



Meeting Point

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When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

Anonymous

From the Editor

Congratulations to Sue Caul and Liz Ali for completing the Moonwalk in London and raising over £2,500, for vital breast cancer causes.

Whether you enjoy a Summer Fayre, entertainment, swapping plants or a cream tea, please give your support at these community events.

Our cover this month is by
Erin from Year 1 Olveston School

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Are you going to Olveston Fayre?!

Saturday 18th June, from 2-6pm.

Don't miss a historic event! This year St Mary's Church, Olveston and the Primary School are combining forces. The Fayre will be held in three linked sites: the vicarage garden and the school grounds with entrance gates at both, and there will also be exhibitions in the church with teas available there.

Bristol City's midfield star Cole Skuse will open proceedings at 2pm. There will be all the usual attractions of stalls, sideshows and cream teas plus entertainment from the Brownies, Beavers, the school choir, the Tug of War teams and Beat the Goalie. In other words, something for everyone of all ages. The afternoon will be rounded off with a BBQ from 4.30 until 6.00pm.

A traditional brass band will play from 2-3pm and two more local bands will provide the music for the rest of the afternoon. The (almost) guaranteed warm and sunny weather will generate a thirst that can be slaked in the Pimms and beer tent.

The Grand Draw will take place at 4.30pm, with generous prizes donated by local businesses and individuals (1st Prize £100). The school have had a competition to provide the front cover of this month's Meeting Point, and another picture is being used for the programmes and posters for the day.

All proceeds will be split equally between the school and the church.

Please do make it a date and enjoy some old-fashioned fun!
You don't have to come for all of it, but we don't mind if you do!

Any enquiries to Rod Williams on 612850.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended Norman's funeral service in February and for all the lovely letters and cards we received.

The donations in his memory amounted to £1703.36, of which £959.00 has gone to Southmead Hospital Intensive Care Unit and £744.36 to the Severn Area Rescue Association.

Both of the above organisations have asked us to pass on their most grateful thanks.

Audrey Knapp and family

Fundraising for Hammer Out

Four former school friends from Marlwood School in South Gloucestershire, two of whom suffer a fear of heights, have raised several thousand pounds for locally-based brain tumour charity Hammer Out by undertaking a Crane Zip Wire challenge at Ashton Court estate.

Selena Power (formerly Selena Cook of Orchard Rise, Olveston) (39) who now lives in Easter Compton, Kate Wigmore (39) from Severn Beach and Sarah Dunn (39) and Sue Shaul (40) from Thornbury, were lifted by crane to around 105 feet before completing the daring 250 metre zipwire trip.

The friends have received donations and pledges of £2,195 for their achievement with money still coming in. Selena's husband, Rob, was diagnosed with *gliomatosis cerebri*, a rare brain tumour for which there is no treatment or cure, in November 2007 at the age of 40.

"As a family, we were devastated when Rob was diagnosed. If we can help Hammer Out prevent another family going through the nightmare of seeing someone they love with a terminal illness, it will be well worth the challenge." Selena says.

Anyone who would like to donate can visit www.justgiving.com/selena-power or by sending money directly to Hammer Out in Thornbury or via the website www.hammerout.co.uk



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Garden Open in Old Down

Hazeldown in Hazel Lane will be open on **Saturday 4th June** from **2-5pm** in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. There will be tea and cake and a raffle. Entry £2.50. I will be delighted to see you.

Sue Hunter 412191

Music in the Church at Aust

Sat 18 June 8pm

Matthias Loibner & Natasa Mirkovic-De Ro are two artistes who are making a UK tour.

Natasa Mirkovic-De Ro is a folk, rock, jazz, and opera singer from Sarajevo, Bosnia; Matthias Loibner is a truly innovative folk instrumentalist from Austria. They interpret old songs and instrumental pieces from the Balkans and give them new life, but with respect for traditional roots. Plus a few Schubert songs! This will be their first visit to Aust. Tickets £10 (no concessions) from Clive and Susie Roberts, Tel: 01454 617232 or The Boar's Head at Aust or Olveston Village Stores.

Website: www.austmusic.org e-mail: mail@austmusic.org

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners May:

£50 Jean Panes

£15 Roger Rowen

£5 Dave Birtle

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

23rd April Paul Middleton

30th April Sylvia Gould

7th May Malcolm Grosvenor

Home Fixtures at The Park in June (2pm start)

4th June 2nd XI v Hanham

11th June 1st XI v Bradley Stoke

18th June 2nd XI v Thornbury A

25th June 2nd XI v Coalpit Heath

Senior Nets: Wednesday Evenings

Colts Nets: Friday Evenings

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

Diary Date: Friday 17th June 7.30 Race Night at the Club. Sponsors (£60) & Horse Owners (£5) needed, so please contact me!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Old Down Street Party

Jane Sunnucks

Friday 29th April 2011

Following the local tradition of using a good excuse to have a party, we checked that the last street party held in Old Down had been for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Thanks to Evelyn Teague, we were able to look back at the photos and the plan for the day, which gave us the idea to try and replicate the timetable.

Led by Jane Sheppard, her energetic drive was to ensure that this opportunity would allow neighbours to show their faces and become familiar again and to ignite the village hub again. This created a great focus for community spirit, drawing people together again as we met and planned the day.

The weather remained kind and the rain stayed away which allowed us to close the road and set up tables from one end of the road to the other. We had a great local turn out and suddenly Old Down once again became a hive of community activity.

We started with a treasure hunt in the orchard and dangling doughnuts for the excited children, a cake competition, games in the field where I must mention the tug of war...what a laugh, it all started out so seriously and quickly became such fun and I have never seen so many people all hanging onto a rope!!

Then, with Jane leading the singing, we all enjoyed the old songs until we stopped for the quiz...so with not only a warm thank you to Jane we must also give a big thanks for the beautiful commemorative mugs (that were donated by John and Elaine from Linela) which also had a lovely picture of the pump in Old Down. A lovely day had by all!

Olveston and District Royal British Legion Women's Section

will hold an **Open Garden and Tea Party** at Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston (BS35 4EW) on **Sunday 12th June, 2011 (11am-6pm)** by kind permission of Rose and Tom Brown.

This event is to mark the 90th anniversary of the forming of the British Legion.

Various events will take place across the country, particularly on this weekend, which is being called 'The Great Poppy Party'.

The aim is to help raise £90 million in the Legion's 90th Anniversary year to carry out vital welfare work for our armed forces and support the brave service personnel past and present. Gloucestershire as a whole hopes to raise £9k.

There will be tea and cake and a number of stalls. Entrance £2, children free.



Ministry Of Entertainment Present Mrs. Gerrish's Guesthouse

It is 1958 and the summer season at Weston-Super-Mare is drawing to a close and, although the charabancs have returned most of the lobster-red holidaymakers back to their Midland homes, Mrs. Gerrish's Guesthouse is still full and displaying the 'No Vacancies' sign.

Apart from the residential guests like 97-year-old Mrs. Gimlet, whose relatives were rumoured to have caused the great potato famine of 1845, the short-term visitors to Mrs. Gerrish's Guest House include the suave and debonair Mr. Thomas Terry, the intrepid Hurley family from West Bromwich who arrive shoe-horned into their motor cycle combination and the Great Mephisto, star of the Winter Gardens 'Summertime Jamboree'.



Once again, true stories and personal experiences form the basis of the show, tales from front-line holiday-makers and veteran landladies of that Great British institution the Seaside Guest House. Upbeat, optimistic songs of the period re-create that age of innocence when we 'Never had it so good', Mrs. Gerrish 'Never had it so full' and most British teenagers just 'Never had it'!

Written by Joe Hobbs

Music by Kit Morgan

Performed by Kate McNab & Ross Harvey

OLVESTON PARISH HALL – for one night only!

FRIDAY 17th JUNE 2011 at 7.30PM

TICKETS £9 - 01454 614662

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, messages of sympathy and charity donations following the sad passing away of Anne Williams.

Anne was very happy living in the parish of Olveston and Tockington and made many life-long friends. She will be missed.

Patrick, Gill and Miranda Williams

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Assembly - April 2011 **part 1**

A warm welcome was extended to everyone attending the Parish Council's Annual Parish Assembly, and especially to the outgoing Parish clerk Mrs Valerie Tutin who has had to reluctantly resign after twelve years, due to failing eyesight. During that time she has worked tirelessly to make sure the council's business was accurately recorded, letters written and problems sorted. She has a genuine interest in the Parish and its parishioners, always available to give advice or answer parishioners' complaints, and has been a pleasure to work with. The members of the council wish Valerie a very happy retirement.

Throughout the year we have had a full complement of 9 Councillors, with an average meeting attendance of 8 Councillors, and our District Councillor Matthew Riddle attended 7 of the meetings. To cover the possible cost of Parish Council elections in May, the precept has been raised by £3,000 this year, and our clerk's salary is in line with the recommendations of ALCA.

The Parish Council is concerned about the potential closure of Thornbury Hospital. They understand that if the hospital is not financially viable the Primary Care Trust would not keep it open. After extensive discussion the council wondered if the site could be used for Extra Care Housing funded by South Gloucs Council and the Primary Care Trust. A related questionnaire was completed and returned to the Primary Care Trust and a letter expressing the council's views has been sent to the Primary Care Trust and the North Bristol Trust.

During the year we invited 4 speakers to our meetings. In September Mrs Jane Sunnucks updated the council on her initiative for a monthly 'Totally Locally' event on Tockington Green, which has proved very popular, although Mrs Sunnucks has found that the district council have very strict rules requiring a trading licence and insurance cover.

In November, Rebecca Anthony from South Gloucs Council and Richard Lloyd of the local conservation group advised the council about the progress of an up-to-date appraisal of the Parish conservation area. So far a local survey has received 29 responses, Rebecca and Richard have also assessed our conservation area and will prepare a draft appraisal highlighting the issues, make comments and suggest new areas that might be included in the scheme for further discussion.

Our third speaker was Owen Jenkins from South Gloucs Council who talked about the possible construction of a reed bed at the Harnhill quarry site, which would filter out sludge from gully water and rural road sweeper waste. It was envisaged that about eight lorries per week would use the site, saving the district council a considerable amount of money.

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Most recently, Reverend Roly Bain came to update the Parish Council on the poor state of the Church's boundary wall and the general cost of maintaining the churchyard. The wall has been damaged over the years by large vehicles, and needs urgent attention. Unfortunately the Council has already set its precept for this year, and is actively looking to repair the war memorial steps that also need urgent attention, but will donate if possible. Roly also commented that the churchyard is filling with graves quicker than anticipated. It is the Parish Council's duty to look for a new burial site in the not too distant future.

Movies at St Mary's

Trevor Anderson



For CHILDREN, in response to many requests, we are now planning to show movies on Saturday mornings monthly in term time in addition to Monday mornings weekly in the school hols. Timings remain as before: doors open 9.30 for popcorn and drinks and shows start at 10.00. The next two dates for your diary are Mon 30th May and Sat 11th June.

For ADULTS, our next show is Mon 6th June. An Oscar winning film with a royal performance from Colin Firth which will leave you speechless. 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 Library

Celebrating Age Festival 18 June – 1 July

As our contribution to this South Gloucestershire Council Festival we are holding the following FREE events (but small charge for author visit):

Thornbury Craft Club manned exhibition Saturday 18 June 10.00-12.00 noon

Thornbury Squares square dancing – go on have a go! Saturday 18 June 2.00-3.00pm

Author Janet Tanner/Amelia Carr Wednesday 22 June 7.30pm tickets £2.50 library members/£5.00 non members to include refreshments from 7.10pm

Help with computers and family history website 'Ancestry' drop-in on Friday 24 June and Friday 1 July from 10.00-12.00noon

Wills clinic Monday 27 June 10.00-12.00noon

May Day 2011

David Bone

After the warmest April for centuries, May Day saw some very welcome overnight rain to freshen up the Shaw's lovely garden for the lunchtime festivities.



A cocktail to start, the Manifesto quartet in medieval garb to sing for us (some others also in medieval gear, including a Knight of the Shires), then the crowning of Lottie Harries as May Queen by Roly Bain – extricated from the Curates' Retreat (aka the bar) – the chance to acquire locally grown produce – all this was followed by some riotously under-rehearsed Morris Dancing, and some expertly managed Maypole dancing.

We all sat down in the marquee (much needed to shelter us from the blazing sun!) to a magnificent three-course lunch, all provided by 'in-house' catering, with the Harries family well to the fore, ably supported by Mesdames Atkey, Cole-Morgan, Fairhead, Savage, Shaw, Slade, and Wright; the sight of it all before we tucked in was enough to set the taste-buds glowing in anticipation.

Some more madrigals from Manifesto followed, including an attempt at a madrigal for the newly-wed royal couple.

Warmest thanks to David and Sandy Shaw for hosting such a marvellous occasion, and to their willing band of helpers, before, during and after the event, which, it is pleasing to record, raised £670 for St Mary's.

Please help

I am trying to find someone who may be interested in taking on the role of coordinating the CPRE Avonside Village of the Year competition for any/all of the villages and hamlets in Olveston Parish. Rod Williams has previously taken on the role for Olveston, but has too many other things going on this year.

The closing date is the 31st May. Thank you.

On behalf of the Parish Council.

Richard Rogers, Clerk to the Council
01454 618987

Oveston School on Safari

Every single child at Oveston CEVC Primary School, will go off timetable and on Safari at Wood Well Meadows Local Nature Reserve, Littleton-upon-Severn, Mon 13 June.

Thanks to a partnership between new landowner, Aust Parish Council, South Gloucestershire Council, which helps manage the site, and a grant from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, the children will learn about this important, species-rich meadow at first hand.

Miss Faye Bertham, Head Teacher said: "All 204 children will spend the day net-sweeping, doing bushcraft, making dens, drawing and identifying grassland flowers and insects, topped off with orienteering and a campfire. What a great day out as well as a fantastic learning opportunity."

The project has also enabled a colourful journal to be produced to help local families get to know their special local site, and for teachers from St Helen's, St Peter's and Almondsbury Primary Schools to get together to provide digital lesson plans and other resources to use at Wood Well Meadows. The Meadow is on Field Lane, Littleton-upon-Severn. The roads in this area will be very busy at the start and end of the day – apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Find out more at: www.olevestonschool.co.uk

Rural Arts South Glos.

Following the success of Graffiti Classics, and Sheelanagig at Oveston Parish Hall, we are pleased to bring you a new band, **Kidnap Alice**, featuring soulful vocals and tight arrangements from a classic acoustic string-band line-up. The band bridges the gap between vintage Rhythm and Blues and Appalachian mountain music. Check them out at www.kidnapalice.wordpress.com

The band had their debut festival performance at Glastonbury 2010, opening the Club DaDa stage for the legendary Thursday Night Hoe Down. Their innovative arrangements and sheer energy have impressed at numerous venues. The villages they visit through Rural Arts Touring are assured of a fun-filled evening.

This event takes place on **Saturday 16th July 2011** at **Oveston Parish Hall 7.45 pm**. Licensed Bar and nibbles. Tickets priced £8 adults and £6 concessions. Tel. 01454 615806.

Police Report

A total of 14 crimes were reported to us for the month of April. Types of crimes were:-

An attempted burglary around the middle of April at Aust Services. However, nearly a week later, offenders managed to gain entry to the premises by smashing a window and made off with the cash boxes from the free-standing cash machines.

Milk was stolen from a property in Olveston. It appears that there were youths causing a few problems in the park that evening and also a group seen in the early hours of the morning which obviously could have been related.

Please be vigilant and if you see anything or anyone who you believe is acting in a suspicious manner, please call the police on the numbers below

Isolated outbuildings in Aust were broken into, where a Kawasaki mule was stolen. This is the second incident within 6 months. Two tractor tyres were stolen from Moor Lane, Tockington. Heating oil was stolen from a container at a property in Oldbury-on-Severn and damage was caused to a large wooden gate at a property in Hill.

The next Beat Surgery in Olveston Stores will be held on Thursday 9th June 2011.

To contact PC 3404 Roger Hopes or PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery please call 0117 945 5959 or mobile (on duty only) 07919 628625 / 07917 586645. 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.

St Peter's Hospice - Tea At Three

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea at Three to be held on Friday 10th June in the garden of the Wheatsheaf Public House in Thornbury (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Camp). Teas available between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Raffle and stalls.

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



Win up to £50 for your organisation!



Celebrate Volunteers' Week and European Year of Volunteering with Thornbury Volunteer Centre in their easy-to-enter competition. You could win up to £50 for your organisation!

To celebrate Volunteers' Week, a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from 1 – 7 June of each year, and the European Year of Volunteering, Thornbury Volunteer Centre, in conjunction with, and sponsored by the St. Mary Centre, is holding a competition for local voluntary and community organisations with cash prizes of £50, £30 and £20!

The competition is open to any volunteer-involving organisation which operates in Thornbury and its surrounding area. We would like you to submit an entry in ANY medium which captures the spirit of volunteering. It could be a photograph, a collage, a drawing, a poster, hand drawn or computer generated, a decorated cake, a sculpture – anything goes - it's up to you!

Cash prizes of £50, £30 and £20 will be awarded to the top three entries as judged by volunteers of Thornbury Volunteer Centre.

Photographs must be unmounted and no larger than 7 x 5 and posters, drawings etc must be a maximum of A4 size. Submit entries together with the name, address and contact telephone number of the entrant and the organisation which they represent. Entries can then be posted or delivered to Thornbury Volunteer Centre at the address above. Entries will be returned to the competitor after our AGM. Closing date for entries will be Thursday 9th June.

The entries will be on display at the Volunteer Fair in St. Mary Shopping Centre, Thornbury on Thursday 16 June from 9am -1pm. Winners will receive their prizes at our AGM and Summer Tea Party at 3pm, also on Thursday June 16th. Winning entries will be published in the Gazette newspaper. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.



Tockington Green is at the centre of the village and within easy walking distance for most. We also have the use of the Methodist Church inside if it rains, which it decided to do this Saturday but I'm sure you would all agree – it's about time that we had some!!

For those of you interested in getting involved with swapping, selling or donating salad, fruit or vegetables from your gardens, please give me a ring, as at the moment we have a mix of grown and freshly-bought due to lack of seasonal availability. We are always open for people to grow a crop for the market alongside their own.

Totally Locally doesn't make a profit as all the money goes back into buying or getting more stock. It is an event for the community and focuses on drawing people together within a charming atmosphere.

If you are interested in coming along to our next market day, it is on Saturday 4th June 9.30 - 12 Noon

Jane Sunnucks
Old Down
01454 419931

Celebrate Midsummer with Tea on Tockington Green

Sunday 19th June, 2.30pm- 5.00pm.

Everyone is invited to enjoy Cream Tea, home-made cakes, and treats with tea or coffee on Tockington Green, weather permitting, or Tockington Methodist Church, if not.

This event will raised money for various charities.

Who's for Tennis?

Olveston & Tockington Tennis Club is keen to welcome new members as well as renewing the acquaintance of existing members for the new season, which started on 1st April. We are based behind Olveston Parish Hall with two main courts that have floodlights, a third court with a practice wall, a Club House by the main courts and a toilet and wash basin in the top left hand corner of the Parish Hall.

We are a family-friendly club in a beautiful location that seeks to cater for the needs of all types of player, whatever their level of ability. We do this by providing the following:

Teams in Avon LTA League

We have four men's teams and two ladies' teams in the local leagues. If you are interested in playing in a team contact David Fielding (01454-614792) or Helen Bradley (01454-617252).

Coaching and Practice Sessions

Juniors – Monday evenings 5.30pm to 7.30pm during the summer. These seasons start on 16th May. Please telephone Tim Auburn (07736 251379) or John Woodward (07917 824976) to express your interest.

Ladies – Monday evenings after the Juniors at 7.30pm for most of the year. Just turn up and speak to Mary Long or telephone 01454 625778.

Practice night for the Men's Teams – Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm onwards for most of the year. Just turn up and speak to John Garrett or telephone 01454 616477.

Adult Club Night – This is open to adult members of all abilities and selected juniors on Thursday evenings for most of the year starting at 6.30pm. Just turn up and speak to Harry or Angela Greenslade or telephone 01454 613780.

Membership Fees

Family £140; Seniors £70; Juniors £35; Special rate for the unemployed, students and senior citizens £35; A court key costs £3

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO JOIN.

PLEASE PHONE MARY LONG - 01454 625778

Severnside Ramblers

Two of our walks this month are part of South Gloucestershire's Celebrating Age Festival. This ten day event is to highlight opportunities for people over 50.

Our walks, of course, are for any age! Come and try one.

Non-members are always very welcome.



For more information about walks in June, log on to

www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk, or pick up a programme at your local library.

A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk. We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA and share lifts to the start of the walk.

Review of "Carousel" (The Parish Players)

by Barbie Davies

Of course, June Robbins stole the show, borne aloft by two fine fishermen and giving one of her wonderful smiles at the climax of "June is Bursting out all Over"! This gave that priceless extra dimension that only good village theatre can provide.

However, many other things were bursting out all over Tockington Village Hall; the audience who had a real dose of the "feel-good factor" and the large enthusiastic cast which consisted of a huge age range from 4 upwards. Energy and pace were the hall-marks of this production. Director Linda Evans ensured that the action was slick and inventive. Performers appeared from every corner of the hall which, together with ever-changing and interesting grouping, gave the impression of a much bigger space. The choreography too belied the tiny stage by its appropriateness and kaleidoscope of patterns.

As ever, the choice of show for this group was excellent, allowing the many skills and levels of experience to shine. Musical Director Chloe Allsopp-Jones and her fellow musicians gave crisp and very well-balanced support for the singing and dancing.

Mike Jones gave much dramatic intensity and reality to the part of Billy. Songs and dialogue were handled with real skill and emotional depth. Lynn Shelley was an excellent choice for wide-eyed Julie, and just needed more confidence in her truly sweet voice. Heather Collins-Jones gave a winning performance as Carrie, exuding much warmth and humour, and her Mr Snow (played by Phil Savage) was particularly amusing as the narrow-minded head of his household. The Snow Children were another show stealer! Not for them a quick "bit" part, but every one of them entered into the story and its spirit.

Cath Chappel was perfect as the feisty, big-hearted Nettie Fowler while Maedene Webb was a delightful, robust yet graceful Louise. Mark Collins' Jigger Craigin brought a beautiful rich singing voice and most convincing touch of the sinister to the piece. In fact, every supporting member of the cast gave their all which gave a real sparkle to the whole performance.

Andy Black had, of course, added his inimitable sparkle with his beautifully conceived and typically practical set. Wonderful perspective scenery literally had harbour and fairground lights a-glitter and carefully chosen costumes also gave colour and mood and were extremely well-complemented by really good hairstyling and make-up.

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There is a real sense of teamwork in the Parish Players, from the smooth stage-management to the lighting which respected all the visual aspects of the piece, while backstage, front of house and publicity is always most efficient. So if you have never been to a Parish Players production, get organised for next year to enjoy a heart-warming local night out.

If you enjoyed the Parish Players' performance of Carousel, you can see a few photos of the production on the Olveston Photo Gallery page of the Olveston and Aust Community Website:

www.olvostonandaust.com/photo-galleries/olvoston-parish-gallery

Art Exhibition And Open Gardens

To be held at

**GROVE HOUSE TOCKINGTON
BS32 4LF**

SATURDAY 25th & SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2011

Open 11am to 5pm

Refreshments and teas with home-made cakes available

Donations in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Grove House painters are a group of 12 artists, all of whom paint in different styles and mediums. Paintings will include landscape and sea-scape, abstract and contemporary, floral and animal studies.

Many of the group have exhibited previously in our exhibitions and also at other exhibitions in the Thornbury and Gloucestershire areas. We have previously had successful exhibitions and contributed to various local and national charities.

The gardens of Grove House (open by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Tony Bryan) are spectacular. Consisting of 6 acres of both formal and informal, including a potager with box hedging, the main area includes a walled garden, walkways with spectacular country views and a duck pond with a wonderful selection of unusual ducks.

Refreshments at lunchtime and teas with home-made cake are not to be missed, the cakes are delicious and you will be spoiled for choice!

Entrance is free and monies collected from donations, teas / refreshments and a percentage from sales of paintings will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



An Easter Experience

On Wednesday 27th April, the whole of Year 6 went to St. Mary's Church, Olveston to go and have the 'Easter Experience.' We all had to pair up with a friend and walk down to church.

Once we had reached the black, rusty gates of the church, we saw some old, rotting graves and black birds zooming in the sky. I walked past the graves and it was like they were saying, 'the church is haunted!'

As I ran through the door to get away, I was greeted by a nice, friendly Vicar dressed in his black robes, who showed me into the church. Our first stop was the feast and the vicar gave us some bread and wine, obviously we didn't have any wine, but we had grapes!

The next stop was the Garden of Gethsemane, which was really nice because you would write a word, which Jesus would have been feeling before the crucifixion, on a piece of paper. After that we went to the crucifixion where Kieran was Jesus and me, Caitlyn and Sarah were soldiers who nailed him to the cross. Then I went to Palm Sunday, where I had to write my name on a rock and place it under the cross (which had a red ribbon around it to represent Jesus' blood.)

As the bell rang we had to gather at the front of the church to get Easter biscuits, then we went back to school. We learnt so much about the Easter story in a fun way!

By Emma M—, Yr 6

A Royal Tea Party

On Thursday 28th April 2011, the children came to school dressed in red, white and blue. Excitement was in the air as they looked forward to a whole school royal tea party.

Tables were laid with table cloths and children arrived in their handmade crowns. Parents/carers made a host of decorated cakes for the special occasion. There was plenty to go around (at least two cakes each for children and parents!) We finished our celebrations with a 'Strictly Come Dancing' Olveston-style dancing competition.

Here are some special memories from Year 4 about the Royal Wedding...

'My memory was when Prince William tried to put the ring on Kate's finger and it did fit, but only just!' Jessie S

'My Mum made me watch it because it is history, but Kate's dress was beautiful and there were two kisses!' Claudia

'I watched the whole of the Royal Wedding. It was fabulous. I loved the dress and William's uniform. All of it was brill!' Jessica E

'I was deep in conversation with my brother when suddenly my mum shouted, 'sssshhhhh!' We all shouted back, 'what?' Then we realised we were going to see the kiss on the balcony. I can't believe they kissed twice!' Anna P

'My favourite memory of the Royal Wedding would be the dress because it was simple and also William's RAF suit. It was also funny when Will went bright red as he kissed Kate!' Millie

'My best memory of the Royal Wedding was when Princess Catherine got out of the car. She looked amazing!' Gemma F

What a special day for a lovely couple. We send our best wishes to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Oveston School Park and Stride

As part of our continued efforts to promote walking to school, we are introducing a 'Park and Stride' initiative. We know that leaving the car at home saves cash and calories, but for many of our families who live further away, there is no choice but to drive children to school.

However, with our 'Park and Stride' scheme we hope that many parents will park further away and walk the short distance to school, giving everyone some fresh air and exercise before the start of the school day (and saving a little money, reducing our carbon footprint and easing congestion!) Therefore, we would like to ask parents/carers to park in areas of the village that are beyond Oveston Stores between 8.30 – 9.15am and 3.10 – 3.45pm.

For this to work, we need to work in partnership with the community and seek approval. If you have an objection to our 'Park and Stride' scheme or have any ideas that could contribute to our Travel Plan we would like to hear from you. Please email: ovestonprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk or call 01454 613299. Thank you for your continued support to the school and its work.

Oveston Back 2 Netball Club

We would like to thank the Parish Council for all their help in allowing us the use of the court in Tockington. You have made us all very happy as we can train on home ground every Thursday evening between 7pm-8.30pm.

Also a big thank you to the local businesses that supported our skittles fund-raising evening – Linela, Choccamocca, Cat Walk Bags, Oveston Stores, Roger Riggs, The White Hart and Garretts Gardens.

Sarah Riggs

Reading Buddies

A couple of months ago, I was fortunate enough to catch the Richard Dimbleby Lecture on BBC1. My husband and I were both transfixed by the powerful speech delivered by children's author Michael Morpurgo passionately promoting children's rights. In a nutshell, his message was this: that all children regardless of factors, including parentage and social circumstances, should have the right to the love and attention that adults can give them. Show a child that you are interested in them and even the smallest positive thing that you do or say to them can have a positive lifelong effect. I look at my own children and know that what they want and benefit from most in life is the time and attention I can give them as individuals.

Seeing this on TV coincided with hearing about a new project helping primary school children in Bristol. 'Ablaze' was seeking volunteers who would be willing to become 'Reading Buddies' to children who either (a) do not speak English at home and therefore require extra support in progressing their reading and communication skills (b) children who receive very little support at home with regards to reading. There may not be a single book at home.

After a brief but very effective training session (and a CRB police check), volunteers can become a reading buddy with as little as one hour per week to spare (in my case 20 minutes each with 3 different children).

With the children I work with, it soon became apparent that helping them to progress with their school reading books would only be part of the picture. You can do anything with them that you think might be beneficial; chatting about how they are and what they have been doing, word games, quizzes, showing them some of your own favourite childhood books, reading to them instead of them to you etc. Even in the space of 5 or 6 sessions, it has been more than rewarding to see their trust in me grow, their increased confidence in communicating with me and their growing pride in their reading abilities etc.

If you may be interested in becoming a reading buddy or would like further information on Ablaze, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the project organisers.

You can contact me on 07752 942284 or lucyshrimpton@talktalk.net

Lucy Shrimpton

Yours faithfully

Helen Webb

Fathers' Day

This month we celebrate Fathers' Day, the day when we say thank you to our fathers, buy them a card, take time to reflect on what they mean to us. For some people it can be a sad and difficult time – maybe because our relationship with our father is not a positive one, maybe because our father is no longer alive or for numerous other reasons.

I wanted to reflect on the fact that as well as an earthly father we have God, our Heavenly Father. Why do we call God “Father”? This is a question that many ask – particularly in this day and age when fathers can get a bad press.

The most obvious reason we call Him “Father” is because that is what He wants to be called. Jesus used the word “Father” more than any other description or name for God. And Jesus taught us to address God in the same way – most famously in the way we pray to God: “Our Father who art in heaven”

What do you think of when you hear the word *father*? I think of sitting perched on the splintery worktop in the garage watching my dad work. I think of the pungent smell of freshly cut wood, I think of his huge, strong hands. I think of the dolls house he built for my sixth birthday and the one he built, years later, for my daughter. The set of bedroom furniture he built for my fifteenth birthday, the numerous times he helped with moving, decorating and domestic repairs. I think of being rescued late at night when the last bus had gone, of being ferried around to various appointments. I think of endless discussions, debates, conversations, of being tickled until my sides hurt, of being hugged and comforted when things went wrong. When I speak of my father, I am speaking of a person who sadly is no longer alive but of a person who has profoundly affected my life.

It is astounding that God wants us to call him *Father*. The implications are staggering. Having God as our Father means that He is a living, personal being, and not an impersonal force. It means we can get to know Him. It means we can talk to Him and interact with Him. It means we can relate to Him on a personal and even an intimate basis. I might not know how to relate to an Almighty One, a Most High, a Holy One or the Great I Am, because I have not met anybody like that. I have no earthly frame of reference to do so. But relating to a father? That's different. *Father* does not denote an abstract force, a metaphysical power, or a cosmic aura. It speaks of a person with a distinct personality and characteristics. I believe that God wants us to call Him “Father” because it is a personal term that refers to a personal being with whom we can personally relate.

“Father” is also the term that best describes God's relationships - who He is in relationship to others. God relates to His Son, Jesus, and to us, His adopted

children, as Father. *Father* implies family interaction. It implies dependency, for a father is the source of life. It implies love and intimacy. It implies certain roles and responsibilities. A good father is committed to his family. He loves, protects, and provides. He lovingly guides, corrects, and teaches his children. A father also bequeaths an inheritance upon his children. "Father" is the most significant name of the God of the Bible. It is the name that sets Christianity apart from all the other religions of the world. Other religions invite us to worship their gods, allahs, creators, or metaphysical forces, but Christianity invites us to believe in a Son and to enter into an intimate family relationship with a loving Father.

Jesus, the Son of God, came so that we could meet His Father, be adopted into the family of God, and relate to the almighty God of the universe in an intimate, personal, concrete way as sons and daughters. *"As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they will be my people.' . . . 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters'" (2 Corinthians 6:16, 18).*

How well do you know the Father? Are you going ever deeper in your relationship with Him? Are you confidently and joyfully entering into the Father's presence? Do you experience His love for you as His daughter or as His son? Maybe this month is the time to resolve to spend more time with your Father and get to know Him more and more.

From the Registers of St.Mary's

Baptism at St.Mary's on 27th March 2011 of Jasmine Elizabeth, daughter of Martin & Natalie Bisiker

Baptism at St.Mary's on 24th April of Nancy Ella Bain, daughter of Jack Bain and Lesley Smith.

Baptism at St.Mary's on 1st May of Abigail Lucy Dobson, daughter of Christopher and Ann Dobson

Marriage of Hannah Rogers and Andrew Thompson on 23rd April.

Funeral Service at St.Mary's Olveston of Carol Margaret Trott, on Tuesday 3rd May, followed by burial at Almondsbury Cemetery

Cremation at Westerleigh followed by a service of thanksgiving at St.Mary's Olveston, of Gilbert Peter Stuckey on Friday 6th May.

Cremation at Westerleigh followed by Thanksgiving Service at St.Mary's Olveston, of Alastair Currie on Wednesday 11th May 2011.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jun 2	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain, Dean
Jun 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev R Bain & Rev R Crew
Jun 12	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe & Mrs A Lloyd
Jun 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev RolyBain
	10am	Community Service with Choir	Rev P Rowe & Rev R Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Jun26	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club in Church	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev P.Rowe & Rev R Crew

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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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

Jun 12	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jun 26	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jun 5	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Jun19	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jun 12	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Jun 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jun 5	10am 6pm	Tock Ch Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Howard Wilson Evening Worship led by Mr John Trebble. St Andrew's, Filton congregation joining us
Jun 12	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney The Breakfast Club joining later
Jun 19	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Jun 26	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Christopher Leese

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 8th June. To book your lunch please ring 0117 969 6387

Tockington Luncheon Group meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 16th June 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.

CONTACT: Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,
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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

Jun 5	6.30pm	Vic Soffe
Jun 12	6.30pm	Mike Jenkinson
Jun 19	6.30pm	Lyall Drewit
Jun 26	6.30pm	Mike Levi

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30 for 8pm.

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

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

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am,
Contact 01454 613305 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -
Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass
Tel 01454 412223 www.ck-thornbury.org.uk

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 June 2011

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

1 st Wed			
2 nd Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
4 th Sat	Totally Locally Market, Tockington Green Coffee Morning	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	 MH
5 th Sun	Royal British Legion Women-Trip		
6 th Mon	Monday Movies	7.30pm	StM
7 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
8 th Wed	Royal British Legion Men	7.30pm	DGCL
9 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
10 th Fri	Tea at Three, Wheatsheaf Garden (SPH)	3-4pm	
11 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Th Summer Fair (Castle Street)	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 10.00-2.00	MH AVH
12 th Sun	Royal British Legion Women Open Garden at Tomorosa for 90 th Anniversary	11.00-6.00	
13 th Mon	Craft Group Tel 07747 562264 for venue		
14 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Aust Parish Council Women's Institute	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR EVH PH
15 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
16 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Thornbury Farmers' Market Thornbury Volunteer Fair, St. M's Centre	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 9.00-1.30 9.00-1.00	OS† MH
17 th Fri			
18 th Sat	Coffee Morning Olveston Fayre (Church & School) Music in the Church at Aust	10.30-12.00 2-6pm 8pm	MH AC
19 th Sun	Mid-Summer Tea Party, Tockington Green	2.30-5.00	
20 th Mon			
21 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
22 nd Wed	Severn Vale Flower Cl. Strawberry Tea Severn Valley Quilters 417559 for details	2.30pm	Chy

23 rd Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.30-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
24 th Fri			
25 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale Marlwood School Art Exhibition & Open Gardens at Grove House, Tockington (and 26 th)	10.30-12.00 1.30-3.30 11-5pm	MH
26 th Sun	Art Exhibition, as 25 th		
27 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
28 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
29 th Wed			
30 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH

Looking ahead to July

4 th - 9 th	Thornbury Science Festival		
9 th	Morning Movie		StM

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

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