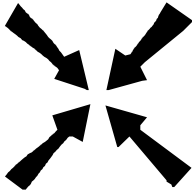


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From the Editor

November is the time of the year when we wear red poppies in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during all the wars of the last almost one hundred years. Frederick Addis of Olveston was one such person. He is commemorated by a brass plaque in St Mary's church and you will find a moving account of his life and death (in World War I) in this issue of Meeting Point.

Also in the magazine: an octogenarian remembers growing up during World War II, and Autumn talks, fayres and entertainments are under way.

Front cover (created by Lauren Brown):
images of El Alamein, North Africa.

4th November 2012 is the 70th anniversary of this Second World War Allied victory.

Winston Churchill wrote: "Before Alamein we never had a victory. After Alamein we never had a defeat."

Church bells throughout Britain rang in thanksgiving; a team of nine ringers rang the peal at St. Mary's, Olveston.

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Remembering Frederick Addis of Olveston

Nick Fear

When I first saw the illuminated brass memorial to Frederick Addis in St. Mary's Church Olveston, it struck a chord as it mentioned that he had been a member of the 12th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, known locally as 'Bristol's Own'. My own grandfather Henry Fear had died from wounds serving in the same battalion, although in 1916 two years before Frederick's untimely end. Bristol's Own had been a Pal's Battalion raised in 1914 and made up of volunteers from Bristol and its surrounding villages. Its exploits with honours became the stuff of legends, filling the local press with stories, and men became proud to be associated with it.

Looking at his story, I discovered that Frederick, who had worked as a correspondence clerk for the local council pre war, had joined Bristol's Own and was attached to D Company as part of Headquarters Staff. As with several of his comrades, however, before the battalion went to France he was tempted away as a prized trained man, to perform duty elsewhere. As an inducement, this usually meant a promotion. Frederick had already been a Lance Corporal, but he was made up to full Corporal and found himself serving in Princess Charlotte of Wales's, The Royal Berkshire Regiment.

In April 1918 the Germans launched their last major offensive of the Great War. They called this after Germany's patron saint, Saint Michael, but the allies came to regard this as the Kaiserschlacht, The Kaiser's Battle. Frederick found himself in the region of the River Somme in France, in front of the small town of Albert. The Germans attacked in force and desperate fighting, much of a very personal nature, took place. Reserves were sent in to try and stem the attack, by which time over fifty per cent of Frederick's battalion were casualties. At the end of the day the tally was that over 243 men had been killed, wounded or were missing. Frederick was amongst the casualties and his mortal remains were never found. Records state that he was just thirty years old.

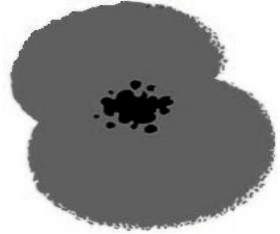
Today Frederick is commemorated on the imposing Poziers Memorial to the east of Albert, not far from the battlefield on which he fell. His name is one of 14,656 names on memorial walls which surround a cemetery containing the mortal remains of 2,758 men. Frederick may be amongst them in a grave marked for an unidentified soldier, 'Known only to God'. He may equally still lie at peace in the field on which he fell.

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After the war when his family commissioned his plaque in St. Mary's, the fact of his service with Royal Berkshire Regiment, seems to have been omitted. Perhaps like so many local people, they were proud to record that he had been a member of 'Bristol's Own'. Frederick, I feel, would have approved.

Olveston Branch Royal British Legion

**Sunday 11th November 2012
Remembrance Service at St. Mary's, Olveston
10.00 am**



Uniformed parties assemble at Parish Hall 9.15 am, stopping at Orchard Rise for others to join in, before proceeding to the church.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

**Bingo for the Poppy Appeal, November 6th,
Daldry Gardens Community Lounge**

Our branch has had a very successful year. Our main objective is to raise money for the welfare fund, but at our monthly meetings we have had some superb speakers: Sandy Rawle gave us a demonstration of Reflexology, Nick Large gave us a talk on salmon fishing, Richard Cornock gave us a year in the life of his farm at Tytherington, Phil Savage showed us marvellous pictures of his Hike for Hope in Kenya and Kath Taylor gave a flower arranging demonstration for our Diamond Jubilee Tea. We have Bingo every month to raise funds for the welfare fund.

We look forward to another successful year in 2013 and are happy to welcome visitors or potential new members. We will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal in November, so we ask you to give generously again.

"This is my Life"

For the last few years, St Mary's has had Advent Talks in December. This year we've moved them forward to November and are doing it as a joint venture with Olveston Methodist Church. The format remains the same: the speakers talk about their lives and the part faith has played in them for about 45 minutes, then there is time for questions, and then refreshments are served. Here's the line up! They all begin at 7.30pm. Free admission.

Thurs, Nov 8th at the Methodist Church: 'Beyond Reason'
Dame Janet Trotter, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire

Wed, Nov 14th at St Mary's: 'Theological reflections from Life in 2D & 3D'
The Revd Toddy Hoare, priest and sculptor

Tues, Nov 20th at St Mary's: 'Yesterday, Today and Forever'
The Revd David Powe, former chaplain at Bristol Prison

Tues, Nov 27th at the Methodist Church: 'My Career in Policing'
Dr Timothy Brain, former Chief Constable of Gloucestershire

PRISONS WEEK

As part of observing Prisons Week, The Revd David Powe is doing our 'This is your Life' on Nov 20th, and he was extremely funny and stimulating when he came to our Prisons Conference last year.

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Nov 17th at noon sees the launch of our latest major fundraising project, following the success of our mosquito nets one. This time we want to raise funds to enable MAF (The Mission Aviation Fellowship) to fly in monthly eye clinics to remote areas of Africa so that many who have cataracts and the like are enabled to see again. People walk hundreds of miles to reach them and they are sorely needed and of course greatly appreciated. Such a simple operation but it transforms the lives of those who have them. It costs a thousand pounds a go for a three day clinic - we'd like to raise a year's worth, ie £12,000, and hope that you will join us in a very worthy cause. At the launch we hope to have flight simulators to have a go at, as well as a presentation from the charity, and of course food and refreshments. More details in future issues.



The Garden Line

From articles (1991-92) by *Cecilie Turton*

Although one may feel that November is the end of the gardening year there is much to be done. A lot of clearing up is very necessary to keep the garden looking trim and neat.

If frosts have blackened the green tops of dahlias then now is the time to lift them. Cut off the tops leaving about 5" of stems. Stand them upside down in the greenhouse, conservatory or shed until all moisture has drained away and tops are completely dry. Shake off surplus earth and pack in a dry box with layers of peat or straw between the rhizomes. Cover with either newspaper or sacks, not polythene. Through the winter examine frequently to make sure there is no rot, cut away deceased parts with a sharp knife and dust cuts with flowers of sulphur. Don't forget to label your dahlias, colours, heights, singles or doubles.

If weather is suitable, get on with digging, especially if the ground is heavy. Winter frosts will break it down and also a dressing of lime $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per square yard will hasten the process.

Spare a crown or two of rhubarb for winter pies. Lift crowns very carefully, taking care not to damage the centre. Pack into a large box with moist soil between the crowns, place in a dark cool place in greenhouse or shed. Young shoots will appear in a few weeks.

For an early crop of broad beans, sow this month in a sheltered part of the garden. Sow two rows 7" apart and 6" between seeds.

Complete the planting of tulips and hyacinths. Under glass, keep an eye on bulbs in pots, don't overwater.

If weather is still reasonable, hardy perennials grown from seed can still be planted in the flowering positions, otherwise best wait until March.

Don't overdo the digging, a little at a time is wise and I'm sure much more enjoyable. You may be planting trees this month. If so, consider your neighbours; spreading roots and branches can cause trouble.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper

(austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Towards the end of September, the clerk went on a litter picking expedition south of Whale Wharf to the old railway van, not for the first time. I doubt if Beachcomber had such an interesting haul. An unopened tub of Tesco Value Butterly, a baker's plastic bread tray, an old bucket, a shoe, a couple of dozen plastic bottles (some with original fizzy contents), glass bottles, sweet wrappers, the inside of a car door and all sorts of bits of plastic. What a mess. A lot of this stuff comes on the tide but much is also dropped on the bank.

Perhaps the prize item was a plastic bag containing dog faeces, carefully wrapped and left on the bank for a cow to eat. Why don't people take the stuff home?

At the October meeting, the Council decided to show its support for the OWAG campaign with a modest contribution to its funds. Councillors noted the height of the balloon flown by the group, and were very concerned about the implications for Aust parish as well as Olveston. The Council also discussed the nuisance of commuter parking in Aust village, and will be seeking ways to alleviate this, and also the status – and state of disrepair – of the slip road from the tunnel end at Manor Farm, Aust, to the B4461.

Councillors recently met with representatives of South Gloucestershire planning department at the Greenacres site; the Parish Council is continuing its pressure for the unsatisfactory state of the site to be rectified.

The Council also adopted its new Code of Conduct as required by the Localism Act, and amended its Standing Orders to take account of those changes. Copies of these will be available on the Council's pages of the Olveston and Aust website.

Invitation to Aust Village Bonfire Display

Aust Village would like to invite you to a Small, Family-friendly Bonfire Display on the 3rd November @ Manor Farm Aust.

Gates open @ 6pm Fireworks @ 7pm BBQ and Hot Drinks Available
£10 for a Family £4 Adult £2 Child

For Health & Safety: Sparklers are provided - please do not bring your own.

Oveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (Ovestonpc@gmail.com)

Firstly I must apologise to all those eager to see the War Memorial Steps renovated in time for this year's Remembrance Day Service. Unfortunately the Parish Council has had a few issues with the contractor, and concerns over completion dates have forced the Council to postpone the work until March or April 2013 (weather permitting). On the positive side, last month's 'Parish Council Matters' has elicited some donation promises and we would welcome any further support.

The first meeting for the Parish Vision Steering Group is now to be held at 7:30pm on 16th November in Oveston School Hall (rather than Friday 26th October as previously advertised) and hosted by Ms Val Hudspeth (01454 600992), all welcome.

The Steps and the Parish Vision are just two of a number of interesting projects that the Parish Council is currently involved in. A further project (that can't be postponed) is to seek alternative ways to extend the graveyard at St Mary's. The graveyard is filling up, and current predictions indicate that there is only enough space for another 5 to 10 years. Alternative/ additional sites therefore need to be urgently identified, whilst the Parish confirms what the actual requirements are. So if you have any land that maybe suitable, please could you contact the clerk or any of the councillors.

Advent Windows

This year St Mary's Oveston is pioneering a new venture of having an Advent Calendar using lots of windows in the village. The idea is that on each day of Advent a new window will be lit up, all the way to Christmas Day. We'll advertise the list so that people know where to look. All you need to do is light up a window with any scene you like, as long as it's to do with light or Advent or Christmas - it doesn't have to be the nativity. Then they all stay lit till Jan 6th. If you'd like to be a part of this, please contact Debbie Harries on 613273 or email oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Programme: November 2012 – April 2013

All events (except 7th Nov) take place at the Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm. A £5 payment at the door will buy you membership and admission to the whole season of talks. Alternatively, you can pay £2 at the door for a single meeting. Open to all - everyone very welcome!

Wed. 7th November 2012 - at Olveston School. Details on next page.

Wed. 5th December 2012

Jennifer Tann will be *Exploring Gloucestershire's Cloth-Making Heritage through Pictures and Places*. Using paintings, photographs, maps and plans, she will bring to life some of Gloucestershire's extraordinary, centuries-long history of woollen-cloth making. Her knowledge of this successful export industry is considerable and her enthusiasm for Gloucestershire woollen mills is infectious!

Wed. 2nd January 2013

Ronald Hutton will give us an overview of the seventeenth-century war that split communities, *The English Civil War*. He will draw examples from the West Country and, among other things, will try to explain why – for instance – the clothworkers sided with Parliament and the miners with the King.

Wed. 6th February 2013

When we think of Bath, we think of the Romans and the Georgians. But something else must have happened there, surely? Stuart Burroughs, Director of the Museum of Bath at Work, will give some examples, in his illustrated talk on *2000 Years of Earning a Living in Bath*.

Wed. 6th March 2013

The Theatre Royal in Bristol has just been beautifully refurbished. Peter Carey will tell us about *Secrets Uncovered at the Oldest Continuously Working Playhouse in Britain*. A taster for one of our summer visits - a backstage tour of the theatre.

Wed. 3rd April 2013

The 2nd Augustan Legion (one of just thirty legions in the entire Roman Empire) planted itself just over the Severn at Caerleon and stayed there for two hundred years. Mark Lewis, Curator at the National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon, will tell us all about *Caerleon and the Roman Army* – and in the summer will act as our guide when we visit this site.

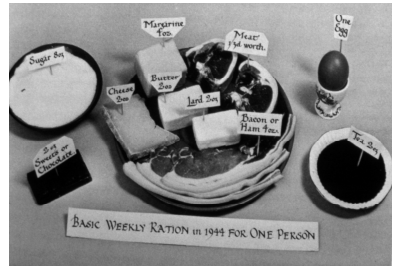
Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

Website: <http://www.olveston.com/historical-society>

Olveston and Aust Parishes in the Second World War

Olveston Parish Historical Society warmly invites you to a special event.

Eric Garrett's new book, about our local villages in World War II, will be hot off the press and available for sale. You might be tempted to buy more than one copy – a snip at only £6 - for friends and family. Eric will give a presentation about the local wartime experience and there will also be a display of local photographs and objects from that time.



Wed. 7th Nov. 2012 in Olveston School Hall – FREE entry. All welcome.
Website: <http://www.olvoston.com/historical-society>

350 Years of Dissent in Thornbury

Our local museum's autumn exhibition explores aspects of the history of a non-conformist church group in a small market town over three and a half centuries.

The members of this church 'dissented' from the prevailing Anglican Church of England in 1662 and still do so today (although their relations with current Anglicans are extremely amicable!). The exhibition traces the church from its origins as an Independent/Presbyterian group, through its transformation to a Congregationalist Church and finally to the modern-day Thornbury United Reformed Church.

For its first 56 years, this dissenting group had no building of their own in which to worship. The exhibition will reveal where their original chapel was, from 1718 until it was demolished in the 1960s. You can also find out about the first minister of the current chapel, who disappeared in 1827 - with £15 of chapel funds! - and about his successor, who travelled widely to raise money to pay off the chapel's debt. Jesse, the father of Handel Cossham, is buried in the URC churchyard, just over the road from the museum. Find out more about him too.

Free entry for all, to all parts of the museum (although donations are very welcome!). Opening times: **Tues-Fri 1-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm.** The Museum is in Chapel Street, next to The Armstrong Hall. www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Olveston & Tockington WI Report

Several of our members went to Weston at the end of September to attend the Avon Women's Institute AGM where we were presented with the Cup for the annual Kurling Championship. There was then an excellent talk about Bristol Blue Glass. Amazingly, samples of all types of glass from the earliest Egyptian beads to modern glass decanters were passed round the 500-strong audience for us to handle and admire at close quarters. After a break for lunch, we had a fascinating talk by Adam Henson from BBC1's "Countryfile".

October was a fairly quiet month – apart from Table Tennis, Skittles and our Book Group of course. At our monthly meeting, the talk entitled "Bride Ships" was about hundreds of young women who went to Canada in the 1860s to redress the balance of the sexes in British Columbia. We learned a lot of interesting facts that we didn't even know we didn't know!

November is our AGM – but we'll keep the necessary business part to a minimum so that we've got plenty of time for the Magic Show which follows. Old friends, new friends – you're all welcome. 7.30 on the 13th.

Music in the Church at Aust

Saturday 8 December at 8pm

Passamezzo: "To shorten winter's sadness"!

Winter time can sometimes be a challenge, even today, and for centuries the challenge has been met by celebrating with music and feasting, with Christmas at the heart of the action.

Why not kick off the festivities this year by going back in time to music which has been used to 'cheer winter's sadness' for centuries? Passamezzo, a group of five performers, will sing, play, and read a wide ranging programme in Elizabethan costume, in a candlelit Aust Church on 8 December. For feasting we can only manage mince and apple pies, wine and soft drinks, but the atmosphere will be convivial!

Tickets: £10, from Clive and Susie Roberts (tel. 01454-632238), Olveston Stores or the Boar's Head, Aust.

1st Olveston Scouts

Avon Scout Shooting Competition
30th September 2012

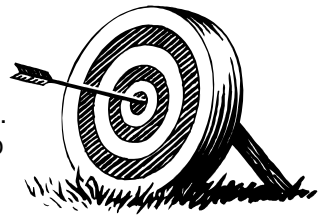


by Kieran Curtis

Mum woke us up 6am on Sunday morning, so that we could get ready for the Scout Shooting Competition, which was being held in at 1st Keynsham Scouts at Chellwood, Bristol. We had some breakfast and helped pack our lunch and some clean clothes, and of course waterproof jackets! Then headed off with our Dad to the butchers shop, where our Leader, John Rastrick, was waiting with the mini bus.

Along with us, there were four other scouts, Simeon Ashford, Rhys Whittcomb, Darren Banks and Theo Donoghue-McEwan. Only Theo and Darren had been there before, so we were excited but a bit nervous, we had a couple of practice sessions with air rifles and archery at Woodhouse Scout Park but we didn't really know what to expect.

The competition was split into Under 12s, Scouts, and Explorers & Adults. Each age group competed in several different events including, field targets (rifle shooting), archery, and optional clay pigeon (shotgun). It was a very long day, we had to go from one event to the next and there was a knock out competition, some of us had to run from one to the other!



We all had a fantastic day, and we came back with 10 certificates. I (Kieran) came 1st in the Field Targets and was 3rd overall in the 12-14 age group; Simeon came 1st in the U12s Field Target and 3rd overall in U12s group.

My brother Jamie came 1st in the U12s Shotgun and also won the Junior Archery Trophy and returned it to Olveston (it was won by us last year). Considering there were over 100 competitors we all felt really proud of how well we had done.

1st Olveston Scout Group

tel Lynda Spratt 01454 632484/ 07790 348726

Oveston Scouts annual line of coins



The Oveston Scout Group "Annual line of coins" event is scheduled to take place once again on Saturday 24th November.

Start collecting your spare coins to help us make a line of coins from the Stores to the White Hart. Join us on the day for tea and scrummy cakes at the Methodist Hall between 9.30am and 12.00 noon.

Each parent/guardian pays £10.00 per month per child to cover the overheads but your contribution to the line of coins puts the icing on the cake and enables the Group to provide those extra exciting activities that maintain the members' enthusiasm.

The aim of the Scouting Organisation is to promote respect, encourage responsible attitudes and to prepare our youth for the adult life they will ultimately face. Incidences of youthful vandalism in our villages are relatively low and I like to think that the behavioural standards set and expected at Scout meetings contribute towards maintaining this good record. It is therefore of benefit to us all to encourage continued interest and attendance.

Can I please ask you all to adopt the Scout Motto now, start putting your odd coins to one side and "BE PREPARED" to give generously.

Thanking you all in anticipation,

Colin Prewett

Chairman

Marlwood School PTA "Autumn Fayre"

We are holding our Autumn Fayre at Marlwood School on Friday 30th November 2012, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Come along and browse the numerous craft stalls. Refreshments available.

Village person - Eddie Woodward

Pat Thirkettle

Eddie is an endangered species – one of few people born and bred in the parish! He lived with his parents on The Common in Olveston in a cottage rented from the Organ family who owned Church Farm. They lived first in the first house on the left, and then when his grandmother needed looking after they moved to her cottage, the last one on the right – Eddie doesn't know their names, nobody bothered with names eighty years ago!

He had one day at the small school at the top of Old Down Hill called Weston's, but was so unruly his parents were told not to bring him again, so he waited until he was five to start school in Olveston! Actually he says he didn't have much schooling because he was working on the farms.

He was born in 1932 so was seven when the Second World War broke out, and he received his blue card. There was a very urgent need to grow the nation's food and, with so many men away fighting, school children in Olveston were given blue cards. This enabled them to do a day's work on any farm that needed them, and was signed by the farmer before they returned to school.

Eddie left school at fourteen and helped his dad who was a timber cutter for local saw mills and sold firewood, until he started working at Thornbury Saw Mills. This was situated behind Pullins Green, and there is still a road called Saw Mill Lane. At eighteen he went into the army to do National Service, which he spent in this country as a driving instructor. When he came out, he returned to the saw mill where he drove a caterpillar tractor and went out with hauliers felling trees in order to load their lorries.

He then found a better job at what was Harnhill Quarry, just outside Olveston on the road to Aust. He drove dumper trucks and excavators for a few years then graduated to their first eight wheel lorry. The quarry had a concrete plant and a tarmac plant and Eddie would get up at 4am, mix the tarmac and then deliver it all round the country. Many journeys were to Wales, where he would often bring back a load of granite, as some tarmac was sometimes mixed with it in preference to limestone. He later moved in to the onsite garage as a fitter.

When Eddie married his wife Iris they lived in a caravan on her father's land off Elberton Road and their daughter Yvonne was born while living there. Later when their son Michael was born they moved to Mill Lane, where Eddie still lives forty years later. He remembers calling in for a gallon of petrol, (one hand-operated pump where Powells the butcher now is), and five woodbine

cigarettes from the shop opposite run by the blacksmith, for 2s 1d – I convert that to roughly 15p!

So much has changed in Eddie's lifetime. Harnhill Quarry has long been filled in, but interestingly he recently met a retired colleague who had been recalled to help with water removal. The quarry always needed pumping when it was working and now water is still coming in and lifting the infill, so his colleague is back working three days a week because he remembers how to work the pump.

Since being retired fifteen years ago Eddie has kept his hand in doing odd jobs, including maintaining the church lawn mowers. Sadly Iris died three years ago, but Eddie is more than capable of looking after himself. He makes sure he has a cooked meal each day, and the ironing I saw was impeccable! He looks out over fields from the front window, and enjoys the wild life which includes a couple of falcons that perch in an apple tree opposite.

Movies at St Mary's: Nov

Trevor Anderson



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

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)
Mon 5th Nov at 7.30pm: Albert vows to track down his friend Joey the horse after his equine pal is drafted into WW1. From Michael Morpurgo's children's classic. *Cert 12*

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

Mon 19th Nov at 7.30pm: The remarkable documentary about a tightrope walker's daring, but illegal, high wire routine performed between the twin towers of the World Trade Center in 1974 and dubbed "the artistic crime of the century." Astonishing to watch. *Cert 12*

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

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

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

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

Christmas Gift and Craft Market

to be held at Tockington Manor School
on Friday 23rd November

2pm – 6.30pm

Everyone welcome!

Free Entry

A wide range of gifts and crafts,
sourced both locally and internationally.

Refreshments available. Raffle.



Autumn events at The Chantry

Halloween Haunted House at The Chantry – Wednesday 31st October 2012

Come and join us for a Halloween Haunted House Spooktacular at The Chantry on Wednesday 31 October 2012. Doors will creak open at 6pm and bang closed at 9pm!

Looking for a family-friendly alternative to the usual "trick or treat" this Halloween? Come along to The Chantry in Thornbury and visit the Haunted House. This spooky spectacle celebrates Halloween with a tour of the haunted house meeting ghostly guests, joining in with a scary séance and hearing terrifying tales. Live music, magic, face painting, tricks and treats will also be available throughout the evening in the party room where you will begin and end your jaw-dropping journey. The Haunted House promises to be an unmissable, eerie extravaganza.

This event is aimed at Primary school-aged children and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets: £3.50 each or Family of four: £12. Booking advised. Tickets available from: The Chantry office or bar, or the Tourist Information office at Thornbury Town Hall from 1st October.

See below for details of combined ticket for Halloween and Firework Night.

Fireworks Night at The Chantry – Monday 5 November 2012

Come and join us for the Annual Community Fireworks Display at The Chantry, on Monday 5 November 2012.

Continued overleaf

On Monday 5th November, The Chantry is once again holding its annual firework display. Gates open at 6pm for a 7pm start. The bar will open for refreshments and food will be available.

Tickets: £3.50 adults and £2.50 child if purchased in advance or for Chantry members. £4.00 adults and £3.00 child on the gate. Tickets available from: The Chantry office or bar, or the Tourist Information office at Thornbury Town Hall from 1st October.

We are offering a combined Halloween and Firework ticket at a discounted price of £20 for four people, which must include at least 1 adult and 1 child

For more information on both events, please telephone on 01454 414268 or email office@thechantry.org.uk

Castle School Autumn Fayre 2012

Friday 16th November 6.00 - 8.30pm



Art and Craft stalls...for all your Christmas shopping...and to suit all pockets! - Jewellery, Original Artwork, Cards, Cakes, Soaps, Candles, Fair Trade items, Christmas and Textile Crafts, Preserves, Woodcraft and more! Award winning Christmas, Triple Chocolate, Triple Ginger, Sticky Toffee and 'Chocca Mocha' Puddings will be on sale too!

Take your chance on the Tombola and the Grand Draw (star prize - DBB for 2 at Tortworth Court Hotel), a 'Hall of Games'- for the amusement of all ages!... and some of our young musicians will entertain you whilst you sample some well earned refreshments!

The Castle School Association Grand Draw will take place at the Autumn Fayre on Friday 16th November, at 8pm. Draw tickets can be purchased from: Castle School, Thornbury Garden Shop, (The Courtyard, High Street), and at the Fayre. All proceeds will be used to benefit and support the Castle School students.

Local Folk duo 'Rochentune' to perform in the lead up to Christmas!

Saturday November 24th 7.30 pm The Pavilion, Westmarsh Lane, Oldbury

On Saturday November 24th Rochentune are to perform in Oldbury on Severn. This toe tapping duo will treat you to an eclectic mix of traditional folk reels, jigs and hornpipes, well-loved folk songs and some new ones of their own.

We will even provide a bar and BBQ, so all you have to do is turn up at 7.30pm for an entertaining night. The performance is in aid of The Friends of Oldbury School and will be in the Pavilion in the playing fields on Westmarsh Lane. Tickets are £10 and include your first drink and burger. Please call Oldbury School on 01454 414 297 for tickets.

Thornbury Library November news

Coffee Morning – New!

Come along to our free coffee morning every Wednesday 10.30 -11.30 at the library.

Wills Clinic

Georgina Tankard, Estate Planning Associate with Collective Legal solutions will be available to answer your queries on 12th November, and 10th December from 10.00 – 12 noon. Just drop in – no appointment needed.

Home Library Service

If you enjoy reading but are housebound and unable to get to the library (even if it's a temporary incapacity due to an operation etc.) or you find your library books are too heavy to carry home, our friendly and helpful home library service volunteers can deliver library books to you in your own home.

Just give the library a ring or ask a friend or relative to contact us on your behalf. Did you know you can also ask 'Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport' to bring you to the Library? Just ask us for details, or why not try our Mobile Library?

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.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners October:

£50 Pete Jackson £15 Dave Buckley £5 Ian Watkins

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

15th September Dave & Diane Buckley

22nd September Olivia Maunder

6th October Barbara Binns

Diary Date:

16th November: Race Day at Cheltenham incl Breakfast/Entry/Betting Vouchers/Food & Drink Vouchers/ Post Race Buffet & Entertainment/Return Coach Only £70!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Sip `n Sing: CRUK Thornbury

Thursday 29th November 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm at The Ship, Alveston

Why not come along and singalong with Thornbury Castle Band for that `feel good` factor that comes from singing together? Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK committee are holding this event at THE SHIP ALVESTON on THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER from 7.30pm – 10.30pm.

Hot mince pies will be provided but it's your participation in singing in an informal get together that will make for an enjoyable and successful evening. Word sheets of Christmas songs and Carols will be provided so there is no excuse for not coming along. It was a Sell Out last time so get your Tickets early. Hope to see you there.

Tickets £6 from Mary on 01454 414466 or from any committee member.

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Garry Phillips

This year's Fayre was a great success with the Green filled with crowds of people for most of the afternoon.

Mrs. Peggy James opened the Fayre in excellent style. The Fancy Dress Parade provided some marvellous efforts, re-creating many of the famous London 2012 Olympic contestants. In the Chapel there were the displays and results of all the other competitions - congratulations to all those who entered, especially the winners. The Historical Society provided their usual high quality exhibition of old photographs of the locality. This year's Harvest Queen was Rebecca Preedy with her 2 attendants Georgia Tyrer and Rosie Culverhouse and they helped present the prizes. The Bristol Blue Flames gave an exciting display of gymnastics and the Brownies danced to music from each of the decades of the Queen's 60th Jubilee – they had a well-deserved reception when they finished.

It was another memorable village Fayre and we would like to thank all of you who came along on the day. Our thanks to all of you who donated so generously and last but by no means least, a big **Thank You** to all of our helpers. With all of your support we raised £1857.



Harvest Queen and Attendants

Yours Faithfully

Helen Webb

This month we commemorate all those who have died in conflict throughout the world – on Remembrance Day we remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Part of my work involves caring for people whose lives have been touched by the loss of a baby before or just after birth – through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or stillbirth.

I have a friend who works in a Hospice and is surrounded by people who are terminally ill and supports their families and friends.

Most people have themselves or know someone who has, one way or another, experienced this sort of personal tragedy. Grief is a horrible, terrible thing but it is what we feel when someone we love dies. There are so many emotions mixed up in it – shock, anger, guilt, longing, pain – and sometimes people say there are times after a death when they feel there is nothing worth living for.

As we search for comfort in times of tragedy, suffering and loss, the Bible gives us profound pictures of compassion in the life of Jesus. For example, in John Chapter 11 Mary and Martha come to Jesus following the death of their brother, Lazarus. We are told that Jesus was “deeply moved and wept”. Jesus was a man who knew loneliness, abandonment, and grief of all kinds - the night before He died must have been a long one - He knew full well what He was facing and the way He would die. As He died on the cross He felt that God had deserted and abandoned Him, just as many people do when they are grieving.

However, the death of Jesus was the beginning of our hope. For Jesus death wasn't the end of the story – God showed His power over everything, including death, by raising Jesus from the dead. That gives us the hope that there is much more to come, beyond and in spite of death.

Romans Chapter 8 assures us that “nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus our Lord”. In the darkness and pain that comes with grief we can cling on to that promise – God is with us - grief does not have to be a lonely journey.

From the Registers of St John's Church, Elberton

24th September 2012 Funeral of Paul Edwards followed by burial in the churchyard

From the Registers of St. Mary's Church, Olveston

16th September Baptism of Beatrice Sarah Jane Slade
daughter of James and Emma Slade

22nd September Marriage of Oliver Murray and Elizabeth Dobson

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the October draw, held on 11th October 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	549	Mr & Mrs W J Harries, Olveston
£75	463	Mr S Panes, Pilning
£25	165	Mrs P A Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£25	153	Mr A Heming, Alveston
£25	248	Mrs C K Hickman, Olveston
£20	207	Mrs C E Black, Thornbury
£20	303	Mr J H Chick, Olveston
£10	284	Mr D J Talbot, Olveston
£10	291	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Nov 4	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. R. Bain & Rev. P. Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr D.Jones & Rev R. Bain
Nov 11	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev R. Bain
	10am	Parade Service with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Nov 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev P Rowe & Mrs J McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Nov 25	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev R Crew & Rev P Rowe

Contacts:

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk

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

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Nov 11	10am	Joint Remembrance Service with Aust Evangelical Church	Rev David Bone
Nov 25	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Nov 4	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Nov 18	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 11	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Nov 25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Nov 4	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch St Andrews	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Evening Worship led by Mrs Alison Smith
Nov 11	10am	St Mary's	Remembrance Day Service
Nov 18	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Nov 25	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14th November. To book your lunch please ring 0117 969 6387

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 29th November To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

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

CONTACT: Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,
e-mail dandlhardy@btinternet.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Nov 4	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Nov 11	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan- Davies
Nov 18	6.30pm	Munir Din
Nov 25	6.30pm	A N other

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

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

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

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

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm

For details tel. 413247

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

Contact 0117 3050969 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Tel 01454 412223 www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry, Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. Children welcome with prior notice.

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for November 2012

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

1 st Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Fascinating Rhythm Workshop Turnberries Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 10.00-4pm 8.30pm	OST
2 nd Fri			
3 rd Sat	Coffee Morning Bonfire & Fireworks at Manor Farm Aust Sat Night Quiz	10.30-12.00 6pm 8.15	MH AP
4 th Sun		7.30pm	DGCL
5 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
6 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Severn Vale Flower Club Open Meeting R. B. L. Women -Poppy Appeal Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 6.30/7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL AH DGCL
7 th Wed	O.P.H.S.Book Launch & Exhibition	7.30pm	OS
8 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Fascinating Rhythm Winter Celebration Th. & District Flower Cl. Demonstration This is My Life	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	OST MH CS TMH OMC
9 th Fri			
10 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
11 th Sun	Remembrance Sunday		
13 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute A.G.M.& Magic Show Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
14 th Wed	This is My Life Th Meth.Players 'Summers End'-17th	7.30pm 7.45pm	StM TMH
15 th Thu	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30	OST MH
16 th Fri	Castle School Autumn Fayre	6-8.30pm	
17 th Sat	Coffee Morning Launch of charity for eye clinics inAfrica	10.30-12.00 12.00	MH StM
19 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
20 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR

	This is My Life	7.30pm	StM
21 st Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Coach Trip Jazz at the White Hart Olveston S.V. Smallholders Talk on Contracting	8.30pm 7.30pm	Chy
22 nd Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Practice Class	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OST OST MH TMH
23 rd Fri	Christmas Gift Craft Market Tock. Manor	2-6.30pm	
24 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
26 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
27 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting This is My Life	9.30-11.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR AP OMC
28 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Coffee morning Severn Valley Quilters	10.30am 7.30pm	CH CH
29 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OST MH
30 th Fri	Autumn Fayre at Marlwood School	6.00-8.00pm	
Looking ahead to December			
8th	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	

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

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