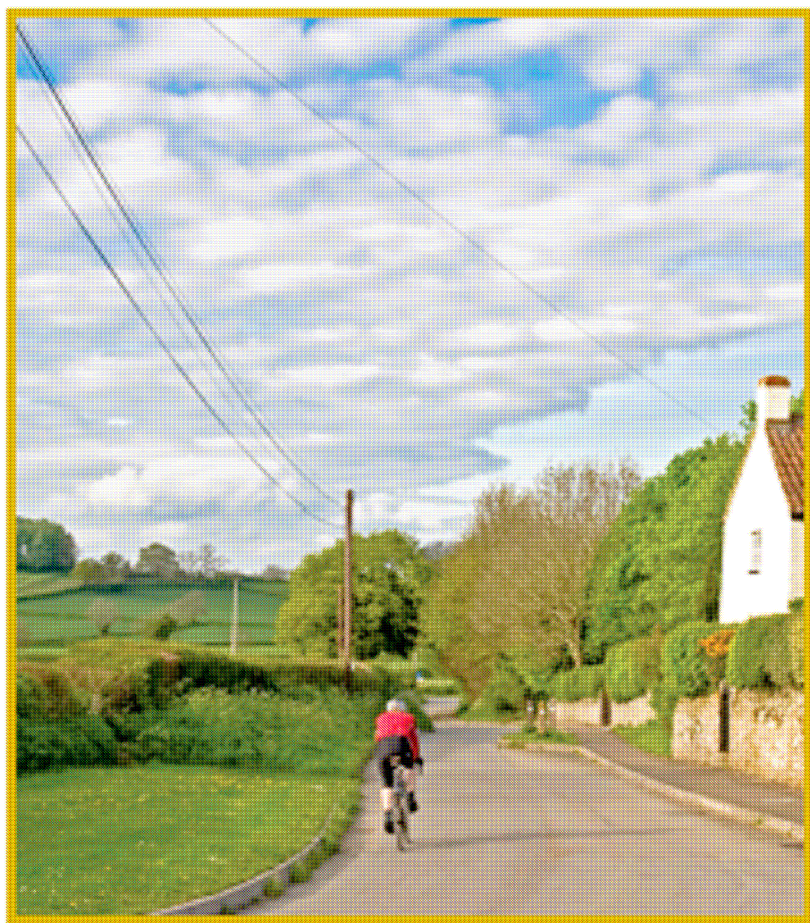
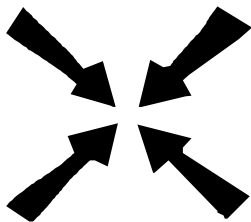


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## **From the Editor**

This month Meeting Point would like to say a huge thank you to Bill Morgan who has decided to retire from the magazine. As successively foreign correspondent, deputy editor, editor, committee member and latterly chairman, Bill has supported Meeting Point tirelessly over the years. He will be a hard act to follow. I am pleased to say that Les Harper, deputy chairman, has agreed to take over as chairman. We all wish him well in this new role.

In this edition there are both entertaining and cautionary reflections on the momentous summer of 2012, and lots of future events to fill October days, evenings and weekends.

This month's cover: cycling through Littleton upon Severn photographed by Peter Haworth

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# **“Anksy” of Olveston**

*Pat Thirkettle*

By the time you read this the Olympics and Paralympics will be a happy memory of the golden summer of 2012, and Olveston’s “Anksy” will have returned to being Angus Macaskill!

It all started with the Diamond Jubilee competition to decorate houses in Olveston when Angus painted his back gate with a picture of the Queen and Prince Philip and won first prize. It was so well received he kept updating it during the celebrations and many people encouraged him to keep it up until the Olympics. This he did, giving much pleasure and interest to Vicarage Lane, and on the day I interviewed him he was planning a picture of the closing ceremony. However, that same day he had received a visit from the local council regarding a complaint they had received about the pictures needing planning permission. As he was talking to the council officer, a passerby wound down the car window and protested that the gates were now a feature of the village! It was amicably agreed that the pictures were only a temporary feature.

Angus and Fiona have lived in Olveston with their four daughters since 1978. They moved into a dilapidated Churchill House on the corner of Vicarage Lane in 1985 and have been slowly doing it up ever since. Angus worked for Rolls Royce for fourteen years before founding his own IT business ‘Organise Ltd’, a title which caused raised eyebrows within the family! However, it was successful enough for Angus to move on after ten years, at a convenient moment when Fiona’s student housing business was taking off.

He had painted from school days but restarted enthusiastically in the 1990s after a present from a lodger, who happened to be straight out of a Young Offenders Institute, of a big box of acrylic paints – for which, it transpired, he had stolen their money! Another step came through evening classes when consulting away from home three days a week. The last big step was a much enjoyed art foundation course at Bristol School of Art, Angus clearly a mature student by then, followed by a full-time HND in Fine Art.

Since then Angus has held several exhibitions and paints commissioned portraits. Two large art works have featured on Points West. One was called ‘Earthbound?’ and took place inside a hot air balloon. The other entitled ‘Gorgeous Bottle’ was constructed from plastic bottles discarded in the Avon Gorge, in the form of a raft called ‘Bottle?’ with the help of fellow artist Peter Dalby. They paddled it into the Floating Harbour in order to draw attention to Bristol’s then lack of provision for recycling plastic.



There is so much more that could be told about Angus that would take up most of an edition of Meeting Point!

For example: how he briefly played the saxophone in the 70s group 'Genesis' (yes, the one you've heard about) when it started life at Charterhouse School, but his father wanted him to have a 'proper' job, so he went to Oxford to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics; how he never received his degree until he needed it professionally, so when his daughter Natasha was receiving her Oxford degree he went to the same ceremony for his BA and later in the same ceremony went up to receive his MA –all in Latin of course; how he and Fiona fly planes and paraglide all round the world, when not taking a very energetic part in village life.

In fact everything the Macaskills do is energetic, also aided by living with three young grandchildren who inhabit another part of the house. There are, of course, occasional setbacks. Only the previous Saturday Angus set off to fly a friend who wanted to take aerial photos, but the plane had a technical problem so they landed minus the photos. Angus then drove over to join the family at Thornbury Sailing Club, got into a Wayfarer boat with another friend and promptly capsized – maybe he should have been concentrating on painting the gate and keeping us all entertained!



Angus and Fiona Macaskill outside the winning Diamond Jubilee decorated gate



# The Future Shape of Olveston?

South Gloucestershire Council has issued a "Draft Olveston Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)". This reviews the character of the village and proposes significant extensions to the Conservation Area boundaries. It could have a substantial effect on future development in Olveston so residents are encouraged to look at the SPD and supporting documents. These can be downloaded from the Council's website at [www.southglos.gov.uk/olvestonSPD](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/olvestonSPD). The public are invited to respond, comments have to be submitted by 19th October.

## Olveston Windfarm Action Group

OWAG are staging more events in October as part of their campaign which opposes plans to site 3 giant wind turbines on the outskirts of Olveston. A large weather balloon will be launched and tethered on land adjacent to the proposed site and will fly at the height of the turbines so as to demonstrate their size and the impact on the village and surrounding countryside. The best viewing points will be from Olveston Primary School gates, Olveston Common and the walk from the Common to Catherine Hill and both M48 motorway bridges. A viewing area from above the village will also be provided at number 2, Severn View, Haw Lane, Olveston. Please note that this viewing area is only open on the dates shown and can only be reached on foot as there are no car parking facilities at this address. Weather permitting, the balloon will be flown on the dates of: - Friday October 5th and Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday October 12th and Saturday October 13th.

In between these dates OWAG will be holding a Public Meeting in the Olveston and Tockington Hall on Monday October 8th at 7:30pm to present local concerns about the windfarm development and to receive everyone's views. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Litter Picking

There will be a litter pick commencing at 1pm on Saturday 6 October, meeting at the Parish Hall car park. Disappointingly, most of the fast-food litter on the verges is probably dropped by residents of this parish. But just like dog poo offenders, you can never catch them in the act!

If you do a 'private' litter pick in your area and would like some black sacks, let me know. Rod Williams, 612850.



# Ingst wind farm - RSPB point of view

*Richard Archer*

*RSPB Somerset & Severn Estuary Conservation Officer*

"The RSPB strongly supports the UK government's target to source 15% of energy from renewables by 2015, but this must be achieved without damaging important wildlife and the habitats that support it. We judge each wind farm scheme on its merits and object where we feel it could pose a serious threat to important bird populations and their habitats. The wind turbine scheme developed at our HQ in Bedfordshire was subjected to rigorous environment assessment before we were satisfied that it would be OK.

"Since the article by Nick Webb [Meeting Point September 2012], I have received a draft copy of the ornithological assessment of the Ingst proposal. The survey work carried out for REG by Avian Ecology indicates that there is low risk to important bird populations from this proposal and the RSPB is happy to accept this conclusion. Whether the scheme would have an adverse effect on bats or other important species is for others to decide."

## Olveston Pre-School open morning

Olveston Pre-School is having an Open Morning on Monday 22 October to allow prospective pupils and their parents/carers a chance to see its 'outstanding' learning environment and facilities for themselves.

The Pre-School has excellent staff and new purpose-built facilities, and is located adjacent to the Parish Hall in Tockington. There are large indoor and outdoor play areas, and something that will appeal to all children.

Staff will be on hand for guided tours of the Pre-School and to answer any queries; whether they be about the Pre-School's approach to learning, how to enrol, or what a typical day comprises. Refreshments will be served, so why not come for a cuppa and a chat at a time that suits you?

Doors will be open from 9.30am to 11.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.





# The Garden Line

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

The coming of October means a lot of work, preparation of the ground ready for autumn planting. Soil which is dug over early in the autumn gets the benefit from winter frost and is broken down in good condition for spring planting. If roses have been ordered, prepare ground so it will have time to settle before planting next month. Plenty of good rotted manure should be incorporated.

Remove all annuals before they become untidy. Plant out perennials raised from seed, having first revitalised the soil with a good fertilizer.

Take hardwood cuttings of buddleia, deutzia, forsythia, philadelphus and weigela. Firm shoots about 10" long inserted in sandy soil in a cold frame or even outdoors. Make sure no leaves are under the ground, for this will cause rotting on the stem.

Take further cuttings of bay, lavender and rue. Insert round rim of pots filled with equal quantities of peat and sand. Lengths of mint roots planted 2" deep in a box and kept in the greenhouse or conservatory will provide fresh young sprigs for the winter.

Examine bulbs in bowls which are standing in a shed or cool room and water if necessary.

Under glass sow lettuce for growing under cloches, or plant singly in pots for winter use, keep in a cool greenhouse. When transplanting lettuce seedlings make sure the seed leaves are not under the soil. These should be just above the surface, never buried.

## Reporting footpath problems

You can report major footpath problems directly to the Public Rights of Way officer for this area at South Gloucestershire Council by emailing her:

[Lindsay.Saunders@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Saunders@southglos.gov.uk) Please copy me at [rodangelawill@btinternet.com](mailto:rodangelawill@btinternet.com)

I can usually deal with minor problems such as overgrown vegetation at stiles.

Rod Williams, 612850



# A Walk on the Wild(acre) Side:

## about 1.5 hours

Boots or wellies recommended. Motorway drone inescapable.

Start at Olveston Stores. Walk along The Green in the direction of Catherine Hill/the duck pond for a little over 100 metres (do not go down the passage by Ty Nant). At Rose Cottage (opposite Beechcroft, footpath sign on telegraph pole, mirror on wall), turn right down the driveway, dogs on leads and maintaining quiet, pass between the house and garage and follow the stream for a few metres to the metal pedestrian gate into the orchard. Go straight ahead following the wall and leave the orchard through another metal gate. (Keep dogs on lead if animals present). Walk up the grass field to the top left corner. Take a look back to absorb a marvellous panoramic view of the village. Cross over the stile (re-fix fencing mesh if you have to let dogs bypass the stile). Cross the arable field to the far left corner and over the wonky stile to give another wide view of open country (and the M48). Descend the grass field heading diagonally left towards a house roof just visible over the brow. Cross the stile into Catherine Hill, turn right (beware traffic), cross the first motorway bridge and after another 100 metres, turn right down Mead Lane (sign missing). Fork left to take the bridleway/track to the left of the farm buildings, through a vehicle gate, cross a rhine bridge and follow the meandering track for a few hundred metres. Pause at a farm gate on the right to look towards the proposed site of the wind turbines in the lee of Ingst ridge. Just before you reach a small wood on the left, turn left through a metal gate on to a wooden foot bridge over a ditch then immediately turn right and through a vehicle gate into the long, narrow grass field. Walk ahead for less than 100m to reach a stile on your left leading into Wildacre Wood (protected by The Woodland Trust charity) (watch children - deep water and other possible dangers off the track). Cross the stile and go straight ahead, cross the rhine on a concrete bridge and follow the faint track in a right-hand curve that soon brings you back to the rhine. Cross the wooden bridge and turn left and walk to the dead end to see the interesting junction of two rhines. Turn around and follow the rhine back to the concrete bridge and walk out of the wood the way you came in and backtrack to the bridleway. Turn left and continue along the bridleway, noting the big 'three way' electricity pylon worthy of an advert for C4 TV. At a vehicle gate straight ahead, go into a lovely, narrow, grass drovers' lane with a small wood on the left and walk towards the M4. On reaching the motorway, it is necessary to turn round and head home the way you came because a wooden footbridge beyond this point is unsafe, awaiting repair by SGC. Even when that work is done, allowing a route to Ingst, there is no continuous footpath back from Ingst to Olveston Common as it was cut when the motorway was constructed in the 1960s.



# Stand Up To Cancer

My beautiful daughter Ella was diagnosed with a Ewing's Sarcoma last November and she has been having chemotherapy and proton therapy ever since. This treatment is the product of a lot of research and we were lucky that a protocol was in place.

Recently Ella was filmed for Channel 4 for their upcoming 'Stand up to cancer' week. This is a series of programmes focussing on cancer and culminating in a live fundraiser on Friday 19th of October to raise money for research, something that Ella feels strongly about. Ella's film will be shown during this week and on the Friday night. We are therefore asking people to watch this fundraiser and to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you

*Mandy Cottle*

## Olveston Parish Harvest Supper

The annual Parish Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Parish Hall. This popular event will commence at 7.30pm and as well as good food there will be local entertainment and the presentation of the Village of the Year Award. We look forward to your support.

Tickets £10 available from June Robbins 617491 or The Crusty Loaf.

## Olveston & Tockington W.I. report

The summer holidays rushed by in a blur of sunshine and showers. Most members joined in our August dinner at the Anchor – a very enjoyable evening. Some of us were hesitant about our practical handicraft abilities for the “Creations Workshop” in September. In fact, although some members were undoubtedly better than others, we all had a really good time. Whether we'll all remember what we learnt is a different matter!

Our next meeting will be a talk entitled “Bride Ships”. Come along and find what it's all about – Tuesday 9th October at 7.30.



# When I'm cleaning windows...

*A cautionary tale from Peter Davis*

Saturday 11th August was a bright, sunny day; just the day for me to get up on my ladder and give the windows a good clean. My wife Janet had said in passing: "Be nice to see out of our windows again Peter". Right, I thought, warm soapy water in a bucket, chamois, and squeegee, what could be difficult about this? Besides, I have done it many times before, and it has always gone splendidly. It all started so well, the windows gleaming as I finished each one. Janet will love the view now. Round to the front I went, ladder on the path, me onto the fairly low roof about 10ft off the ground, and the window cleaned. Then things started to go a bit awry. As I put my foot on the ladder to descend, I just remember flying through the air. Crash! I landed on my front path with a scream. Janet, who was inside, thought: "don't normally hear Peter cry out like that", and out she dashed.

I had landed on my side, and banged my head. I was sitting on the front path, leaning against my garage, with a large lump on my head, seeing stars, angry, frightened and feeling a total idiot. I could move my fingers and toes, and would have tried to get up, but Janet who had seen me have a short lived fit told me to stay where I was. She called 999 and within 5 minutes there was a helicopter hovering over the square of Denys Court. I couldn't believe it. All this because I had fallen off a ladder! A Paramedic Ambulance soon appeared, and my assessment began. I had another short lived fit. The Air Ambulance had landed in the field adjacent to the Olveston School playing field, and the crew found and asked Val Brazell if she could drive them to Denys Court. Val kindly obliged, bringing me a doctor and another paramedic. Another ambulance was next with two rather pretty female paramedics on board. Ah well, I thought, every cloud ....

A few minutes being assessed in the Ambulance and we sped off to Frenchay, an ECG being done on the way, blood pressure checked etc. I thought this MOT would have cost me a fortune, if I'd had it done by BUPA. I was whisked into A& E at Frenchay, and was seen almost at once: IV drip, CT scan, full check up. Thankfully the CT scan found I still had a brain, and after a few more tests I was told I could go home. Janet did take a few photos of me in there; in one I look like Basil Fawlty in the Germans episode. I have asked her not to release these ... not that pretty.

I was home about 4 hours after it had happened, in a total daze, wondering did that really happen? The reason for the article is this. I am 6' 5", ex Army and ex Police, and this incident scared me more than anything that has ever



happened to me. Not to put too fine a point on it, I could have died on my front path! The Emergency Services were superb, neighbours in the village brilliant both at the time when I lay there on my path, and after I had returned home.

It is only when things like this happen you realise how fragile life is. Take care when up ladders, someone else came into Frenchay A&E after me having fallen off one too. Now, where is the number for that window cleaner ...?

## St Mary's Events

**St Mary's Harvest Festival** is on October 7th at 11am. Our preacher is Sr Hilda Mary from the Loaves & Fishes Project, and any tins and non-perishable foods that you can bring will be given to that project which feeds the homeless in Bristol. The **School Harvest festival** is on Friday the 5th, and their produce will be going there too. We hope the school choir will be taking part. It will be followed by the welcome return of the Amazing Eric, a fine magician, and then the usual lunch will be served. Tickets for the lunch are only £2. Do come!

'**Jubilate**', our next concert at St Mary's, features Gill Olewicz, a choir member but a superb songstress in her own right. She will be supported by the Voller Quartet, and accompanied by Olwen Wonnacott and David Shaw. If her past concerts are anything to go by, it will be a very good musical evening indeed. It's on Oct 6th at 7.30pm. Tickets at £7.50 are available from her (615870) or June Robbins (617491).

You might have got this issue in time to discover that St Mary's is having a **Michaelmas Quiz** on September 29th at 7.30pm, with Chris Smart as our Quizmaster. Lasagne will be served, and is included in the ticket price of £5. Come as part of a team or find a team when you get there!

On October 13th we're having another of our very popular **Big Breakfasts**. This time it's at Olveston Vicarage again, and it's in aid of Brace, a local charity funding research into Alzheimer's. It's a full cooked breakfast, with sittings at 8.30am, 9.45 & 11.00. Tickets at £7.50 from Gail Lowe 612709, Roly Bain 616593 or June Robbins 617491

Oct 28th at 6pm is our **annual service commemorating the departed**. You are invited to come and light a candle for a loved one.



# Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper*

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We have some really excellent news this month. Readers will remember that the council has been fighting against the proposal that the house wrongly built next to Quarry House in Littleton should be given planning permission as a house. The owner's appeal against South Gloucestershire Council's refusal of planning permission has been rejected. The building therefore has a nil use – that is, it can only lawfully be used for agricultural or forestry purposes. We will no doubt be pushing South Gloucestershire Council to pursue its enforcement action against the unauthorised works.

The Council is continuing its efforts to get the Greenways site in Aust restored to agricultural land – again we are pressing South Gloucestershire Council to use its powers to push this forward.

We have also been investigating whether the owner of Whale Wharf has been paying the proper rates and Councillors will be meeting with the Government's Valuation Office, courtesy of Steve Webb, MP, at the time of publication of this magazine. We want to know why the owner's appeal against the rateable value assessment is taking so long to determine. It gives a certain whimsical satisfaction to know that apparently one of the main grounds for the appeal is that the road access makes the site difficult to use for commercial purposes. And yet he managed to persuade the planning inspector and South Gloucestershire council that the road access was suitable for his plans....

The Council has been looking into the possibility of getting the Littleton pond cleaned to prevent it becoming overgrown.

The proposed wind farm at Ingst is also of concern: in the light of views expressed by residents, the Council will be opposing the application which is expected to be submitted shortly.

Under the Localism Act, the Council must adopt a new Code of Conduct, and it expects to do so at the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Council is also planning a meeting with a representative of ALCA (the Avon Local Councils Association) to discuss the other implications of the Localism Act. This far reaching legislation gives some additional powers to Parish Councils; the government's recent announcement about changes to the planning rules could also affect the area. Aust Parish Council will be looking carefully at the implications of these changes.



# Oveston Parish Council Matters

*Richard Rogers*  
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With Remembrance Day fast approaching, it is probably a good time to think how our Parish annually remembers all who have died in conflict. When a war memorial was first proposed in memory of the 33 local men who fell in the Great War, a segment of the churchyard was identified, the existing walls of the churchyard modified, and steps incorporated down to the adjacent roads. Since that time the lowest steps have been damaged and eroded away by passing traffic and the remaining steps have now been so badly weathered that stones have cracked and broken apart, and are now considered a Health & Safety issue.



The Parish Council has been proposing to renovate the War Memorial Steps for some time, and considerable efforts have been made to obtain a grant and funding for this project – unfortunately without success. The Parish Council has therefore decided to bear the cost and proceed with replacing the steps in keeping with the village and the surrounding area.

In plan view the octagonal structure of the steps will be retained, and will use the line of the existing lowest full step as the outer boundary. However, the three existing steps will be replaced by four, to give better access from the adjacent footpath. The lowest two steps that are badly damaged and partially covered in tarmac will be fully removed, and the existing tarmac footpath made good.

Hopefully when you read this the work will have started, and repairs to the footpath progressed by South Gloucestershire Council in time for the 2012 Remembrance Day service. The Parish Council would welcome donations from parishioners for these renovations, please email or phone the Clerk with any observations or issues.

The first meeting for the Parish Vision Steering Group is being hosted by Ms Val Hudspeth (01454 600992), on Friday 26th October at the Parish Hall, and she or the Clerk would welcome contact from anyone interested.



# 1st Olveston Scouts

## Survival Camp

July 27th-29th 2012

Potato Tump, Cote Farm, Aust.



*Charlie (Ray) Stagg*

On one sunny Friday evening 5 scouts (Rhys, Ollie, Darren, Theo, and I) set off to Lynda's farm to take part in a survival camp weekend. I felt excited but also very nervous as I knew we had to do things like gutting fish and skinning rabbits!

When we got there we had to split into 2 groups, a group of 2 (Rhys and I) and a group of 3 (Theo, Darren and Ollie). We were then given the challenge to go off in our groups and build our shelters for the weekend. Rhys and I went to find a little spot in the woods for our shelter. On the first night it wasn't meant to rain so we made a wind brake for the night. Lynda had already made us a drop pit (this was our toilet for the weekend but luckily I did not have to use it!). After we had finished making the shelter we went to get our tub of food, cooking equipment and our washing up bowl. That night it was quite cold so we decided to make a fire but it wouldn't catch so in the end we had to get Stuart to help us. We then had some hot chocolate from Lynda and after that went to bed.

On Saturday Rhys and I both woke up at 6am and luckily our shelter hadn't fallen down. That morning we both got the fire going on our own. For breakfast Rhys and I had bacon, a tin of beans, fried egg with some toast and all of it was cooked on the fire. After breakfast we both went to the chopping circle to be given a lesson by John on how to safely chop wood. When we had finished doing that we had lunch which was a ham sandwich with a tomato but I don't even like tomatoes but because I was so hungry I ate one. After lunch we had to face the dreaded part of gutting fish and plucking pigeons and then cutting the breasts out of them so we both faced our fears and we did it and the fish we were gutting were called sea bream. We then all went for a walk along the river where we had a stone skipping competition. When we got back the food was cooked for dinner, it was very nice. We had kebabs of courgettes, tomatoes, mushrooms with our fish and pigeon, for pudding we had hot chocolate and then went to bed.

On Sunday, our last day, we had for breakfast two fried eggs three sausages and a piece of toast each and again it was all cooked on the fire. That morning we had to take down our shelter and wash up all of our things and put out the fire. While we were doing that John and Lynda were putting up a



swing and a low ropes course for us to play on after we had finished our jobs. Unfortunately we did not have much time before we had to leave so we put all our stuff in the truck and our bags on our backs, had a photo and then set off for Lynda's farm. When we got there all the parents were waiting for us. When I got home my Mum said I smelt like a bonfire and put me straight in the bath!

I had a lovely time and would like to thank Lynda, Stuart and John for making it such a brilliant weekend. ☺

## **S.O.S.! from First Olveston Scout Group**

Our group has operated for the past few years without a Group Scout Leader. This position is really the most important within the organisation as the incumbent is responsible for the co-ordination of all leadership and operational aspects of the Group, and the development of Scouting in the Group's catchment area. It requires a close relationship with the Executive Chairman, a strong background in personnel management and it would be a bonus if he/she had scouting experience.

Secondly, we need someone to fill the post of Group Quartermaster and take responsibility for the equipment in store and maintaining the respective inventories. This is not an onerous task – no time restraints – just liaison with the Section leaders to establish what they need to keep or dispose of and how they feel it is best stored (ideal for a retiree with a little time on his/her hands!).

Anyone interested, please call me on 01454 614210 - Colin Prewett Chairman

## **Olveston Parish Historical Society**

Our new season of monthly meetings (first Wed. of each month, Oct 2012 to April 2013) will start, as usual, with the Society's AGM on **Wed. 3rd October**, to be followed by the showing of a DVD. This will outline the thousand-year history of Bristol as a sea port, including the origins of the city centre port, the twentieth-century heyday of old-style dockers and the contemporary growth of Avonmouth and Portbury. The programme for 2012-13 will be available at the meeting.

The annual membership rate is to be decided at the AGM but is bound to be a bargain - only £5 last year! You can join up on the evening. **Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm.**



# Police Report: August 2012

We received 45 calls to the police and have had 17 reported crimes for the area. Of the 17 crimes:-

A distraction burglary occurred in Tockington where offenders approached an elderly male in his garden asking if they could look for keys that had been lost. After he had helped them look he then asked them to leave, which they did. A short time later the victim found that items had been taken from his property. Investigations are still ongoing.

Olveston Tennis club equipment store has been broken into causing damage to the door and lock but no items were taken. Number plates were stolen from a vehicle in Laxton Close. Unknown offenders have caused damage to an electric box and smashed a window at Olveston Sports and Social Club over the weekend. It is believed that on the same weekend flower beds were ripped up and thrown onto a neighbour's property.

The next Beat Surgery dates are 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop between 10.30 – 11.30 am.  
To report a crime/incident call 101, for an emergency call 999.  
To discuss a matter please call PC Roger Hopes and PCSO Kelly Dimery on 0117 945 5959.

## Ladies' Lunch – but “not just for ladies”!

**Tockington Methodist Chapel, Wednesday October 3rd, 11.00-2.00pm**

Following the success of last year's Coffee Morning for International Women's Day, this year there will be a 'Ladies Lunch' with all proceeds going to Macmillan.

We hope you can come along for a light lunch or tea and cake on Wednesday October 3rd at the Methodist Chapel, Tockington green, from 11-2pm.  
Suggested donation £5pp. (Not just for ladies, all welcome!)



# Old Down Cricket Club

## 150 Club Winners September:

£50 Diane Buckley

£15 Neil Cross

£5 Iain Murdoch

## Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

11th August

Dave Gardner

1st September Paddy Gardner

## Diary Dates:

13th October: Annual Dinner & Dance at Old Down Country Park Tickets £30

16th November: Race Day at Cheltenham incl Breakfast/Entry/Betting

Vouchers/Food & Drink Vouchers/ Post Race Buffet & Entertainment/Return

Coach Only £70

Along with many summer sports clubs our income has been hit hard by the dreadful weather. We have also suffered unexpected machinery failure. So please make every attempt to support the events above, you will be made most welcome!!  
*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

## Movies at St Mary's: Oct

*Trevor Anderson*



THREE 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 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.30pm:** A British fisheries expert is asked to help bring the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. Charming, quirky and very British! *Cert 12*

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

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm:** Seaside frolics with the beanpole Frenchman who accidentally causes havoc wherever he goes. Stars Jacques Tati. *Cert U*

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

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am:** This hilarious story of a little girl genius is based on the book by Roald Dahl. A treat for older children and grown-ups. *Cert PG*

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](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com).





# Action Medical Research

is holding a bridge drive at the Almondsbury Old School Hall on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 Starting at 7.30 p.m. PROMPT. £7.50 including refreshments. This is a social Chicago bridge event. All players welcome. Contact Richard Harrop (01454) 416927, Hazel House, Old Down, Tockington, Bristol BS32 4PL e-mail [harropshazelhouse@gmail.com](mailto:harropshazelhouse@gmail.com)

## Bosom Buddies

**Coffee morning Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Do come to our coffee morning on Wednesday 17 October at 32 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury, and help us raise money for this very worthy cause. Entry, coffee and biscuits are £1 and we also have Christmas wrapping paper and cards, birthday cards, cakes, various items for Christmas presents and of course a raffle. The door will be open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and we look forward to seeing you. Tel no 01454 884177 for further details.

## Be On Your Guard

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards would like to reiterate the warning given recently to residents to be extra vigilant when dealing with unexpected callers at the front door. The advice being offered by Trading Standards and the Police to stay safe includes:

- Always treat unexpected callers with suspicion
- Install and use door chains
- Ask for identification and check its authenticity with the company. You can register a password with all your utility companies – any genuine employee will know what your password is
- Do not keep large amounts of money in your home
- Never allow anyone into your home that you do not know
- Remember, it is your front door so close it if you are not happy!

If you, or anyone you know, has fallen victim to such crimes, call the Police.

For advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 04 05 06.



# "Blood and Guts: The History of Medicine"

**WEA Thornbury Branch Autumn Course: 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

On two linked Saturdays tutor Jane Hack will be investigating how and why ideas about health, the causes of illness and the practice of medicine changed over time, from ancient Greece to the beginning of the 20th century.

Cost: £37. Two 5.5 hour sessions on 10th and 17th November at The Chantry, 52 Castle Street Thornbury. No prior knowledge required.  
Contact: James Ball 01454 415165, E Mail james.ball9@talktalk.net or visit [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

NB. To secure a place, pre-booking 2 weeks before the event is essential.

## The Churpel Society

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# Razzle Dazzle

The Diamond Jubilee and Olympics may be over, but the celebrations continue at Tytherington Village Hall.

Razzle Dazzle is the latest show extravaganza to be performed by The Churpel Society. The show comprises four sections of song and dance, interweaved with a short comedy sketch. The four medleys include: The Best of British, Sweet Carousel (a compilation of songs from Sweet Charity and Carousel), Mamma Mia and Chicago.

Show Dates: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Tickets available from 18<sup>th</sup> September at Tytherington Village Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm or telephone the Box Office: Dave Constance on 01454 418553. Adults £7.00 Children £5.50



# Classical Music Concert

**Dance through the Ages with Roger Huckle and Members of the Bristol Ensemble**

Back by popular demand after their spell-binding concert of last autumn, Roger Huckle and the Bristol Ensemble return to Thornbury on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October with a new programme entitled *Dance through the Ages*. The programme will include Brahms' Hungarian Dances, Holst's St Paul's Suite, Strauss' Pizzicato Polka, Dvorak's Two Waltzes, Tango Sensation by Piazzolla and much more.

Expect some musical fireworks from Bristol's professional Chamber Orchestra which is renowned for its accessible, passionate, warm and virtuosic performances.

Don't miss the chance to be present at this eagerly awaited concert which is part of the fund raising for the Armstrong Hall Backstage Improvement Appeal. The intimate atmosphere of the Cossham Hall will add to the enjoyment; a night to savour on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Tickets at £12 each, to include interval finger food, can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

## Thornbury Picture House

**Cossham Hall Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

*Son of the Bride* is a beguiling Argentinian comedy / drama which tells the story of Rafael Belvedere whose restaurant business is struggling and on the brink of collapse. He has family complications with the girl friend, his daughter and his ageing parents. Nevertheless, this Oscar nominated film navigates the gulf between comedy and tragedy with the most touching performances from the two veterans as Rafi's parents. Cossham Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. £5 on the door for non members.



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**will be back in the spring on Tockington Green when weather permits**



# Yours faithfully

Paul Ashford  
The Oasis Church, Old Down

## ***"Understanding the limitations of the Seasons"***

Most of us could be forgiven for not having spotted a summer to speak of this year! However, as we now move into the autumn, our minds move into a different phase, when we think of consolidating and preparing for winter. Travelling periodically to equatorial parts of the world which do not have the same experience of seasons that we do, I am always happy to return home – realising that the advent of the various seasons is an intrinsic part of life's variety.

Although I talk here about annual cycles, the same principles can be applied to our lives as a whole, when we move from childhood to adulthood and then, perhaps, onto parenthood, engaging careers or both. However, at some point, we all have to realise that those things are for others and that we can take a more reflective position in retirement, potentially with an additional role as grand-parents. I hesitate to define retirement in this day and age, since the definition seems to shift with time. Most retired people that I know seem busier than they ever were, provided that they can hold on to their health and mobility.

However, seasons extend onto an even broader canvas when we look at the geo-political and world order. Over history, we see the rise and fall of empires, often coupled with the emergence and decline of ideologies. It is important for our well-being to understand where we are in these various seasons, since they give us a sense of perspective in which to live our lives. However, it is also important that we do not let the seasons dictate our whole response to events. I have been interested to note that, in a prevailing attitude of decline and austerity, our country has been able to host a most remarkable Olympic and Paralympic Games as if, in some way, the transcendent has somehow stepped in to deliver something well beyond that which we were expecting or fearing.

Of course, for the Christian, the person of the transcendent is Christ himself. We believe in a transcendent God who intervenes in our lives and provides that ultimate transcendent perspective. With Him all things are possible. It should therefore come as no surprise to us that we are told to be 'prepared in season and out of season' for all he chooses to do. Perhaps then, the only season that really matters is God's season.



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

19th August      Marriage Blessing of William and Angela Morgan

28th August      Baptism of Evie Hope North  
daughter of David and Asha North

8th September   Marriage of Matthew Hatcher and Lauren Williams

9th September   Baptism of Joshua William Newman  
son of Bruce and Helen Newman

## Thank you - part two

Rita and John Hitchcock would like to thank medical and nursing staff and all our good neighbours for the kindness shown by their enquiries, cards, prayers and practical help during John's extended stay in Avon Orthopaedic Centre. Back home now and already feeling better by the day.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 13th September 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	351	M. EVANS - Olveston
£75	436	G. CLARK - Olveston
£25	408	B. J. PHILLIPS - Patchway
£25	348	I. COPLEY - Olveston
£25	316	Y. WILLIAMS - Olveston
£20	502	Rev. D. BONE - Tockington
£20	236	M.E. SCOTT - Rudgeway
£10	346	J. SPRATT - Tockington
£10	329	B. FENNEL - Rudgeway



# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 7	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
	11am	Harvest Festival with Choir	Rev. Roly Bain & Sister Hilda Mary
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Oct 14	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Helen Webb
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs Ann Lloyd
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
Oct 21	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev. Rowe & Rev. R Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Denis Jones
Oct 28	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Celtic Communion	Rev. R Bain, Mr D Jones & Fr Leonard Hollands
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Commemoration of the Departed with Choir	Rev. R Crew & Rev. D Bone

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

### Contacts:

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

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

**Verger: Mrs. June Robbins**, 01454 617491

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 14	10am	Holy Communion	Canon John Poarch
Oct 28	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

**Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone**, 01454 614601

**Church Wardens:** Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

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

Oct 7	9am	Mattins	Rev David Pole
Oct 21	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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



## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 14	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Oct28	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 7	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Joint Service with St Andrews led by Rev Angie Hoare
Oct 14	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams The Breakfast Cub will join us later
Oct 21	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Oct 28	10am	Olv.. Ch	Overseas Missions Anniversary Service led by Rev Ajay Singh

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

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> October To book please ring 613241, or 612112

**COFFEE MORNINGS:** Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall.

**HOUSE GROUP** Led by Rev. Sandy Williams on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month Please ring 416528 for details of venue

**CONTACT:** Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,  
e-mail [dandlhardy@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)



## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 7	6.30pm	Rev Jim Dick
Oct 14	6.30pm	Dolfus de Chickera
Oct 21	6.30pm	Vic Soffe
Oct 28	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Every Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer time

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

**Paul Ashford**, 07774 110814 or email: [Paul@CalebGroup.net](mailto:Paul@CalebGroup.net)

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

## LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship every Sunday at 11am

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](http://www.bcfnet.com)

## RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Tel 01454 412223 [www.ckk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ckk-thornbury.org.uk)

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

**Local contact:** Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)



# Diary Dates for October 2012

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	S+M
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
	Royal British Legion Women A.G.M.	7.30pm	DGCL
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Ladies Lunch for Macmillan Cancer	11.00-2pm	TCh
	O.P.H.S. A.G.M. & DVD of local interest	7.30pm	OMC
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
	Thornbury Farmer's Market	9.00-1.30pm	
	Olveston Toddlers	2.00-4.30	MH
	Open Mic. At White Hart	8.30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	OPTA Murder Mystery Evening	7.30pm	OS
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Flu clinic at Alm. Old School Hall	9.00-12.00	
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
	Litter Pick	1pm	PH
	Jubilate Concert - Gill Olewicz & friends	7.30pm	S+M
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
8 <sup>th</sup> Mon	OWAG Public Meeting	7.30pm	PH
9 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Women's Institute 'Bride Ships'	7.30pm	PH
	Aust Parish Council	7.30pm	EVH
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Royal British Legion-Men AGM	7.30pm	DGCL
11 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
	Olveston Toddlers	2.00-4.30pm	MH
	Th. & District Flower Cl. Demonstration	7.30pm	TMH
12 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	AVH
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
	Harvest Supper	7.30pm	PH
	Quiz	8.15pm	AP
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	S+M
16 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Royal British Legion Women -Bingo	7.30pm	DGCL
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Bosom Buddies Coffee morning	10.00-1pm	
	Severn Vale Flower Club Demonstration	2.00pm	AH
	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
18 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+



	Thornbury Farmer's Market Olveston Toddlers AMR Bridge at Alm. Old School Hall	9.00-1.30 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	MH
19 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Classical Concert	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH CH
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun			
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Olveston. PreSchool Open morning	9.30-11.30	PH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beauty and the Beast -27 <sup>th</sup> +2.30 Fri & Sat	7.30pm	AH
25 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Workshop	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ OS+ MH TMH
26 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
30 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	MH
31 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30pm	CH
<b>Looking ahead to November</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	OPHS Book Launch, Talk & Exhibition	7.30pm	OS

**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; **OS+** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;**TCh** Tockington Chapel **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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