to allow circuit training sessions two / three times per week on the Vicarage Lane play area. Ladies netball is being played on the newly marked-out court at Tockington, and a cycle group of up to 70 cyclists meet on Old Down for weekly time-trials during the summer.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Chairmen and committees of our lease holders who provide so many facilities in the parish, including the Parish Hall, Sports and Social Club, Allotments Association, the Tennis and Football clubs, and the Scouts & Guides. We wish them all another successful year. Thanks also to our contractors, RGS, Dave Webb and Jim Hallett for all their

work during the year. And last but not least, the three parishioners who kindly look after the bus shelters.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked the members of the council for their continued support and excellent work throughout a particularly busy year. Also our District Councillor, Matthew Riddle who has regularly attended Council meetings, advised wherever he can, and this year sourced funds which have helped with some of the projects.

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in April's draw, held on 11th May 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	356	Mr. D. J. Smart, Olveston
£75	468	Mr. G. Clark, Olveston
£25	159	Mrs. S. Fairhead, Oldbury-on-Severn
£25	281	Mr. D. J. Talbot, Olveston
£25	184	Mrs. R. Hitchcock, Olveston
£20	396	Mr. J. Crossley, Tockington
£10	238	Mrs. P. Vincent, Olveston
£10	387	Mrs. M. Baker, Olveston

The prize winners in May's draw, held on 25th May 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	437	Mrs. C. E. Black, Thornbury
£75	239	Mr. D. A. Organ, Olveston
£25	201	Mrs. R. Jackson, Olveston
£25	153	Mr. A. Heming, Olveston
£25	328	Mr. A. Goodbrook, Olveston
£20	373	Dr. M. Wright, Tockington
£10	452	Mrs. C. E. Black, Thornbury
£10	265	Mr. I. A. Hughes, Olveston

Yours Faithfully

“Which of today’s norms will become the injustices of tomorrow?”

Each generation has a habit of reinventing itself. There is an atmosphere of perpetual change. Some view those changes as positive whilst others view the same changes as negative. Some reflect on the ‘good old days’ or comment that ‘things are in decline’, while others speak of a ‘brave new world’. As we grow older, we can even move from one group to the other. As parents, we often find ourselves saying the same things that our parents said to us. In most instances, we now know precisely why they said them! However, when we are young, we don’t want to learn from the experience of our elders, but want to experience things for ourselves. Consequently, we often repeat the same mistakes. We read that the wise man learns from the mistakes of others but, more often than not, we still want to learn first-hand.

If we adopt the same strategy in society as a whole and think that we can afford to learn from our own mistakes, we soon learn that there is much more at stake. We need look no further than the permissive, and perhaps naïve, circumstances that allowed the rise of rampant nationalism and ultimately the Third Reich in Germany. We can also look back on the racial stereotyping and persecution of much of the twentieth century, or even further back to slavery itself. On another theme, was the excessive greed of the 1980s really good for our society? Perhaps not when viewed from our recent financial experiences! A sense of history is therefore very important. We declare that society has moved on and advanced. This is certainly true when we speak of knowledge and technology. However, is it really true of wisdom?

National Geographic reminds us that there are more slaves in the world today than were seized from Africa in four centuries. We still live in a global society where over 25% of the population lives on less than \$2 per day. In most countries, the gap between the richest and the poorest continues to grow in real terms. Have we really learned a new behaviour pattern or are we just dressing it up differently?

We still have a long way to go to become the society we aspire to be. It appears to me that we are not making the progress we should, for the simple reason that all of our comparisons are relative – either with the past or with each other. A relative basis for comparison will inevitably mislead. What we need is an absolute basis against which to measure ourselves. Now where would that come from....?!

Paul Ashford – The Oasis Church, Old Down

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jul 3	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Breakfast Club Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain Rev. Roly Bain Breakfast Club Team Rev R. Bain & Mr D Jones
Jul 10	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 Crew
Jul 17	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev P Rowe & Canon J Poarch Breakfast Club Team Rev Roly Bain
Jul 24	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Roly Bain Rev Roly Bain Rev R Bain & Mrs J McBride
Jul 31	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Mornin g Prayer Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev Roly Bain Rev R. Bain & Mr D Jones Rev Roly Bain

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jul 10	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jul 24	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Denis Jones

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jul 3	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Jul 17	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jul 10	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Jul 24	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jul 3	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch St Andrew's	Morning Worship led by Mr Hugh Ferguson Evening Worship led by Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi
Jul 10	10am	Olv. Sch	We join the Breakfast Club
Jul 17	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Jul 24	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Jacky Quarmby
Jul 31	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 13th July. To book your lunch please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 21st July. 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 Harvest Fayre and receive a free cup of coffee.

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THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07840 793772 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jul 3	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Jul 10	6.30pm	Victory Outreach
Jul 17	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jul 24	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jul 31	6.30pm	Rev Colin Lewis

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

Thurs 21st OMS/Prayer

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

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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

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 July 2011

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

1 st Fri			
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Totally Locally Market Tockington Green Thornbury Carnival	10.30-12.00 9.30-12.00	MH
3 rd Sun	Pony Show, Gymkhana, Dressage, Dog Show - Tockington		
4 th Mon	Monday Movies 4 th - 9 th Thornbury. Science Festival Open Mic. At White Hart Olveston	7.30pm 8.30pm	StM
5 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-Trip to W-S-M	9.30-11.30	WR
6 th Wed	Volunteering Taster Day Thornbury	10.00-3.00	
7 th Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
8 th Fri			
9 th Sat	Children's Movie Club Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Open Gardens Holly Trees Old Down & Brook Farm Tockington also Sun 10 th	10.00am 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 2.00-5.00pm	StM MH AVH
10 th Sun	1940s Cream Teas on Tock. Green	3.00-5.30pm	
11 th Mon	Craft Group Tel 07747 562264 for venue	7.30-9.30	
12 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Aust Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
13 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Summer Lunch Royal British Legion Men	12.00 7.30pm	AH DGCL
14 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group .	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
15 th Fri			
16 th Sat	Coffee Morning Elberton Church Fete BCO Sinfonietta 'Kidnap Alice' Blue Grass/Folk music	10.30-12.00 2pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	MH StM PH
19 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR

	Royal British Legion Women-Bingo	7.30pm	DGCL
20 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
21 st Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OSt MH
22 nd Fri			
23 rd Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Fete	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
24 th Sun	Garden Party at Heneage Court (St P's H)	2.30-5.00pm	
25 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club-Practice	10.00am 1.30pm	StM AH
26 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
27 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters 417559 for details	7.30pm	AMC
28 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OSt MH
29 th Fri			
30 th Sat	Totally Locally Market Tockington Green Car Boot Sale Marlwood School Coffee Morning	9.30-12.00 1.30-3.30pm 10.30-12.00	 MH
31 st Sun			

Looking ahead to August

Monday	Children's Movie Club every week	10.00	StM
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KEY: AC Aust Church; ACR – Almondsbury Church Rooms; AH – Armstrong Hall; AMC – Alveston Methodist Church; AMH- Alveston Methodist Hall; AP – Alexandra Pavilion; AVH – Aust Village Hall; CCCP – Castle Court Car Park; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry; DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; MH – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Oliv Meth Ch OS – Olveston School; OSt – Olveston Stores; OV – Olveston Vicarage; PH – Olveston Parish Hall; StM – St Mary's Church, Oliv.; StMA Almondsbury Church; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; URC - Thornbury United Reform Church; WR – Wesley Rooms.

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